

ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS

Besides joining at 3+ and 4+, the main points of entry to the school are at ages 7 (National Curriculum Year 3) and 11 (National Curriculum Year 7), with entry at other ages dependent upon vacancies occurring.

Application to the Admissions Registrar should be made as soon as possible. Entry to Foundation is by date of registration and a subsequent visit to the school. Prompt registration is advisable as lists for entry are generally well in excess of the places available.

It is also advisable to register early for entry to older age groups. Entry at this stage is by assessment and interview.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of £50 and a further deposit of £400, payable when a firm place is accepted (and returned once your child has left the school provided that he/she remains at the school at least until the end of Year 6). A registration form is included with this prospectus.

Please also refer to the following notes about our entry procedures, and to our 'Conditions of Admission'.

REGISTRATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES

PRIOR TO ENTRY

- Each year registered families receive a copy of the school magazine and a newsletter from the Headmaster.
- Parents are invited to relevant school meetings which may be of interest to registered families.
- Families are welcome at various events organised by the St. Aubyn's School Society.
- Registered parents are also welcome to contact the school at any time.

ENTRY AT 3+ AND 4+

- 50 children join the Nursery at 3+ and a further 10 join the Reception classes at 4+.
- It is possible to register for both 3+ and 4+ places.
- It is our policy not to accept pre birth registrations.
- It is advisable to register as early as possible.
- Children joining the Nursery are expected to proceed to Reception the following year.
The offer of a place should not be accepted if there is any prospect of a move to another school at the end of the Nursery year but should be deferred to 4+.

- Prospective parents are always welcome to visit the school and to be shown around, whether registered or not, but bear in mind that the likelihood of a place depends on the length of the Registration Lists.
- It is important for all families joining the school to visit and see the school 'in action'. It is possible to book a meeting and visit either before or after registration.
- The main criterion for entry is one's place on the Registration Lists, though the school reserves the right to deviate from the list, e.g. to ensure a reasonable balance between the sexes.
- New-born siblings of children attending the school are expected to register as normal and entry will be dependent on date of registration. If children join the school after Reception, their siblings will be given preference if appropriate places are available.
- We begin to offer places in October for the following September. By the end of December all places are taken. If you have not heard from us by this time, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful at this stage. The only exception will be places arising because a family drops out having originally accepted a place. The school will not contact you further but, should you wish to inquire about your situation, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Registrar.
- The induction process includes meetings with parents and visits by children in the Summer Term before joining the school in September.
- If your priority is for your child to gain entry to a local, selective school at 7+, rather than to complete their primary/preparatory education at St Aubyn's, our advice is to take a place at another school.

ENTRY AT 7+

- Children are invited into school for a day of activities, which will include assessment in maths and English.
- Registered families are contacted and invited to attend.
- This process mainly takes place during the Easter Term prior to entry in September. There are meetings for parents and children in the Summer Term prior to entry in September.
- There is a bursary scheme for children joining the school at 7+; information is available on request.
- If a child gains entry into the school, preference will be shown to any siblings seeking entry into Nursery or Reception. Siblings seeking places in other parts of the school will follow the assessment procedure, although they will be shown preference with regard to the waiting list.

ENTRY AT 11+

- There are formal assessment tests in maths, English and reasoning. Children are also interviewed individually or in very small groups.
- This process takes place mainly in the Easter Term prior to entry in September.

- Children who join the School at this stage embark on a two-year course leading to exams for entry to selective HMC independent schools.
- We make every effort to ensure that children joining the school at this stage have the capacity to move on to such schools at 13+ either by Common Entrance, scholarship or individual entrance examinations.
- Future pupils visit the school during the Summer Term prior to entry in September and there are also meetings with parents.
- If a child gains entry into the school, preference will be shown to any siblings seeking entry into Nursery or Reception. Siblings seeking places in other parts of the school will follow the assessment procedure, although they will be shown preference with regard to the waiting list.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2 academic or specialist scholarships to a maximum of 50% of school fees are available and open to both internal and external candidates for Years 7 and 8.

ENTRY AT OTHER AGES

- A place may become available if a child leaves the school at any stage (e.g. because of a family move).
- Individual arrangements are made with regard to visiting the school and with regard to assessment.

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