



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

## *Common Entrance Procedure*

FOR CANDIDATES AT SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT PREPARE FOR COMMON ENTRANCE

The Common Entrance examination has been designed to be sufficiently flexible so it can be taken by candidates who do not attend schools that prepare for these examinations. Also, we do not necessarily require these candidates to sit the whole range of Common Entrance papers.

The compulsory core subjects of English and Mathematics must be taken. We would also expect candidates to sit the Science papers and a Modern Foreign Language paper unless there are extenuating circumstances. Candidates are also encouraged to sit any other additional subject papers they can. All subjects are to be taken at Level 2 except Mathematics which can be taken at either Level 2 or, for more able Mathematicians, at Level 3. Candidates should not be entered for Level 1 papers.

Where necessary, the Admissions Department will negotiate with individual schools to identify what a candidate may fairly be asked to take and teachers at existing schools may be asked to annotate syllabuses to identify gaps in knowledge.

Common Entrance will help to ensure that pupils are placed in appropriate sets. There is no longer a specific pass mark as the Marlborough College Admissions Test is the deciding factor in gaining a place in the school.

The Independent Schools Examinations Board deals with regulations and candidate entries and will provide information about past papers in all subjects, and syllabus booklets. Their contact details are as follows:

### **ISEB Limited**

The Independent Schools Examination Board  
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Crow Arch Lane  
Ringwood  
BH24 1HP  
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We do not enter candidates for the examination and the papers are not taken at Marlborough College. Parents are urged to ensure that their child's present school makes the appropriate arrangements; if it does not, parents themselves should register their child with the Independent School Examinations Board and co-ordinate the arrangements for the taking of the papers. Please note that the closing date to Register your child for Common Entrance is Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

I hope this gives you sufficient guidance. If I can be of further help, do please get in touch.

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