

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

King Edward's School is an academically selective school that welcomes applications from boys and girls of academic potential. The main points of entry are into the Pre-Prep School, aged 3, the Junior School aged 7, or into the Senior School at age 11 or 16. Pupils do join the School at other ages, but this is dependent on places being available.

The admissions procedure does not discriminate against any applicant on grounds of gender, ethnic origin, race, colour, nationality, religious persuasion or disability. Indeed, the School seeks to embrace pupils from a wide range of backgrounds, and in particular, from different social groups: to this end, a Bursary Fund exists to try and make the School accessible to as many families as possible.

ENTRY

Pre-Prep

Children can join the Pre-Prep at any stage after their 3rd birthday. It is always helpful if we are able to meet children when parents visit the school, and there is no formal testing for children entering Nursery and Reception, for whom a completed registration form and £100 registration fee secures a place.

For entry into Year 1 or Year 2, a child must spend a morning or a day at the Pre-Prep so that the teachers can informally assess and advise parents of the suitability of King Edward's. Offers of a place are also conditional on a confidential report from the child's current school.

Junior School

For entry to Years 3 to 6 in the Junior School, the applicants undergo an assessment in English, Maths, Reading and Non Verbal Reasoning. These papers are standardised. As a guideline we inform parents that standardised scores of approximately 110 constitute our baseline on entry. A report on the child is also requested from their previous school. Furthermore, during the assessment process, staff will meet the child and the parents separately to build up a picture of the child as a person, their interests, needs and background. On the basis of these three strands a place will be offered to a child if it is considered that he/she can cope with the academic demands of a selective school and if it is felt that he/she will flourish and be happy at King Edward's Junior School.

Senior School

For entry at age 11, the School considers three sources of information. An entrance examination is sat by all candidates; this normally includes an English Essay, English Comprehension, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning papers: the latter three are standardised. In addition, a reference is sought from the current Junior or Primary School and candidates are invited to an interview. Applicants are offered a place if it is judged that they are of a sufficiently high academic standard, or that they have academic potential: it is

appreciated that pupils come from different backgrounds and that the educational experience they have had will, to some extent, have a bearing on their examination performance.

Entry for children aged 11-16 depends on places being available in the relevant year group. As at age 11, applicants sit an entrance examination, are invited to interview and have a reference requested from their current school. An offer of a place is based on all three sources of information.

For 16+ entry, applicants are interviewed by a number of subject specialist staff, usually in those subjects which students intend to pursue at A-Level. In addition, a reference is sought from the current school, with information about predicted grades. Places are offered either on a conditional or unconditional basis: the entry requirement for all students entering the Sixth Form is a minimum of grade 'C' or above in English Language and Maths at GCSE ('B' or above is preferable); 'B' grades or above (ideally 'A' or above) in the subjects chosen for AS-Level, or allied subjects, in the case of Economics, Business Studies, Theatre Studies and Sports Studies, and a minimum points score of 54 (taken from the best 9 subjects), with 8 points for an 'A*', 7 for an 'A', 6 for a 'B' and 5 for a 'C'. 'D' grades and below, and short courses, are not counted."

FEE REMISSION

Bursaries

Income-related fee reductions are assessed for all those who apply for a bursary. The School seeks to give as much help as possible to parents of pupils of academic potential who would otherwise find it difficult to attend the School. Bursaries are index-linked and are given initially for Years 7-11 subject to the terms and conditions currently in force for the bursaries. It is at the discretion of the Bursar/School whether these will be renewed in the Sixth Form.

Scholarships and Special Talent Awards for Year 7

There is no separate Scholarship examination. Scholarships will be awarded at 11+ entry for academic excellence. Special Talent Awards may be awarded to candidates who show outstanding talent in another field, eg sport, art, music and drama. Children may apply to one of these Special Talent fields only.

Scholarships and Special Talent awards will be for a fixed sum, payable each year up to GCSE Level, subject to continued good performance. A Scholar or Special Talent Award may also hold a Bursary award, which is income-related.

SPECIAL NEEDS

KES will make reasonable adjustments to the admissions procedure as required to enable disabled or other special needs' candidates to compete for a place at the School without disadvantage.

COMPLAINTS

In the event of any dispute regarding admissions, parents are referred to the School Complaints Procedure which can be obtained from the Bursary.

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