



**ALDENHAM**  
— SCHOOL —

# **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

**Revised October 2024**  
**by**  
**Commercial Director**

## **1. Admission at 11+**

For Year 7, there is a four or five form entry of between 80 and 100 pupils. Applicants should have attained the age of eleven before 1 September in the year of entry. Places are offered on the basis of a satisfactory performance at the 11+ test, interview and school report. The entrance examination aims to test the skills of the candidates whatever their background and covers areas in the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum. Examinations take place in the child's primary or prep school and are online using Quest Assessments. For overseas candidates, they can take place at their primary school or in a British Council office. Entrance examinations typically take place at the end of November or the start of December.

## **2. Admission at 13+**

Up to 20 places are available at 13+ to enter Year 9 and to join the children moving up from Martineau's and Woodrow's Houses (Aldenham Year 8). Places are offered on the basis of 13+ test, interview and school report. The test is online using Quest Assessments which takes place in January of the child's Year 7 at their Prep or Primary School.

## **3. Admission to Sixth Form**

Up to 30 places are available at Sixth Form level for both boys and girls. Offers are based on a school report and individual interview and are made conditional upon GCSE results. A minimum of 5 GCSE passes at grade 6 or above is required, with at least grade 6 expected in any subject to be studied at A Level and a minimum grade 4 in English and Mathematics. Some subjects (e.g. Mathematics, Sciences) require a minimum grade 7 to enable A Level study. Details of all the grade requirements are contained within the Sixth Form Information Booklet, which is published in September of each year and distributed to prospective candidates.

For students who apply to join the Sixth Form from overseas, who are not sitting GCSEs or IGCSEs there will be an online Quest assessment at the child's current school or a British Council office. Offers are based on the 16+ assessment, school report and individual interview where possible. This interview may take place via telephone, or over a video call with a member of Aldenham School staff. It is a condition of entry that students joining the School have demonstrated either a level of competence in English which will allow them to access the academic curriculum, or have a plan in place to enable them to do so before arriving at the School. On arrival at the School, their level of English is re-tested and an appropriate course of English as an Additional Language (EAL) is put in place. Two EAL lessons per week are included in the Full Boarding fee but are charged as an extra for Day Students on a termly basis. Additional EAL lessons beyond any provided as part of the Boarding fee are charged to parents on a termly basis.

## **4. Admission at other ages**

Vacancies sometimes arise other than at 11+, 13+ and 16+ and enquiries for admission should be made in the usual way by contacting [admissions@aldenham.com](mailto:admissions@aldenham.com).

## **5. General points regarding admissions**

An offer of a place to any pupil requiring a visa to study in the UK is conditional on the appropriate clearance being issued by UKVI. There is a compliance administration fee of £960 including VAT for work required to issue the Certificate of Acceptance for Study (CAS). Parents are responsible for the cost of the VISA itself.

Subject to the entry criteria above, we look favourably on applications of siblings of current Senior School pupils and seek to offer them places in the School.

All pupils joining Aldenham are screened on entry to establish whether learning support is likely to be a necessary feature of their education. If this is indicated, the outcome of the screening is discussed with parents and a suitable plan proposed. Wherever possible, learning needs will be accommodated within the curriculum, but if specialist support is necessary this will be charged as an extra to parents.

Any applicants who have an identified learning need, disability or medical condition prior to application are required to make this clear on the School Registration Form and supply appropriate information to enable the School to properly consider whether any adjustments may be necessary. If such information is disclosed after acceptance of a place, it is possible that the place may be rescinded.

Those families who would require financial support in order to enable them to take up a place in the School are asked to make this clear at the time of registration. They are then asked to complete a confidential financial circumstances form and, if necessary, a meeting with an external advisor which will allow the Leadership Team to determine whether such support could be offered. Any bursarial support is offered for one year initially and is subject to an annual review of the family's financial circumstances. All bursary applications are subject to audit by the School's Governors.

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