



## MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

# *13+ Admissions Procedures*

## ENTRY ASSESSMENT IN YEAR 7

Applicants wishing to join Marlborough in Year 9 will first need to establish a confirmed list place 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. 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. Depending on the number of accepted offers to children assessed in Year 6, a small number of places will be offered to Year 7 assessed applicants.

For those who achieve a confirmed list place having been assessed in Year 7, the College will do its best to accommodate as many preferred boarding house choice requests as possible, however due to a majority having already been secured by the Year 6 intake, there will be reduced availability. A general outline of timing for Year 7 assessment follows:

Enquiry & prospectus request	Welcome at any time
<b>Registration &amp; enrolment deadline</b>	<b>Year 7 Michaelmas term</b>
Bursarial support application deadline	Year 7 Michaelmas term
ISEB Pre-tests at current school	Year 7 Michaelmas term
Assessment & interview	Year 7 Lent term
College place offers	Year 7 Lent term
Scholarship application & assessments	Year 8 Michaelmas
Common Entrance	Year 8 Summer term
Boarding house visit day	Year 8 Summer term
13+ Year commences	Year 9 Michaelmas term

### **Enquiries**

Enquiries and prospectus requests are welcome at any stage until closing dates for enrolment in the Michaelmas term of Year 7. A prospectus can be requested via the College website or by emailing the Admissions Department.

### **Registration**

Families who wish to take the next step in the admissions procedures should register their child 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. For families who would like their child to sit the entry assessment in Year 7, the registration deadline is in the Michaelmas term of Year 7.

## **Bursarial support application closing date - 1<sup>st</sup> September, Michaelmas term, Year 7**

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.

Whilst the College increases its bursarial provision every year, requests for bursarial support always exceed the funds available. Some funding may be available to reserve for Year 7 assessed children, however the amount will vary year on year depending on the number of applications made during the earlier Year 6 assessment process. Application for bursarial support is to be made no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September just prior/at the start of the Michaelmas term of Year 7. Further details of the application process and bursary policy can be found on the College website, alternatively please contact the Admissions Team.

## **Enrolment deadline (*for registered children only*) – Michaelmas term, Year 7**

Enrolment is parental confirmation for their child to be included in the Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB) Pre-Tests and the Marlborough College assessment and interview process in Year 7. Enrolment is offered to all registered children during the summer between the end of Year 6 and beginning of Year 7 with a strict deadline date for completion and return of the enrolment form in the **Michaelmas term of Year 7**. 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 by the end of the Michaelmas term of Year 7. 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](http://www.iseb.co.uk) and will include multiple choice verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, English and Mathematics examinations.

## **Assessment Day – Lent term, Year 7 (*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 7. 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**

A significant number of available places will have been offered to children who were assessed in Year 6, however the College will ensure that a small number of places are reserved for offer in Year 7. The number of places available will vary year on year depending on movement of the Year 6 assessed confirmed list places and those offered a waiting list place in Year 6 will be reconsidered alongside those who take the Year 7 assessments. Initially a place at the College is offered, followed by a place in a preferred choice of boarding house.

**Confirmed List Offer**      **Lent term, Year 7:** Following assessment, confirmed list College places are offered. 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 7:** During the Lent term, offers of a waiting list College place may be made. Parents will be asked to accept or decline their waiting list place by the end of the Lent term of Year 7. Those who remain on the waiting list will be reconsidered should any confirmed list College places be relinquished.

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

### **Scholarships and Awards – Michaelmas/Lent terms, Year 8**

Scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic, Art, Design Drama, Music. Awards are available in Sport. Only children holding a confirmed list place can apply. Scholarships at Marlborough are independent of fee remission. If financial support is required, an application for a bursary should be completed. 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 (CE)**

Common entrance examinations are taken at a child's current school in Year 8 and results are used for initial setting purposes on arrival to Marlborough. Children who gain a confirmed list place are expected to achieve success in CE and results should reach a 60% average overall. Those who successfully completed any academic scholarship examinations at the College will not have to sit CE. The Admissions Department will send information for children attending schools that do not prepare for CE.

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](mailto:admissions@marlboroughcollege.org).