



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

Admissions Procedures

13+ ENTRY 2024 ONWARDS

The Admissions Procedures for entry to Marlborough College allows for a majority of places to be offered in an applicant's Year 6. A smaller intake will be admitted from Applicants assessed in Year 7 and a handful of selected late applicants may also have an opportunity to be assessed in Year 8. A place at the College is to be established prior to arrangements for a House place offer.

Key Dates - Year 6 Assessment (approximately 70% of places offered)

Enquiry & Prospectus Request	Welcome at any time
Individual Visit	Please contact the Admissions Department
Registration	Year 4 Opens in Michaelmas Term
Open Day (<i>Admissions Status - Enquiry or Registered</i>)	Year 4 Summer Term
House Visit (<i>Admissions Status - Enquiry or Registered</i>)	Year 5 Michaelmas Term
House Visit (<i>Admissions Status - Registered only</i>)	Year 5 Summer Term
Admissions Day (<i>Admissions Status - Registered only</i>)	Year 6 Michaelmas Term
Bursarial Support Application deadline	Year 6 Michaelmas Term
Enrolment deadline /Closing date for Entry	Year 6 Michaelmas Term
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 Visit Day (<i>Children with an A List Place Offer</i>)	Year 6 Summer Term
House Preference deadline	Year 6 Summer Term
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

Admissions Procedures - Year 6 Assessment

Enquiries and prospectus requests are welcome at any stage until closing dates for Enrolment.

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 the **Summer Term of Year 4**. The event will include introductory talks by the Master, senior pupils and the Director of Admissions, followed by a tour of the school with pupils and an informal visit to a boarding house. During a buffet lunch, parents can meet with the Management Team, 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 of Year 5, alternatively arrangements can be made 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, from 1st September of Year 4. It is advisable to Register in good time to benefit from attending events reserved for Registered children. To progress a child's Admissions status from Enquiry to that of Registered, completion and return of a Registration Form is required along with a non-returnable Registration fee, currently £250. A Registration form can be requested from the Admissions Department.

House Visit

Families who have made an Enquiry or have Registered their child with Marlborough can choose a House Visit event to attend from a selection of dates offered in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 5**. On the day, an optional morning tour of the College campus can be taken, after which families are free to explore the town of Marlborough for lunch. The House Visit begins in the afternoon and focuses on small group visits to two boarding houses. There are opportunities to meet current pupils, Housemasters and Housemistresses and senior members of staff including the Master and Director of Admissions.

House Visit (*Registered children*)

Invitations to a House Visit event will be sent to families who have **Registered** their child for Entry. A selection of dates will be offered to attend an event during the **Summer Term of Year 5**. The format of the day is similar to the previous House Visit event described above.

Admissions Day (*Registered children*)

Families who have **Registered** their child will receive an invitation to the Admissions Day which takes place in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 6** shortly before the closing date for the next step of the process, Enrolment. The event will include talks by the Master, senior pupils and the Director of Admissions, followed by a tour of the school with pupils and a further opportunity to view two boarding houses.

Enrolment (*Registered children*)

Enrolment is offered to all **Registered** children at the end of **Year 5**. Completion of the Enrolment Form is parental confirmation for their child to be included in the Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB) Pre-Tests and the Marlborough College Assessment Interview process in **Year 6**. Enrolment documents must be returned to the Admissions Department by a strict deadline date in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 6**. Shortly after the deadline has passed, a reference from each Enrolled Applicant's current school Head will be requested as part of the preparation for Assessment.

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 Entry Assessment and Scholarship examinations. Please note that whilst the College increases its bursarial provision every year, requests for bursarial support always exceed the funds available. Application for Bursarial Support is to be made no later than the closing date for Enrolment in the **Michaelmas Term of Year 6**. 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 the ISEB Pre-Test and Common Entrance examinations have to be supported by a recently conducted EP report.

ISEB Pre-Tests *(Enrolled children)*

All Enrolled children will be required to sit the ISEB Pre-Tests at their current school either in the **December or January of Year 6**.

Assessment Day, Year 6 *(Enrolled children)*

A date will be made for Enrolled Applicants to come to Marlborough College for an Assessment Day in the **Lent Term of Year 6**. The College aims to make Assessment Day as pressure-free and enjoyable for the Applicants as possible and comprises two short writing tasks (*no preparation required*), an interview with a Housemaster or Housemistress, an interview with a House Tutor and some informal group activities.

College Place Offers

As a result of the Head's reference, the Assessment, interviews and the ISEB Pre-Tests approximately 70% of College Places will be offered to applicants who were assessed in Year 6. Firstly a place at the College is offered, followed by a place in a House.

A List Offer **Lent Term (Year 6):** Following assessment College Places are offered.

Summer Term (Year 6): A final House Visit event will take place prior to House choice requests. Preferred choices need to be submitted by the end of the Summer Term (Year 6).

Michaelmas Term (Year 7): Early in the term House Places are offered. The acceptance deadline for both College and House Place offers is by half-term (October). In order to secure the offers, a deposit, currently £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.

B List Offer **Lent Term (Year 6):** Early in the term, offers of a B List Place will be made. Parents will be asked to accept or decline their waiting list place by the end of the Lent Term (Year 6). Those on the B List will be reconsidered alongside the Year 7 Assessment in the Lent Term the following year.

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

House Visit *(children offered an A List place)*

Families whose child has an A List College Place will be invited to a House Visit Day which will take place mid-week in the **Summer Term 2020 of Year 6**. The focus of this event is for families to tour boarding houses and meet with Housemistresses and Housemasters in order to request their preferred choices for their child. After the event, parents will be asked to submit their preferred 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of Houses by the end of the **Summer Term 2020 (Year 6)**. House Place Offers will then be made early in **Michaelmas Term of Year 7**.

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.

Later Entry Points

Key Dates - Year 7 Assessment (approximately 25% of places offered)

For families who make an application for entry to Marlborough a little later, there will be an opportunity for children to be assessed for a place in Year 7. Approximately 25% of places will be offered to Year 7 assessed applicants. For those who achieve an A List place, the College will do its best to accommodate as many preferred House choice requests as possible, however due to a majority having already been secured from the Year 6 intake, there will be a decreased availability.

Registration & Enrolment deadline	Year 7 Michaelmas Term
ISEB Pre-Test at current school	Year 7 Michaelmas/Lent Terms
Assessment & Interview	Year 7 Lent Term
College Place Offer	Year 7 Lent Term
House 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
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

Key Dates - Year 8 Assessment (approximately 5% of places offered)

A handful of places may still be available for families who make a late entry enquiry to the College after Year 7 Assessments and interviews have been completed. An applicant's latest school reports would need to be sent to the Admissions department along with completed Registration and Enrolment forms. Applicants will then be invited for Assessment and interview at the College and any subsequent offers of College Places would need to be accepted in the Lent Term of Year 8. By this stage of the Admissions Procedures, approximately 95% of places in boarding houses will have been secured by the Year 6 and Year 7 entrants, therefore House Places for Year 8 will be allocated according to availability. An acceptance deposit would be required by the end of the Lent Term of Year 8.

Registration & Enrolment deadline	Year 8 Michaelmas Term
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

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.

Admissions procedures as at 02/19. Events, fees and key dates are subject to change at the discretion of Marlborough College.