



2024 External Candidates - Year 7 Admissions & Scholarship Process

Admissions Process for Year 7, 2024	Dates
Entrance Assessments and Interviews - or otherwise by arrangement	17, 24 November, 1 December 2023
Year 7 Place Offers - to be sent via email	Before 15 December 2023
Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation, sent at same time as offers)	29 January to 9 February 2024
Non-Academic Scholarship Deadline	19 January 2024
Non-Academic Scholarship Assessments	26 January 2024
Deadline for Place Acceptance	4 March 2024

Registration

We welcome families for individual visits throughout the year and we also host regular open days.

Should you wish to apply for a place in Year 7 for September 2024, please email admissions@holmwood.house to make an appointment to meet with the Admissions Registrar and Ed Bond, Head.

After your visit to the school should you decide that you would like to register with us, please [click here](#) to register or contact the Admissions Registrar for more details. The registration fee is £50. Registered pupils are invited to join us for a taster day when they can experience what life at Holmwood House is like. Only registered pupils will be eligible to sit the entrance tests.

Entrance Assessments

All applicants will be asked to sit online assessments in English, maths, verbal and non-verbal reasoning during the second half of the autumn term. The Admissions Registrar will liaise with prospective families to agree a suitable date. In addition, pupils will be invited to an interview with the Head. This will include an opportunity to discuss with the Head a project or piece of work (not necessarily academic) of which they are proud. This interview will feed into the overall assessment result. Offers will be made prior to the end of the Autumn term, 15 December 2023.

Scholarships

Offer holders may also wish to be considered for a scholarship.

Academic (up to two scholarships, with a fee remission of 10%, will be awarded annually)

- applicants' CAT scores (or equivalent) will normally be 125+.
- applicants will be invited to apply based on their performance in the entrance test.
- applicants will be asked to give a short presentation on an academic topic of their choice and undergo an assessment with the Head.

Non-Academic: Sport & Creative Arts (up to two scholarships, with a fee remission of 10%, will be awarded annually)

- Sports applicants must play at academy, district or county level (or equivalent) in at least one sport and will be required to attend a sports scholarship interview and practical assessment with our Director of Sport, supported by references from coaches/clubs.
- Art applicants will be required to submit a portfolio and attend a practical assessment with our Head of Art.

- Music applicants must be able to offer two instruments (one at least Grade 4 and the other at least Grade 2), submit a CV about their musical experience, and will be invited to attend a practical assessment with our Director of Music.
- Drama applicants will be required to prepare two monologues (one supplied by the school and one they have chosen), submit a CV about their drama experience, and will be invited to attend a practical assessment.
- Dance applicants will likely have danced from an early age and must have reached at least Grade 3 or equivalent in dance, in at least one genre. (Ballet is preferable, ideally following the ISTD or RAD syllabuses.) They will be invited to prepare a piece to perform as part of a practical assessment with our dance teacher.

Acceptance of an Offer

Once an offer of a place has been issued, the place is secured upon payment of a deposit. The deadline for the acceptance of places is 4 March 2024. A programme of induction will commence in the summer term.