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Introduction

The John Lyon School is a successful and well regarded independent HMC boys' school situated in Harrow on the Hill. The School is easily accessible from nearby underground stations:- Harrow on the Hill which is on the Metropolitan Line and is a 13 minute walk or South Harrow which is on the Piccadilly Line and a 10 minute walk away. The School is also served by a number of local bus routes as well as a home-to-school bus service.

School Aims

- To treat every boy as an individual
- To strive for academic excellence
- To provide outstanding pastoral care
- To offer a broad range of opportunities outside the classroom

School Ethos

The John Lyon School has a richly deserved reputation for providing an excellent all-round education that combines high academic standards with excellence in Sport and the Arts. The School is a friendly and purposeful place. Learning is both broad and deep, and we offer a unique education that embraces opportunity and excellence both within and beyond the classroom. Sport, Music, Drama, societies and community projects all flourish and thrive. At JLS every pupil matters.

Entry Points

The usual entry points are at 11+, 13+ and 16+ (Sixth Form), although pupils may be considered for other years if places are available.

For the purposes of entry applicants' ages are calculated according to UK custom. The School does not rigidly apply the 1st September birthday watershed for determining an applicant's eligibility for entry, but an applicant whose birthday falls after 1st September in the year of entry will need to demonstrate that he is of sufficient maturity to cope with the academic and social demands of the School.

Occasionally, an applicant may have fallen behind in his education due to illness, time spent abroad, etc. In such a case, the School may offer a place in a year lower than the applicant's age would normally imply. Occasionally, the School may also offer an outstanding applicant a place in a year ahead of his chronological age group. Parents or guardians will be consulted before such an offer is made, but the decision as to the appropriate year for the applicant, taking into account all the relevant circumstances, is a matter for the Head, whose decision is final.

Visiting the School

Our annual Open Day takes place in the Autumn term: there is no need to book in advance. We also host 'School in Action' afternoons throughout the year, which provides an opportunity to tour the School at work and meet the Head. Please contact the Admissions Office to book a place on the next available date if you are interested.

Registration Procedures

To apply for admission please complete the registration form at the back of this booklet, then submit this to the Admissions Office together with the appropriate registration fee. You will receive confirmation that your son is eligible to sit the entrance examination. This does not constitute an offer of a place at the School. The final dates for submission of an application are 31st October of the year preceding entry for 11+ or 13+ and 31st January for 16+ entry in September of the same year.

Parents are required to declare, on the Registration Form, any medical condition or learning difficulty which may affect performance in the examination. Any supporting documentation from relevant professionals should be submitted too. Additional time in the entrance examinations may be allocated where appropriate.

Entrance and Awards

Selection is based upon: performance in our entrance examinations, school reports and an interview at 11+ and 13+. We are an academically selective school and potential and achievement in at least one major academic area is required of all successful applicants.

All boys who sit the 11+ or 13+ examinations in the January preceding entry will be considered for Academic Scholarships; their performance in the examination, their school report and their interview will all be taken into consideration. Award Scholarships are also available for the most able candidates in Art, Drama, Music and Sport: additional assessments will be required for these awards. Scholarships normally provide a remission from between £500 to £2,000 of the tuition fees per year. Award Scholarship application forms are available to download from our website or can be requested from the Admissions Office if required. The final dates for submission of a Scholarship Application is the 31st October in the year preceding entry.

Means tested bursaries are also available. Please request a 'Confidential Statement of Income' application form from the Admissions Office when you send in your registration form. The closing date for receipt of these assessment applications, together with all the necessary supporting documentation, is 31st October in the year preceding entry.

Once a place has been accepted by returning the Form of Acceptance, together with the Confirmation of Entrance cheque for £750, parent(s) will be sent a copy of The John Lyon School Handbook for Parents, which contains our current Terms and Conditions and Rules

and Regulations. Both parents/guardians will be required to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of these in order to secure the place at the School. In the event of a withdrawal after a place has been accepted the Confirmation of Entrance fee cannot be refunded.

General Information

Our School website www.jonhlyon.org is being continually updated and is an excellent source of information. Some of our policies and procedures are available online for viewing; please do not hesitate to contact us if you require a paper format rather than an electronic version. Some of these policies include:-

- Safeguarding Policy
- Policy and arrangements for admission, discipline and exclusions
- Curriculum Policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Education and welfare provision for pupils with statements and pupils for who English is an additional language
- Policy for health and safety on school visits
- Rewards and sanctions policy
- Complaints policy and number of formal complaints in the previous school year

11+ Examination

The Entrance Examination is in two parts:

- An online test
- A piece of creative writing, which must be completed by hand (20 minutes)

There will be a short break between the two sections. The online test examines potential and analyses a number of skills. No prior experience of this type of test is required or expected. The whole process lasts approximately one-and-a-half hours.

11+ candidates will be called in for a personal interview prior to the examination date. During the interview the candidate will be asked about his interests, given a poem to read aloud and some mental arithmetic.

13+ Examination

The 13+ examinations consist of compulsory papers in English Comprehension and Essay, Mathematics, Science and French.

The John Lyon School places particular importance on our 13+ interview process. All candidates should normally meet the Head for an interview, prior to the examination date. During this interview, which lasts for fifteen minutes, each candidate will be asked about his interests, given a passage to read aloud and do some mental arithmetic

Sixth Form

For those interested in Sixth Form Entry we hold an Open Evening in the Autumn term. This offers the opportunity to meet the Head of Sixth Form, Department Heads and the Heads of UCAS and Oxbridge. Those interested are also invited to join our current Year 11 pupils for their AS Level options talks in January.

The closing date for 16+ Application Forms is 31st January. Entrance Examinations for 16+ entry will be held at the beginning of March. A completed application form and confirmation of predicted GCSE grades are required. We will also write to the candidate's current school requesting a reference.

16+ candidates are invited into school to take an entrance exam based around the four subjects they would like to take for A-Level. Conditional and Unconditional Offers will be made pending entrance examination results and GCSE results.

In order to proceed automatically into the Sixth Form, it is necessary for a candidate to achieve 6 GCSE passes at A*-B, including A grades in the four subjects they wish to study at AS Level with a minimum of C grades in Mathematics and either English Literature or English Language. Any offers are conditional upon examination grades and further discussion about his options may be required once your son receives his results.

The Equality Act 2010 provides a single, consolidated source of discrimination law that applies to all schools. Schools may not discriminate unlawfully against pupils because of their sex, race, disability, religion or belief, or sexual orientation. In addition to this The John Lyon School acknowledges our non-discrimination and planning requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act of 2001 and the Equality Act 2010.

The SEND Code of Practice 2014, revised April 2015.