



# Guidance for entry at 11+

Forest School offers approximately 140 places for boys and girls at age 11 in September each year. They will join our pupils from the Preparatory School to form eight single-sex classes in Year 7. Competition for places is high; 700 candidates applied for places in 2019.

## A Diamond Structure School

From age 11-16 years, girls and boys are taught separately for all lessons and come together for assemblies, clubs, trips, lunch and break times. At age 16 pupils will join co-educational classes for Sixth Form study (in the Preparatory School, pupils are taught together from age 4 then taught separately from age 7 to 11 years).

## Requirements for Entry in September 2020

Candidates should have reached the age of 11 before 1 September 2020. Applications must be received by Midday on Friday 29 November 2019. Parents are required to complete the online registration form via our website [www.forest.org.uk](http://www.forest.org.uk) and submit a non-returnable registration fee of £95.

### Selection Criteria

**Examination** - performance in English and Mathematics (brief details below).

**Reference** - a written, confidential report from the candidate's current school.

**Interview** - after the entrance examinations, candidates who have performed well and who are being considered for a place will be invited to attend an interview with a senior member of staff. Candidates will have the opportunity to talk about their interests and achievements, both academic and co-curricular.

## Taster Mornings

We will be holding Taster mornings on Wednesday 26 February and Friday 28 February 2020 for candidates who have been offered a place at Forest School.

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Assisted Places

Academic, Music and Sport Scholarships are offered at 11+ entry. Academic Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of exceptional performance in the entrance examination and a scholarship interview and, once awarded, are subject to annual review.

Academic, Music and Sport Scholarships are not means-tested and are awarded in percentage increments up to 50% of full fees. 50% of full fees is the maximum non-means-tested fee remission awarded in respect of any one pupil, whether in one area of excellence or in a combination of one or more areas of excellence.

Bursaries are means-tested and are awarded in addition to Scholarships, up to and including the total remission of fees; in other words, a free place. Candidates are only considered for a Bursary if they meet the criteria for either an Academic, Music or Sport Scholarship (or combination of these) meaning Bursaries are awarded in conjunction with a Scholarship fee remission (which as above are awarded in increments up to a maximum of 50%).

Parents are asked to refer to the income bands on the School website to determine eligibility for bursarial assistance.

In addition to the bursary money offered in conjunction with a scholarship as outlined above, we also offer separately four 11+ Assisted Places (100% fee remission i.e. a free place at Forest). These 11+ Assisted Places will be awarded to pupils who have been offered a place at Forest following the Entrance Exam but who are not invited back to be considered for a scholarship award. Assisted Places will be awarded based on greatest financial need.

## Sample Papers

11+ sample Maths and English papers can be downloaded from the School website, [www.forest.org.uk](http://www.forest.org.uk).

## Academic Scholarships

Following the Entrance Examination, high-achieving applicants will then be invited back to Forest for a scholarship interview.

## Entrance Examination

**Mathematics - 1 hour** (non-calculator) with questions on numerical skills and reasoning. Questions require arithmetical knowledge such as addition, multiplication and fractions. There are problems to solve in a variety of contexts.

We are looking for candidates who demonstrate logical and creative thinking when problem-solving.

In the exam, we advise applicants to show all their working. There will be credit when the applicant demonstrates a correct method even if they have made a mistake en route to the final answer!

## English - 1 hour 10 minutes

Questions will assess reading and comprehension.

We are looking for evidence that applicants have clearly understood what has happened in the passage. Candidates who do well demonstrate that they can understand layers of meaning and show sensitivity to the writer's use of language.

Candidates' writing skills will also be assessed.

Here, we are looking for original and accurate writing. Candidates who do well enjoy expressing their understanding of some aspect of the passage in an imaginative and engaging manner.



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# MUSIC

At Forest we are looking for bright, enthusiastic young musicians with potential and the necessary qualifications to lead by example our bands, choirs and orchestras in the future.

## Music Scholarships at 11+ for 2020

One of the largest and liveliest Music Departments in London. Our pupils regularly go on to study music at top universities and conservatoires, often winning scholarships.

### Entry - What we look for

Although we are looking for future potential and ongoing commitment, rather than past achievement, pupils who receive 11+ Music Scholarships are generally of the following minimum standard: Grade 4-5

We ask that all new Music scholars joining the School at 11+ continue with Music as an academic subject until at least GCSE. All recipients of a Music Award are expected to contribute fully to the musical life of the School, which will be monitored in an annual scholarship review meeting.

### Applications

- Application can be made by ticking the appropriate box on the online registration.
- Candidates will then be sent a link to an online music application form, which should be returned to the

Music Department, attaching copies of mark sheets from the most recent practical examinations taken and any competitions entered.

- A music report from each instrumental/vocal teacher should also be attached - this must include an assessment of the candidate's musical ability, experience and potential for the future.

### Auditions

Music Scholarship auditions take place from Wednesday 8 January to Friday 10 January 2020. Applicants should offer performances on at least one instrument (which may be voice) and will be asked to sight-read, sight-sing and answer questions on music in general. Scholarships are awarded based on the online application form, any reports provided (including exam marks where relevant) and performance on the day.

### Pre-Audition advice

The Director of Music, Mr Iain McGregor, is always delighted to meet with prospective scholars prior to audition in order to assist in preparation for these important events. All candidates applying for a Music Scholarship must meet the academic standard for entry into the School.

The entrance examinations will take place at Forest School on Saturday 4 January 2020. For further information, please email the Music School Administrator,

**Samantha Roach**  
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# SPORT

Forest School has a long-standing tradition for excellence when it comes to sport.

## Sport Scholarships at 11+ for 2020

### Entry - What we look for

Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate significant potential to perform at a high level and, ideally, each candidate must excel in one or two of the major School sports (football, hockey, netball, cricket, swimming and athletics).

As a guide, candidates will usually be performing at regional, county or district level or equivalent, however, we understand that some candidates may not have had this opportunity at this age.

### Applications

Application for a Sport Scholarship can be made by ticking the relevant box on the application form. Candidates will then be sent a link to the online sport application form, which will ask for detailed sporting achievements.

### Assessment

- Candidates will choose to be assessed in two of the School's major sports and will also take part in other sporting activities in order to assess athletic potential.
- The presentation of a sporting CV and appropriate evidence of sporting ability and involvement.
- Assessment will take place on Thursday 12 December 2019.
- Reports/references may be required.

All candidates applying for a Sport Scholarship must meet the academic standard for entry into the School. The entrance examinations will take place at Forest School on Saturday 4 January 2020. Scholarships are awarded based on performance in this exam plus the online application and any reports or references provided combined with performance on the day.

All recipients of a Sport Scholarship are expected to contribute fully to the sporting life of the School in all three terms of the academic year, which will be monitored in an annual scholarship review meeting.

For further information on Sport scholarships please email

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**Admissions Office**  
[admissions@forest.org.uk](mailto:admissions@forest.org.uk)

## Key dates for 11+ entry September 2020

### Summer Open Evening

Monday 24 June 2019

### Open Day

Saturday 21 September 2019

### The Forest Experience Group Tours

September - December 2019

### 11+ Information Morning

Saturday 12 October 2019 and  
Saturday 23 November 2019

### Closing Date for Registrations

Midday on Friday 29 November 2019

### 11+ Non-Academic Scholarship Deadline

Midday on Friday 6 December 2019

### 11+ Sport Scholarship Assessments

Thursday 12 December 2019  
(Boys and Girls)

### 11+ Entrance Exam

Saturday 4 January 2020

### 11+ Music Scholarship Auditions

Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 January 2020

### 11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews

w/c Monday 13 January 2020

### 11+ Interview Day (AM)

Saturday 25 January 2020

### Offers Posted

Thursday 20 February 2020

### Tours

### offered to candidates holding offers

Monday 24 February –  
Wednesday 4 March 2020

### Taster Mornings

for candidates holding offers  
Wednesday 26 February 2020  
and Friday 28 February 2020

### Deadline for Acceptance of Offer

10am on Thursday 5 March 2020