



## WESTONBIRT SCHOOL – ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

### **1. Registration**

The parents of each candidate must complete a registration form and return it to the Registrar with the registration fee. A place will then be reserved for the candidate to join the appropriate year group, subject to availability, and a place will be offered subject to her performance in the entrance procedures described below.

### **2. Entrance Examinations (Years 7-10; UK-based Candidates)**

#### **2.1 Entry to Years 7-10 may be gained either:**

- through Common Entrance Examinations (11+ or 13+), arranged by and taken at the candidate's current preparatory school, *or*
- via the Westonbirt School Entrance Examinations, arranged by Westonbirt's Registrar and taken either at Westonbirt or at the candidate's current school, or at another venue agreed with the Registrar. Scholarships must be taken in person at Westonbirt School on the published date.

### **3. Entrance Examinations (Sixth Form; UK-based Candidates)**

- 3.1 Sixth Form candidates who are taking GCSE examinations in Year 11 must gain at least five A\*-C passes including English Language and Mathematics, with As or Bs in the subjects they plan to study at A Level, if taken.
- 3.2 Sixth Form candidates who are not taking GCSEs will be required to take the Westonbirt Sixth Form Entrance Examinations and to achieve an equivalent standard to the GCSE qualifications mentioned above.

### **4. Other Entrance Requirements for UK-based Candidates**

- 4.1 All UK-based candidates must attend interview at Westonbirt School, with the Head.
- 4.2 Parents of candidates who are currently receiving Learning Support should contact the Registrar to arrange for an initial informal assessment in the Autumn Term prior to their daughter's entrance examinations and should provide copies of her latest educational psychologist's report and recent school reports as promptly as possible.

## **5. Additional Entrance Requirements for Overseas Candidates**

- 5.1 All candidates whose first language is not English must also take the School's English Language Examination.
- 5.2 Their timetable will be designed to match their level of English, which must be strong enough for them to join mainstream lessons in all of the core timetabled subjects for the year group. They are also required to take the weekly number of chargeable English Language lessons recommended by Westonbirt's ELT (English Language Training) Department.
- 5.3 Candidates for the Sixth Form who have not been educated in an English medium school for at least three years should submit, in advance, an IELTS Certificate to gain entry, with a minimum level of 6.0 in the Reading and Writing Sections.

## **6. Reference Requirements for All Candidates**

- 6.1 A personal reference will be requested from the Head of the candidate's current school.

## **7. Scholarships and Bursaries**

- 7.1 Applications are welcome for Scholarships and Bursaries. A leaflet giving full details of Scholarships and Bursaries is available on request from the Registrar.
- 7.2 Scholarships may be awarded to candidates of exceptional ability for entry at 11+, 13+ and 16+. The Head or Director of Studies of the candidate's current school should be able to offer advice on the candidate's suitability.
- 7.3 Please note that candidates for Years 7-10 should advise the Registrar of their intent to apply for scholarships by the end of the Autumn Term before they are due to join the school; candidates for Sixth Form scholarships should advise her at the latest by the second week of the October before they are due to join the school.
- 7.4 Bursaries may also be offered to those requiring financial assistance. Application forms for Bursaries are available on request from the Registrar. The completed form should be submitted by the designated deadline to the Director of Operations in an envelope marked Private and Confidential, together with a covering letter setting out the circumstances of the family and including all financial evidence that has been requested on the form.

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