



MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

13+ Admissions Procedures

ENTRY ASSESSMENT IN YEAR 6

Applicants wishing to join Marlborough in Year 9 will first need to establish a confirmed list place offer at the College. Subsequently, boarding house preference requests and allocation will be arranged. A majority of applicants will be assessed in Year 6 for a College place. Successful applicants assessed in Year 6 are most likely to gain an offer in their first of choice boarding house. A smaller intake to the College will be considered in Year 7 and, space permitting, selected late places may be available for assessment in Year 8.

Key Dates - Year 6 Assessment

Enquiry & prospectus request	Welcome at any time
Individual visit	Please contact the Admissions Department
Registration	Year 4 From 1 st September
Open Day	Year 4 Summer term
House Visit Day	Year 5 Michaelmas term
House Visit Day	Year 5 Summer term
Bursarial support application deadline	Year 6 1 st September Michaelmas term
Admissions Day <i>(for families with a registered child)</i>	Year 6 Michaelmas term
Enrolment deadline/closing date for entry	Year 6 Michaelmas term
ISEB Pre-tests at current school	Year 6 Michaelmas term
Assessment & interviews <i>(Enrolled children only)</i>	Year 6 Lent term
College place offers	Year 6 Lent term
House Visit Day <i>(For children with a confirmed list place offer)</i>	Year 6 Summer term
House preference deadline	Year 6 Summer term end
House place offers	Year 7 Michaelmas term
College & house place acceptance deadline	Year 7 Michaelmas term - September
Scholarship application & assessments	Year 8 Michaelmas/Lent term
Common Entrance examinations	Year 8 Summer term
Boarding house visit event	Year 8 Summer term
13+ Shell year commences	Year 9 Michaelmas term

Enquiries

Enquiries and prospectus requests are welcome at any stage until closing dates for enrolment for assessment in the Michaelmas term of Year 6. A prospectus can be requested either on the College website or by calling the Admissions Department.

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 entry, from 1st September of Year 4 and it is advisable to register in good time in order to receive invites to admissions events. To progress a child's admissions status from enquiry to that of registered, completion and submission of an online registration form is required along with a non-returnable registration fee, currently £300. The web-link to the registration form can be obtained by contacting the Admissions Department.

Open Day – Summer term, Year 5

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 5. 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 opportunity to visit to a boarding house. During a buffet lunch, families can meet the Master, members of the senior management team, headmasters, headmistresses and Heads of Departments.

House Visit Day – Michaelmas term, Year 5

Families who have made an enquiry or have registered their child for entry will be invited to a House Visit Day event and can choose one 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 booked, after which families are free to explore the town of Marlborough for lunch. The boarding house visits begin in the afternoon and focus on small groups of families viewing 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.

Individual Visit

Families who are unable to attend either the Open Day or one of the House Visit Day events are welcome to contact the Admissions Department for an individual visit on a date to suit. An individual visit takes approximately two hours and comprises a meeting with an Admissions tutor and a tour of the College campus to include an informal visit to a boarding house.

House Visit Day – Summer term, Year 6

An opportunity for families to visit the College who either made their first enquiry about Marlborough after the first House Visit Day in the Michaelmas term of Year 6 or were unable to attend the previous event. There will be a selection of dates from which to choose. On the day, an optional morning tour of the College campus can be arranged, after which families are free to explore the town of Marlborough for lunch. The boarding house visits begin in the afternoon and focus on small groups of families viewing 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.

Bursarial support application closing date - 1st September, Michaelmas term, Year 6

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. The assessment of parental finances determines the appropriate level of contribution in relation to their net resources and thus the level of the award that will be offered. Places for children requiring bursarial support are allocated via the standard admissions procedures. Additional scholarship assessments would not be required. Scholarship awards at Marlborough are titular only, having alternative benefits to that of fee remission.

Please note that whilst the College increases its bursarial provision every year, requests for bursarial support always exceed the funds available. Places for children requiring bursarial support are allocated via or standard admissions procedures. Application for Bursarial Support is to be made no later than 1st September just prior/at the start of the Michaelmas term of Year 6. Further details of the application process and Bursary Policy can be found on the College website.

Admissions Day (*for registered children only*) – **Michaelmas term, Year 6**

Families who have registered their child will receive an invitation to the Admissions Day event which takes place in the Michaelmas term of Year 6 shortly before the closing date for the next step of the Admissions process, enrolment. The event will include an optional tour of the school, talks by the Master, senior pupils and the Director of Admissions and a viewing of up to two boarding houses and to meet with respective housemasters or housemistresses.

Enrolment deadline (*for registered children only*) – **Michaelmas term, Year 6**

Enrolment 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 is offered to all registered children during the summer between the end of Year 5 and beginning of Year 6 with a strict deadline date for completion and return of the enrolment form shortly after the Admissions Day event in the Michaelmas term of Year 6. After the enrolment deadline has passed, a reference from each enrolled applicant's current school Head will be requested as part of the preparation for assessment.

Learning support and special needs

If parents require feedback from the College's Learning Support Department prior to their child's entry assessment, an Educational Psychologist or learning support report must be sent with the enrolment form. Requests for extra time for the ISEB Pre-Tests and Common Entrance examinations have to be supported by a recently conducted EP report.

Independent School Examinations Board Pre-Tests

Enrolled children will be required to sit the ISEB Pre-Tests at their current school no later than the end of the Michaelmas term of Year 6. For any children whose school does not conduct ISEB Pre-Tests, alternative arrangements can be made. Further information about the Pre-Tests can be found at www.iseb.co.uk and will include multiple choice verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, English and Mathematics examinations.

Assessment Day – Lent term, Year 6 (*for enrolled children*)

A date will be made for enrolled applicants to come to Marlborough College for a day of assessment in the Lent term of Year 6. The College aims to make the day as pressure-free and enjoyable for the applicants as possible. Children are always kept in groups and accompanied by a member of staff at all times. On the day there will be two short writing tasks (*no preparation required*), an interview with a housemaster or housemistress, an interview with a boarding house tutor and some informal group activities.

College Place Offers

As a result of the Head's reference, the ISEB Pre-Tests, the assessment and the interviews a majority of College confirmed list places available 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 preferred choice of boarding house.

Confirmed 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 towards the end of the summer term, Year 6. House places are offers are made shortly after.

Michaelmas term, Year 7: The acceptance deadline for both College and House place offers is October of Year 7. In order to secure the offers, a deposit, currently £2,500, 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 Child Student visa administration fee.

Waiting List Offer **Lent term, Year 6:** Early in the term, offers of a waiting list place will be made. Parents will be asked to accept or decline their waiting list place by the end of the Lent term of Year 6. Those who remain on the waiting list will be reconsidered alongside the Year 7 applicant assessments in the Lent term of Year 7.

It may not be possible in all cases to offer either a confirmed or waiting list place.

House Visit Day (*for children offered a confirmed list place*) – **Summer term, Year 6**

Families whose child has a confirmed list place at the College will be invited to a House Visit Day event which will take place in the Summer term 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 final preferred boarding house choices for their child. After the event and before the end of the Summer term, Year 6, parents will be asked to submit their preferred 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of boarding houses. House place offers will then be made early in the Michaelmas term of Year 7.

Scholarships and Awards – Michaelmas/Lent terms, Year 8

Scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic, Art, Design, Drama and Music. Awards are available in Sport. Only children holding a confirmed list place can apply. Scholarship examinations and assessments take place at Marlborough College during the Michaelmas and Lent terms of 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.

Common Entrance

Common Entrance examination results are used for initial setting purposes on arrival. Children who gain a confirmed 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 children attending schools that do not prepare for Common Entrance.

For further information about admissions procedures for entry assessment in year 6, 7 or 8 please contact the Admissions Department: Telephone +44 (0)1672 892300 or email admissions@marlboroughcollege.org