



# 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; 650 candidates applied for places in 2022.

## Requirements for Entry in September 2023

Candidates should have reached the age of 11 before 1 September 2023. Applications must be received by midday on Friday 25 November 2022. 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 3rd. Please note following the interview ALL applicants will be invited to sit the Entrance Exam on Friday 6th January 2023 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 Taster mornings on Wednesday 22 February, Friday 24 February and Monday 27 February 2023 for candidates who have been offered a place at Forest School.

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Assisted Places

### Scholarships

Academic, Music, Sport, Drama and Art 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, Sport, Drama and Art 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

2023. This reduction in the scholarship award follows a decrease in recent years 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

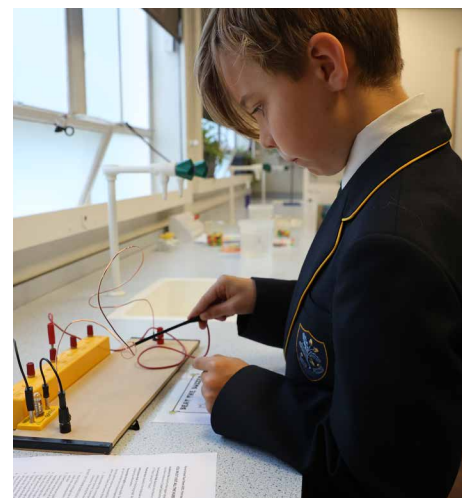
Bursaries are means-tested and are awarded in conjunction with Scholarships, up to and including the total remission of fees; in other words, a free place. Bursary awards are conditional on a candidate first meeting the criteria for either an Academic, Music, Sport, Drama or Art Scholarship (or combination 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 up to 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 2023

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

On Saturday 10 December 2022 all registered music scholarship candidates will take part in a Music Day at Forest School. This is an excellent opportunity for potential Music Scholars to experience music at Forest and gain familiarity with the teachers and environment of the Music Department before the auditions in January 2023.

Candidates who impress the Director of Music and the music specialists on 10 December will be invited back for an individual Music Scholarship Audition on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

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. Please ensure these 2 important dates are ring-fenced in your calendars.

Scholarships are awarded based on the online application form, any reports provided (including exam marks where relevant) and performance at the December Music Day and performance at auditions on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

### Pre-Audition advice

The Director of Music, 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 Friday 6 January 2023.

For further information please email the Music Administrator, Mrs Valentová:

**Jana Valentová**  
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# ART

The development of a creative mind is at the heart of all visual arts subjects at Forest.

## Art Scholarships at 11+ for 2023

### Entry – What we look for

Forest Art Scholars will show a natural propensity for art in one or a variety of mediums. They could be exceptional painters or photographers, be skilled potters or have a strong sense of fashion design and a love of textiles.

Regardless of their preferred artistic style we are looking for potential, talent and a dedication to the subject.

In the assessments the candidates will have the opportunity to explore and demonstrate their ability and their general understanding and appreciation for art.

Our Art Scholars will have access to many opportunities throughout their time at Forest to develop not only their art skills but their wider understanding of the genre and various disciplines.



### Applications

- Application for an Art Scholarship can be made by ticking the relevant box on the registration form.
- Candidates will then be sent a link to the online art application form, which will ask for detailed reasons why an Art Scholarship is right for your child.

### Assessment

- First-round of assessments will take place on Wednesday 7th December (morning).
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an assessment on Monday 23rd January (morning).

Please ensure these 2 important dates are ring-fenced in your calendars.

# DRAMA

Our Drama Department is busy and thriving with many pupils taking part in productions throughout the year.

## Drama Scholarships at 11+ for 2023

### Entry – What we look for

We are predominantly looking for future potential and ongoing commitment to the theatre, rather than past achievements. We are looking for pupils who are confident, curious, and keen to learn and develop their drama skills.

We ask that all Drama Scholars joining the School at 11+ continue with Drama as an academic subject until at least GCSE.

All recipients of a Drama Award are expected to contribute fully to the theatrical 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 drama application form, to explain their experience and/or passion for drama and theatre.

### Assessment

- First-round of auditions will take place Wednesday 7th December (afternoon)
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to auditions on Monday 23rd January (afternoon).

Please ensure these 2 important dates are ring-fenced in your calendars.

For further information for Art & Drama, please email *Isabella Gilpin*, [IGilpin@forest.org.uk](mailto:IGilpin@forest.org.uk).

# SPORT

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

## Sport Scholarships at 11+ for 2023

### 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 8 December 2022.
- Shortlisted assessments will be held on the 19 (boys) and 20 (girls) January 2023.

Please ensure these 2 important dates are ring-fenced in your calendars.

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 Friday 6 January 2023.

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 the Sport Administrator, Ms Okey:

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## Key dates for 11+ entry September 2023

<b>Open Day</b> Saturday 17 September 2022	<b>11+ Sport Scholarship Assessments</b> Thursday 8 December 2022 <i>(Boys and Girls)</i>	<b>11+ Shortlisted Drama Assessments</b> Monday 23 January 2023 (PM)
<b>The Forest Experience Group Tours</b> September - December 2022	<b>11+ Music Scholarship Day</b> Saturday 10 December 2022	<b>11+ Music Scholarship Auditions</b> Tuesday 24 January 2023
<b>11+ Information Morning</b> Saturday 8 October 2022	<b>11+ Bursary Application Form Deadline</b> (Midday) Friday 9 December 2022	<b>Offers Emailed</b> Thursday 16 February 2023
<b>11+ Information Morning</b> Saturday 19 November 2022	<b>11+ Receipt of School Reference Deadline</b> (Midday) Friday 9 December 2022	<b>Taster Mornings for candidates holding offers</b> Wednesday 22 February 2023, Friday 24 February 2023 and Monday 27 February 2023
<b>Closing Date for Registrations</b> (Midday) Friday 25 November 2022	<b>11+ Entrance Exam</b> Friday 6 January 2023	<b>Tours offered to candidates holding offers</b> Wednesday 22 February 2023, Friday 24 February 2023 and Monday 27 February 2023
<b>11+ Non-Academic Scholarship Deadline</b> (Midday) Friday 2 December 2022	<b>11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews</b> w/c Monday 16 January 2023	<b>Afternoon of Music Making</b> Friday 24 February 2023
<b>11+ Interview (via Microsoft Teams)</b> Saturday 3 December 2022	<b>11+ Shortlisted Sports Scholarship Assessments</b> Thursday 19 January 2023 <i>(Boys)</i> Friday 20 January 2023 <i>(Girls)</i>	<b>Deadline for Acceptance of Offer</b> 10am on Monday 6 March 2023
<b>11+ Art Assessments</b> Wednesday 7 December 2022 (AM)	<b>11+ Shortlisted Art Assessments</b> Monday 23 January 2023 (AM)	
<b>11+ Drama Assessments</b> Wednesday 7 December 2022 (PM)		