

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Wykeham House is a selective School and requests for admission are considered on the following basis: -

- That the girl is academically suited to the school
- That there is a place available within the relevant year group.
- That the girl is the next, registered by date, on the waiting list if there is one
- That there is agreement between the School and the girl's parents that Wykeham House is the best environment for her both academically and socially.
- That any specific difficulties and/or disabilities can be met by the school making reasonable adjustments.

For admission to Year 1 – Year 11

- The girl is asked to attend for a normal School day. During that day, teaching staff are asked to assess, within the context of the year group concerned, the girl's general abilities, interests and any specific needs or difficulties.
- A reference is requested from the girl's present School.
- If the above two raise no concerns and a place is available, that place is offered subject to the normal 'Terms and Conditions' as itemised in the contract with the parents.
- If there are concerns about the match between girl and School, further discussions will be held with the parents and with the girl's present School.
- If, following these further discussions, the School feels definitely that it is not in the girl's best interests to be admitted to the School, it reserves the right not to offer a place or to recommend a review of the application at a future date.

For admission to Year 7

- For admission to the Senior School all girls, whether an external or internal candidate, will sit entrance tests. These tests will take place over two days and will test English, Mathematics, Science and Verbal Reasoning. The candidates may also take part in activities, science practical tests, drama and music. The tests will be marked internally and results will be confidential to the School.

Wykeham House School and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

- The Headmistress will select, in conjunction with the teaching staff, candidates for Scholarship Interviews. These interviews will take place with the Headmistress and Deputy Headmistress. The interview will consist of an unseen passage to read, some mathematical questions and a presentation by the candidate.
- The results will be given to the parents within one week of the interviews.
- Any Junior School girl identified by the staff as not being academically suited to the work in the Senior School, will have been recognized long before the entrance examinations and parents will have been alerted. The Headmistress will work with these parents to make sure the correct school is identified for their daughter's Senior School.

For admission to Foundation Stage

- Admission to Nursery or Reception depends on there being a place available and there being agreement between the School and the parents that the School provides an appropriate environment for her. If appropriate, information on the girl's progress to date may be sought from her current education / care provider.

Once a pupil is admitted to the School, they may remain, assuming no serious misconduct warranting permanent exclusion or a situation arising where the School is no longer able to meet that child's needs, until they reach the age of 16.