



HOLMWOOD HOUSE
SCHOOL

Year 7 Admissions & Scholarship Process

Admissions Process 2026 Entry	Dates
Entrance assessments and interviews for external applicants	Thursday 13th November 2025 Thursday 11th December 2025 Thursday 15th January 2026
Offer Letters sent to external applicants	Within 5 working days of assessment
Deadline for Acceptance of Place	Friday 6th March 2026

Scholarship Process 2026 Entry	Dates
Academic Scholarship invitations sent to external candidates	With Offer Letter.
Academic Scholarship Invitations sent to internal candidates	Friday 17th October 2025
Sports, Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships Application Deadline	Wednesday 17th December 2025
Sports, Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships Assessments	Wednesday 4th February 2026
Academic Scholarship Assessment	Thursday 5th February 2026
Scholarship Decisions	Friday 13th February 2026
Deadline for Acceptance of Scholarship	Friday 6th March 2026

Visiting and Registering a Place

The best way to start your journey at Holmwood House is to visit us. You can book a personal tour with our headteacher Mr. Bond or sign up for one of our many admissions events on our website [Holmwood House | Visit Us](#)

After your visit the Admissions Team will be in touch with details on how to register your place. There is an accompanying registration fee of £50. Only registered applicants will be eligible to sit the entrance tests.

Taster Days

Your child can come for a Taster Day at any time. It's a great way for them to get to know the school better, meet some teachers and classmates and really get a feel for how we do things here. Taster Days will be arranged with the Director of Admissions following your visit.

Entrance Assessments

All applicants will be asked to sit online assessments in English and Maths and invited to an interview with the headteacher, Mr. Bond. This will include an opportunity to discuss with the Head a project or piece of work (not necessarily academic) of which they are proud. Offer will be made within 5 working days from the date of the Assessment and Interview.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are by invitation only. Invitations are extended to both external applicants and Holmwood House Year 6 pupils with CAT scores (or equivalent) of over 125.

Assessment - Applicants will take part in a group task with Mr. Bond. Then each will give a short presentation on a topic of their choice.

Sports, Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships

External applicants and Holmwood House Year 6 pupils may also apply for Sports and Performing Arts Scholarships. In addition to the assessments below all internal applicants will also be invited to an interview with Mr. Bond. Applications must be received by the deadline date above.

- ★ **Art** applicants will be required to bring a portfolio of approximately five mounted pieces of their best work along with a sketchbook of work created outside of school to their assessment.
Assessment - 1 hour drawing assessment and interview the Head of Art where they can discuss their portfolio.
- ★ **Drama** applicants will be required to submit a CV about their drama experience admissions@holmwood.house.
Assessment - Deliver two monologues (one supplied by the school and one they have chosen) and an interview with our Drama teacher.
- ★ **Music** applicants must be able to offer two instruments (one at least Grade 4 and the other at least Grade 2) and submit a CV about their musical experience.
Assessment - Practical assessment with the Director of Music.
- ★ **Sports** applicants must play at academy, district or county level (or equivalent) in at least one sport. Applicants must submit supporting references from coaches/clubs to admissions@holmwood.house.
Assessment - Practical assessment with the Director of Sport. This will include core skills, indoor cricket, agility and a fitness test.

Acceptance of an Offer

Once an offer of a place has been issued, the place must be accepted by the date above. The place is secured upon payment of a deposit. A programme of induction will commence in the summer term.