



# 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 classes in Year 7. Our aim is to have an equal split of boys and girls to create an inclusive learning environment. Competition for places is high; 750 candidates applied for places in 2021.

## Requirements for Entry in September 2022

Candidates should have reached the age of 11 before 1 September 2022. Applications must be received by midday on Friday 26 November 2021. 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 £150 (overseas registrations are £200).



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## Selection Criteria

**Examination** - performance in English and Mathematics (page 3).

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

**Interview** - In order to ensure that our entry procedures are rigorous but remain inclusive and fair to all candidates, we will be interviewing ALL registered pupils before they sit the Entrance Exam. We will use this process, along with the results of the Entrance Exam and references from the candidate's current school when making offers for 11+ places. Interviews will be held via Microsoft Teams on Saturday, December 4th. Please note following the interview ALL applicants will be invited to sit the Entrance Exam on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at Forest School.

## Sample Papers

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

## Siblings

Whilst we appreciate the desire to keep families together, parents should be aware that there is therefore no guarantee or expectation that a sibling will be offered a place.

Parents of twins or other multiples applying for places together should also be aware that the outcome of each child's application may differ from the other(s).

Likewise, siblings applying at the same time for different entry points may receive different outcomes. If we have to decide between two or more candidates who meet our entrance criteria, we may give preference to twins (or other multiples), siblings or children with a particular skill, talent or aptitude.

## Taster Mornings

We will hold our two Taster mornings on Wednesday 23 February and Friday 25 February 2022 for candidates who have been offered a place at Forest School.

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Assisted Places

### Scholarships

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 20% of full fees. 20% 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.

The change to the maximum Scholarship award from September 2022 means that more funds will be available for means tested fee remissions such as Bursaries and Assisted Places. This is consistent with our stated ambition to ensure that our fee remissions are increasingly targeted at those with the greatest financial need. This is an approach shared by other leading London Independent Day Schools in response to the affordability gap that can prevent able children benefitting from an independent school education.

Please note that the 20% cap does not affect the current holders of scholarships of more than 20% and there will be no change to the fee remissions that have already been awarded under our existing Scholarship scheme.

The 20% limit will only apply to those pupils applying for a place in September

2022. This reduction in the scholarship award follows a decrease last year from 50% to 25% and is in line with Forest School's charitable aim to continue to work towards increasing the number of pupils who can access a Forest education, regardless of parental income.

Our non-means tested Scholarships will be subject to ongoing review.

### Bursaries

Bursaries are means-tested and are awarded in conjunction with Scholarships, up to and including the total remission of fees; in other words, a free place. Bursary awards are conditional on a candidate first meeting the criteria for either an Academic, Music or Sport Scholarship (or combination of these). In other words, Bursaries are only awarded in combination with a Scholarship fee remission (which as above are awarded in increments up to a maximum of 20%).

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

### Assisted Places

In addition to the bursary money offered in conjunction with a scholarship as outlined above, we also offer separately seven 11+ Assisted Places annually. These will be offered as free places (i.e. 100% fee remission). They will be awarded to pupils who meet the financial criteria for 100% fee remission and demonstrate the most potential to benefit from an academically challenging all-round school like Forest.

These places do not rely on qualification for a Scholarship of any kind. Please visit our website for more details.





## 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.

### 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, some of which the pupils may not have met before. These will be explained in the question.

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

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

### English - 1 hour and 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.

In relation to the passage, there will be one question giving candidates the opportunity to write creatively, either in a short piece of fiction or non-fiction. Here, we are looking for original and accurate writing. Candidates who do well write in an imaginative and engaging manner.

### Music Scholarships at 11+ for 2022

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 form.
- Candidates will then be sent a link to an online music application form, to upload copies of mark sheets from their 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 Monday 10 January to Wednesday 12 January 2022. 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 Wednesday 5 January 2022.

For further information please email the Music Administrator, Mr Bennett:

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# SPORT

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



## Sport Scholarships at 11+ for 2022

### 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 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 registration 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.
- Candidates online sport scholarship application form with details of sporting ability and involvement.
- Assessment will take place on Thursday 9 December 2021.
- Shortlisted assessments will be held on the 20 and 21 January 2022.

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 Wednesday 5 January 2022.



Scholarships are awarded based on performance in this exam plus the online application 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 please email

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## Key dates for 11+ entry September 2022

**11+ Focused  
Forest Experience Tours**  
*limited availability*

Monday 28 June - Friday 2 July 2021

### Open Day

Saturday 18 September 2021

**The Forest Experience Group Tours**  
September - December 2021

**11+ Information Morning**  
Saturday 9 October 2021

**11+ Information Morning**  
Saturday 20 November 2021

**Closing Date for Registrations**  
(Midday) Friday 26 November 2021

**11+ Non-Academic  
Scholarship Deadline**  
(Midday) Friday 3 December 2021

**11+ Interview (via Microsoft Teams)**  
Saturday 4 December 2021

**11+ Sport Scholarship Assessments**  
w/c Thursday 9 December 2021  
(Boys and Girls)

**11+ Bursary Application  
Form Deadline**  
(Midday) Friday 10 December 2021

**11+ Receipt of School  
Reference Deadline**  
(Midday) Friday 10 December 2021

**11+ Entrance Exam**  
Wednesday 5 January 2022

**11+ Music Scholarship Auditions**  
Monday 10 January -  
Wednesday 12 January 2022

**11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews**  
w/c Monday 17 January 2022

**11+ Shortlisted Sports  
Scholarship Assessments**  
Thursday 20 January 2022 (Boys)  
Friday 21 January 2022 (Girls)

**Offers Posted**  
Thursday 17 February 2022

**Taster Mornings  
for candidates holding offers**  
Wednesday 23 February 2022  
and Friday 25 February 2022

**Tours  
offered to candidates holding offers**  
Wednesday 23 February 2022  
and Friday 25 February 2022  
**Deadline for Acceptance of Offer**  
10am on Monday 7 March 2022