



External candidates wishing to join Forest at 16 must first register online to sit the 16+ entrance and scholarship examination.

Candidates should select the scholarship/s they wish to apply for and whether they wish to be considered for a bursary.

GCSE Requirements

- At least three grade 7s
- At least three grade 6s
- At least grade 5 in English and Maths
- The required grade at I/GCSE in the qualifying subject/s required for their chosen courses

Entrance Examination

The assessment for Sixth Form Entrance and Scholarship consists of two elements:

- A 1 hour 15 minute computer based test to assess the critical thinking skills required for A Level study
- A 45 minute written paper in which students will write two mini-essays in response to prompts. These will be about aspects of candidates' academic and personal development.

The entrance exam will be held at Forest on **Saturday 1 November 2025**.

Interview

The type of interview (if offered) will depend on whether the applicant has applied for a fee-paying place or for a scholarship. The result of the online exam and essay responses, predicted grades, references and most recent report



Guidance for entry at 16+

Guidance and familiarisation material for the online assessment, along with sample essay prompts, can be downloaded from the School website.

will determine whether a candidate is offered:

- An interview for a fee-paying place at Forest
- An interview for a scholarship at Forest

At 16+ an interview is not always guaranteed following the entrance examination. 16+ applicants who were previously unsuccessful may re-apply for a fee-paying place in the sixth form if they have subsequently met the School's academic entry requirements for I/GCSE results.

Interview for Fee-Paying students

Successful candidates will be invited to the School for an interview with members of the Sixth Form team. During this interview, they will have the opportunity to talk about their academic work, interests and why they want to come to Forest.

Interviews for Academic Scholarships

Candidates will have an academic interview where they will be required to demonstrate intellectual curiosity and willingness to think about unfamiliar problems. During this interview candidates will have subject specific questions. These will probe their understanding further of the subjects they nominated. They will also have a general interview to assess their overall potential contribution to Forest Sixth Form.

Candidates should choose two subjects

from the list below that they are confident to discuss during an academic scholarship interview with a subject specialist should they be shortlisted.

The two subjects need not be the A level subjects the candidate subsequently takes at Forest. The subjects are: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Latin or Classical Greek, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies or Spanish.

Predicted Grades and References

Forest School will request a reference from the candidate's school, asking about academic standard, commitment to study, attendance and co-curricular contributions.

The candidate's current school will also be asked to provide predicted grades for all GCSEs to be taken. Parents will be asked to submit the most recent report, most probably from the end of Year 10.

We are looking for candidates who are academically able, punctual, committed and willing to get involved with a broad range of activities.

Siblings

The competitive entry procedure to the School means that each child is assessed on his or her individual merits, relative to all other candidates applying in that particular year.

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.



Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded for outstanding academic ability and exceptional attainment in Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

Scholarships are offered annually to both current pupils and new entrants into Year 12 who meet the scholarship criteria.

Scholarships are not means-tested and are awarded in percentage increments up to 20% of full fees and are subject to annual review.

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 is 20% of full fees.

Shortlisted candidates in Music, Sport, Drama and Art will be invited in to attend an interview with a member of the Sixth Form team.

Candidates who receive scholarships in non-academic areas are strongly encouraged to take the subject at A level.

Candidates who hold non-academic awards are expected to make a significant contribution to the relevant area, which will be monitored in an annual scholarship review meeting.

There is a specific 16+ prospectus which is available to download on our website: www.forest.org.uk/admissions-overview/view-our-prospectus/



Bursaries

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, Art, Drama, Music or Sport scholarship (or combination of these) meaning bursaries are awarded in conjunction with a scholarship (which as above are awarded in increments up to a maximum of 20% though the majority will be smaller awards).

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



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Key dates for 16+ entry September 2026

Open Morning

Saturday 20 September 2025

Sixth Form Open Evening

Monday 29 September 2025

Closing Date for Registrations

Midday Friday 10 October 2025

16+ Entrance Exam

Saturday 1 November 2025 (AM)

16+ Non-Academic Scholarship Assessments

Sport

w/c Monday 3 November 2025

Music

Monday 3 November 2025

Art

Tuesday 4 November 2025 (AM)

Drama

Tuesday 4 November 2025 (PM)

16+ Co-Curricular Interviews for shortlisted candidates

Art, Drama, Music and Sport

Monday 10 November to
Friday 21 November 2025

16+ Academic Scholarship Interviews

w/c Monday 10 November 2025

16+ Fee Paying Interviews

Monday 10 November to
Friday 21 November 2025

Offers Emailed

Monday 1 December 2025

Deadline for Acceptance of Offer
Midday Monday 5 January 2026