

Year 7 Entry Scholarship

Assessment Guidelines for Candidates

In addition to the specific details for each scholarship given below, all scholarship candidates will be interviewed by the Headmaster. A programme and timings will be sent to candidates four days before the assessment day.

In assessing the candidates, emphasis will be placed on ability, potential, commitment and all-round skill.

Academic Scholarship

The Academic assessment will comprise the following:

- An English paper of 45 minutes, comprising of a comprehension and writing piece.
- A Maths paper of 45 minutes.
- A Verbal Reasoning Paper.

All papers will be produced by Marlborough House School – there will be no sample papers available.

Art Scholarship

The Art assessment will comprise the following:

- Observational pencil drawing of a still life.
- A painting activity.
- Interview with the Head of Art during which candidates will be invited to talk about their work and any particular favourite artists or galleries they have visited.

Candidates must submit a portfolio of artwork (between 6 and 10 pieces), displaying a range of work in various mediums (e.g. paint, collage, print). Please include any sketches showing a high level of observational drawing skills – clay or 3D models would also be welcomed.

Design/Technology Scholarship

The Design/Technology assessment will comprise the following:

- Children will have 1 ½ hours to complete a design activity based on the work of a design style such as Bauhaus, Constructivism or Memphis. There is no need to research this beforehand.
- Candidates will be provided with resource materials including images showing the design style. From this, candidates will sketch out several rough ideas to meet a design brief such as furniture design, costume jewelry design or homeware. Candidates will be asked to briefly evaluate and explain their ideas using notes and bullet points.
- There will be a short interview with the Head of Art, during which candidates can talk about any aspect of design, as well as bringing in a piece of work that they might have made earlier.

Drama Scholarship

The Drama assessment will comprise the following:

- Candidates will be expected to perform a monologue from a published piece, no longer than 3 minutes, which shows off their acting range and ability. These will be performed without costume, although simple props are allowed, if appropriate.
- Candidates will participate in a group workshop.
- Interview with the Head of Drama where candidates will be invited to talk about their Drama experiences inside and outside of school, and any favourite plays, playwrights or actors.

Music Scholarship

The Music assessment will comprise the following:

- All candidates will be auditioned and interviewed by the Head of Music and will be expected to discuss their musical studies and interests, including their involvement in musical groups and activities.
- Candidates are invited to perform on two instruments, the second of which could be voice. Candidates can offer only one instrument but would be expected to perform at a high level.
- Candidates will be given a sight-reading test on their first instrument and an aural test (which they will be asked to sing).

Sports Scholarship

Candidates can nominate one or more major team sports (cricket, football, hockey and rugby for boys; hockey, netball and cricket for girls), but all candidates will be expected to show all round ability in other areas, such as athleticism, hand-eye coordination, balance and teamwork.

Candidates can also nominate athletics, swimming and tennis in support of their major team sport choices.

The Sports assessment will comprise the following:

- An interview with the Director of Sport where candidates will be expected to talk about their sporting interests and achievements.
- Physical tests which include generic work on speed, agility, strength, coordination and the specific skills related to the candidate's main sport(s). All tests will be standardised and results recorded.
- Match play scenarios to assess individual skills and performance, decision-making and teamwork, fitness and fluidity of movement.

All-rounder Scholarship

If a candidate is entering for the All-rounder award, then they will be assessed in their chosen categories in the same way as other scholarship candidates, following the guidance given above – they will simply have a busy day!