



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

## *New Admissions Procedures*

13+ ENTRY 2023 ONWARDS

The implementation of new procedures of admission to Marlborough College will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018. The main alteration will allow a majority of children to gain a secure place at the College in Year 6 rather than, as previously, in Year 7. A smaller intake will still be admitted from children taking the Assessment in Year 7 and a handful of selected late applicants may also have an opportunity to be assessed for a Place in Year 8. Additionally, House preferences will now be requested and offered after a child has gained a place in the College, rather than prior to Assessment. This will result in a majority of the Year 6 assessed children gaining a first choice House place.

*Please note that during the procedural changeover period, some of the Admissions events will be shared with other Years of Entry, namely 2022 Entry.*

### *Key Dates*

**For Assessment in Year 6** (approximately 70% of places)

Enquiry & Prospectus Request	Welcome at any time
Individual Visit	Please contact the Admissions Department
Registration	Year 4 From 5 years prior to Year of Entry
Open Day	Year 4 Summer Term
Visit Day 1 ( <i>Admissions Status – Enquiry or Registered</i> )	Year 5 Michaelmas Term
Visit Day 2 ( <i>Admissions Status – Registered only</i> )	Year 5 Summer Term
Bursarial Support Application deadline	Year 5 Summer Term – 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Enrolment deadline /Closing date for Entry</b>	<b>Year 5 Summer Term – 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>
ISEB Pre-Test at current school	Year 6 Michaelmas/Lent Terms
Assessment & Interview ( <i>Enrolled children only</i> )	Year 6 Lent Term
College Place Offers	Year 6 Lent Term
House Choice Visit Day ( <i>For children with a Place Offer</i> )	Year 6 Summer Term
House Preference deadline	Year 6 Summer Term – 30 <sup>th</sup> June
House Place Offer	Year 7 Early Michaelmas Term
College & House Place Acceptance deadline	Year 7 Michaelmas Half Term
Scholarship Application & Assessments	Year 8 Lent Term
Common Entrance	Year 8 Summer Term
Boarding House Visit Day	Year 8 Summer Term
13+ Shell Year commences	Year 9 Michaelmas Term

### **For Assessment in Year 7** (*approximately 25% of places*)

<b>Registration &amp; Enrolment deadline</b>	<b>Year 6 Summer Term – 30<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>
ISEB Pre-Test at current school ( <i>with 2023 Entry</i> )	Year 7 Michaelmas Term
Assessment & Interview	Year 7 Lent Term
College Place Offer	Year 7 Lent Term
House Choice Visit Day*	Year 7 Early Summer Term
House Preference deadline	Year 7 Summer Half Term
House Place Offer	Year 7 Late Summer Term
College & House Place Acceptance deadline	Year 7 Early July
13+ Shell Year commences	Year 9 Michaelmas Term

*\*With many House Places secured from the intake of Applicants assessed in Year 6, those who are assessed in Year 7 may have a slightly decreased chance of a first choice House place.*

### **For Assessment in Year 8** (*approximately 5% of places*)

<b>Registration &amp; Enrolment deadline</b>	<b>Year 8 Michaelmas Term</b>
Assessment, Interview & House Visit	Year 8 Lent Term
College & House Place Offer	Year 8 Lent Term
College & House Place Acceptance deadline	Year 8 Lent Term
13+ Shell Year commences	Year 9 Michaelmas Term

## *Admissions Procedures*

### **Enquiry & Prospectus Requests**

Welcomed at any stage up to the closing date for Entry.

### **Open Day**

Families who have made an Enquiry or have Registered their child will receive an invitation to the Open Day which takes place in **Year 4 Summer Term**. The event will include introductory talks by the Master and the Director of Admissions, followed by a tour of the school with senior pupils and an informal visit to a boarding house. During a buffet lunch, parents can meet with Senior Management, Housemasters, Housemistresses and Heads of Department. Those unable to attend the Open Day, are welcome to come to a Visit Day in the Michaelmas Term, alternatively they can arrange for an Individual Visit to the College on a date to suit.

### **Registration**

Families who wish to take the next step in the Admissions Procedures are welcome to Register their child up to five years prior to their Year of Entry. It is advisable to Register in good time to benefit from an invitation to further Admissions events for Registered children. To progress an child's Admissions status from Enquiry to that of Registered, completion of a Registration Form is required along with the non-returnable Registration fee, currently £250. Please contact the Admissions Department if you would like to be sent a copy of the Registration Form.

### **Visit Day 1**

Families who have made an Enquiry or have Registered their child for Entry can choose one from a selection of dates when they can tour the College and view boarding houses in **Year 5, Michaelmas Term** and hear from the Master and Director of Admissions.

## Visit Day 2

Families who have **Registered** their child will be invited to this event and can choose one from a selection of dates in **Year 5, Summer Term**. The afternoon focuses on small group visits to boarding houses and an opportunity to meet pupils, Housemasters and Housemistresses and senior members of staff including the Master and Management Team. An optional morning tour of the College will also be available.

## Enrolment

Enrolment is offered only to Registered children. Completion of the Enrolment Form is parental confirmation for their child to be included in the Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB) Pre-Test and the Marlborough College Assessment and Interview process in Year 6. Enrolment documents must be returned by the strict deadline date of **30<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5, Summer Term**.

## Bursarial Support

The Council of Marlborough College is committed to broadening access to the school by offering means tested financial support with the payment of school fees to eligible parents. Candidates qualify by achieving success in the Scholarship examinations. Application for Bursarial Support is to be made by the deadline date for Enrolment – **30<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5, Summer Term**. Further details of the application process and Bursary Policy can be found on the College website.

## Learning Support and Special Needs

If parents require feedback from the College Learning Support Department prior to their child's Assessment, an Educational Psychologist or learning support report must be sent with the Enrolment Form at the latest. Requests for extra time for Common Entrance examinations have to be supported by a recently conducted EP report.

## ISEB Pre-Test and Assessment Day, Year 6

All Enrolled children will be required to sit the ISEB Pre-Test at their current school in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 6**. A date will also be made for Applicants to come to Marlborough College for an Assessment Day in the **Lent Term, Year 6**. Criteria for Assessment:

- Reference from the Applicant's current school Head
- An interview with a Housemaster or Housemistress and a group Assessment
- A short writing task (no preparation required)
- Results from ISEB Pre-Test

## College Place Offers

As a result of Assessment, approximately 70% of College Places will be offered in **Lent Term of Year 6**, as follows:

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| A List Offer | An offer of a place at the College. Those receiving an A List offer will be invited to the College for a House Choice Visit Day in the <b>Summer Term of Year 6</b> .  |
| B List Offer | A place on the waiting list. Parents will be asked to accept or decline their waiting list place by the end of <b>Lent Term of Year 6</b> . If an A List Place does not become available, B List children will be reconsidered alongside the Year 7 Assessment children. |

It may not be possible in all cases to offer either an A or B List place.

## House Choice Visit Day

Families who have a child with an A List College Place will be invited to the House Choice Visit Day during the **Summer Term, Year 6**. The event focuses on small group visits to boarding houses and meeting with respective Housemasters and Housemistresses. After the event, parents will be asked to submit their preferred three choices of House to the College by **30<sup>th</sup> June, Summer Term, Year 6**. House Place Offers will then be made early in **Michaelmas Term, Year 7, 2020**.

## College & House Place Acceptances

Parents will be asked to accept or decline the offers of a College Place and a House Place by Michaelmas **Half Term, Year 7**. In order to secure the offers, a deposit of £1,950 is payable on acceptance. Overseas residents are, in addition, required to pay a term's fees at this time and, if applicable, will be subject to a Tier 4 visa administration fee.

### Assessment in Year 7 (*approximately 25% of places*)

For children who decide to make an application a little later and apply by **30<sup>th</sup> June of Year 6**, there will be an opportunity to sit the ISEB Pre-Test in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 7**. Children will then come for Assessment and interview at Marlborough College in the **Lent Term of Year 7**, following the same format as Assessment Day of Year 6 above. College Places are offered in the **Lent Term of Year 7**. House Choice Visit Day follows in the **Summer Term of Year 7**. Due to the majority of House Places secured from the A List intake from Year 6, the children assessed in Year 7 may have a slightly decreased chance of a first choice House Place, however for the successful Year 7 Applicants, the College will do its very best to accommodate as many preferred House Choice requests as possible. The deadline date for acceptance of a College and House Place will be in the **end of Summer Term year 7**.

### Assessment in Year 8 (*approximately 5% of places*)

Latest school reports will be requested from any enquiries arriving after the **Summer Term, Year 7**. A handful of selected Late Entry Applicants who have Registered and Enrolled by the **Michaelmas Term, Year 8** will be invited to sit an Assessment and be interviewed at Marlborough College during the **Lent Term, Year 8**. Offers of any available College and House Places and consequent Acceptance deposits will be made that same term.

## Common Entrance

Common Entrance results are used for initial setting purposes on arrival. Children who gain an A List place are expected to achieve success in either the Common Entrance or Academic Scholarship Examinations. Expected Common Entrance results would be 60% average overall. The Admissions Department will send information for candidates attending schools that do not prepare for Common Entrance.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are available in the following categories: Music, Academic, Art, Design Technology, Sport and William Morris All Rounder. Only children holding an A List place can apply. Scholarship examinations/assessments take place at Marlborough College during the **Lent Term, Year 8**. Further details of Scholarships, the procedures and the various application deadlines can be found in the Scholarship Prospectus, available to view on the College website.

For any further information about any aspect of admission to the College, please do not hesitate to be in contact with the Admissions Department either by telephone on +44 (0)1672 892 300 or by email to [admissions@marlboroughcollege.org](mailto:admissions@marlboroughcollege.org).

*Admissions procedures, fees and key dates are subject to change at the discretion of Marlborough College.*