



HARROW
SCHOOL

YEAR 9 ENTRY

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS



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Each year, the School admits about 160 boys into Year 9, in the September following their 13th birthday.

We welcome applications from boys who:

- will thrive in a full-boarding environment and make the most of the opportunities offered at the School;
- will make a positive contribution to the life of the School, both inside and outside the classroom;
- are talented in their academic studies, sport, the arts or in other areas; and
- have a good behavioural record and the potential to show leadership.

1. REGISTRATION

STANDARD APPLICANTS (NOT APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP)

An applicant who is applying for a place at the School without a scholarship or bursary should, ideally by the end of Year 5 but definitely by 1 May of Year 6:

- complete and return a Registration Form; and
- pay the £325 Registration Fee.

APPLICANTS AT SCHOOL IN HONG KONG AND CHINA

An applicant at school in Hong Kong should register with Ms Battie Fung (battie@academic-asia.com) at Academic Asia in Hong Kong, ideally three years before the year in which the boy would start Year 9.

An applicant at school in mainland China should register with UK Boarding Schools Admissions Service (admin@ukboardingschools.org.uk), ideally two years before the year in which the boy would start Year 9.

Please contact the representatives above for details of our admissions process in these locations.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS NOT REQUIRING A BURSARY

An applicant who wishes to apply for a scholarship but would accept a place irrespective of receiving one should, ideally by the end of Year 5 but definitely by 1 May of Year 6:

- complete and return a Registration Form, and a Scholarship and Bursary Application Form; and
- pay the £325 Registration Fee.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS REQUIRING A BURSARY

An applicant who would only accept a place at Harrow on receipt of a means-tested bursary can either:

- complete the Scholarship and Bursary Application Form and return it, together with the £50 Scholarship and Bursary Application Fee, by early December of Year 8, or
- complete the Scholarship and Bursary Application Form and return it, together with the Year 9 Registration Form and the Registration Fee of £325, ideally by the end of Year 5. An applicant will then go through our standard application process. We will inform parents in advance of the scholarship assessments of the bursarial assistance they are likely to be entitled to and if their son is academically strong enough for Harrow. These applicants will have £200 of the £325 Registration Fee returned if they are not offered a place at the School.

LATE APPLICANTS (REGISTERING BETWEEN 1 MAY OF YEAR 6 AND 1 MAY OF YEAR 7)

An applicant who is registered between 1 May of Year 6 and 1 May of Year 7 is referred to as a 'late applicant'. A late applicant will be required to sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test or, if he has already sat this for another school, we will access his results (See 3. ISEB Common Pre-Test). If the applicant's ISEB Common Pre-Test results meet the required standard, we will invite him to sit the Harrow Test.

2. REFERENCES

We request a confidential reference from an applicant's current school once we have received the Registration Form, normally at the end of Year 5.

3. ISEB COMMON PRE-TEST

Ideally, an applicant should sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test between 1 October and the end of the Autumn term of Year 6. The ISEB Common Pre-Test is a standardised age-adaptive measure of ability and attainment, meaning that an applicant is not disadvantaged by sitting it early in Year 6 or by being young for his year. The Pre-Test is an online assessment consisting of multiple-choice questions in verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, English and Mathematics. It takes approximately two and a half hours to complete and its components can be taken together or at separate times.

We deselect a small number of applicants who do not perform well in the test and invite the strongest applicants to meet House Masters during Year 6. All applicants are interviewed by a House Master when they sit the Harrow Test at the beginning of Year 7, whether they have met a House Master in Year 6 or not.

APPLICANTS AT PREP SCHOOLS IN THE UK

An applicant who attends a prep school in the UK should inform his current school that he is required to sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test for Harrow; the school should be familiar with the Pre-Test and will make arrangements for him take it there.

APPLICANTS AT OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE UK

An applicant who attends a school that does not routinely administer the ISEB Common Pre-Test should ask his current school to supply a suitable testing room with a computer and internet access, along with an administrator to set up and supervise the ISEB Common Pre-Test. Once the administrator's name and email address have been supplied to us, we will provide them with the information needed to administer the test.

APPLICANTS AT SCHOOLS OVERSEAS

An applicant who attends a school overseas should ask his current school to supply a suitable testing room with a computer and internet access, along with an administrator to set up and supervise the ISEB Common Pre-Test. If the applicant's current school is unable to provide this, his local British Council office or another educational establishment may provide an alternative venue. Once the administrator's name and email address have been supplied to us, we will provide them with the information needed to administer the test.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE SAT THE ISEB COMMON PRE-TEST FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL

An applicant who has already sat the ISEB Common Pre-Test for another School should inform Harrow's Admissions Office, so that we can request his results from the ISEB (results are shared between schools for which a candidate is registered). Applicants can only sit the Pre-Test once in any one academic year.

4. THE HARROW TEST

If an applicant has been successful in the ISEB Common Pre-Test, we invite him to sit the Harrow Test at Harrow in the Autumn term of Year 7. The Harrow Test comprises two 15-minute interviews (one with a House Master and another with a senior beak), a computerised English and Mathematics assessment (one hour in total) and a short written essay (20 minutes).

5. RESULTS

In the first week of December of Year 7, having completed the Harrow Test, an applicant receives one of the following results:

- A1 List - the offer of a place at the School in a specific House;
- A2 List - the offer of a place at the School with a House to be confirmed at a later date;
- B List - the offer of a place on our Waiting List; or
- C List - no offer.

Offers are subject to sitting the Common Entrance examinations or our Academic Scholarship examinations in Year 8.

6. COMMON ENTRANCE (CE) OR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

STANDARD APPLICANTS AT SCHOOLS THAT PREPARE PUPILS FOR CE

An applicant at a CE school who has been offered a place at Harrow is expected to sit the full range of CE subjects in June of Year 8. An applicant is required to sit Level 2 or 3 papers in Mathematics and Level 2 papers in English, Science and French. If he does not study French, we would hope that he would be able to sit a Level 2 paper in another Modern Foreign Language. Applicants studying Latin will be asked to sit the Level 2 or Level 1 paper as appropriate. We encourage applicants to stretch themselves and weight the CE results to reward those who attempt the more challenging papers.

An applicant would be expected to achieve at least an average of 65% across all subjects, and at least 60% in English and Mathematics.

STANDARD APPLICANTS AT SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT PREPARE PUPILS FOR CE (EXCLUDING THOSE IN HONG KONG)

An applicant at a non-CE school (excluding those in Hong Kong) who has been offered a place at Harrow is required to sit CE examinations in core subjects in June of Year 8. To secure his place, an applicant is required to sit English (Level 2) and Mathematics (Level 2 or 3) including the Maths Calculator and Non-Calculator papers; if he is at school in the UK, he must sit the Mental Maths paper in addition. Applicants are expected to achieve a minimum of 60% in each subject.

Applicants will also be required to sit papers in Science (Level 2) and French (Level 2, if studied), for setting purposes only. He need not take the speaking and listening examinations in languages. We encourage applicants to stretch themselves and weight the CE results to reward those who attempt more challenging papers.

APPLICANTS AT SCHOOL IN HONG KONG

An applicant at school in Hong Kong who has been offered a place at Harrow sits CE examinations in four subjects in June of Year 8. To secure his place, an applicant is required to sit papers in English (Level 2), Mathematics (Level 3), Science (Level 2) and French (Level 2, if studied), for setting purposes only. He need not take the speaking and listening examinations in languages, nor the Mental Maths paper.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

An applicant applying for a scholarship sits the Academic Scholarship examinations at Harrow in late February of Year 8. A boy who performs well in the Academic Scholarship examinations is unlikely to be required to sit the CE examinations.

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