



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

Common Entrance Procedure

A-List places are offered and confirmed 18 months prior to entry for pupils who have successfully completed the Marlborough College Admissions Test. In order to keep pupils fully engaged academically we request they also complete the Common Entrance examinations. The College uses individuals' Common Entrance results purely for initial setting purposes on entry into their Shell year. Expected pass marks are 55% for English and Mathematics and 60% in any other subjects taken.

Pupils 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 especially prepare for the papers. Marlborough College does not necessarily require these pupils to sit the whole range of Common Entrance papers.

The compulsory core subjects of English and Mathematics must be taken. Pupils are also expected to sit the Science papers and a Modern Foreign Language paper unless there are extenuating circumstances. Encouragement is given to sit any other additional subject papers they can.

Where necessary, the Admissions Department will negotiate with individual schools to identify what a pupil may fairly be asked to take and teachers at existing schools may be asked to annotate syllabuses to identify gaps in knowledge. All subjects are to be taken at Level 2 except Mathematics which can be taken at either Level 2 or, if possible, at Level 3.

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

The Independent Schools Examination Board
The Pump House
16 Queen's Avenue
Christchurch
Hampshire
BH23 1BZ

Tel: +44 (0) 1202 487538
Email: enquiries@iseb.co.uk
Website: www.iseb.co.uk

Entry for Common Entrance Examinations is arranged by a pupil's current school. The papers are not taken at Marlborough College. Parents are urged to ensure that the pupil's school makes the appropriate arrangements; if it does not, the parents themselves should register their child with the **Independent School Examinations Board**. Parents are then asked to co-ordinate the arrangements between the Board and their child's present school or appropriate examinations centre.

Should any further information be required, please contact the Admissions Department: admissions@marlboroughcollege.org