



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

A life-changing educational opportunity

Founded by King Edward VI in 1552

APPLYING TO CHRIST'S HOSPITAL AGE 11 AND 13





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Christ's Hospital offers a life-changing opportunity to boys and girls to study with other high achievers from all walks of life.

Our selection process is designed to determine whether children will flourish in a busy school with a strong academic ethos; enjoy the wide range of opportunities on offer; and feel at home at Christ's Hospital.

We warmly invite you to visit the school on one of our Open Days. In the meantime, if you need any assistance with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office.



Entry

Normally entry to the school is at Years 7 and 9 and then into the Sixth Form. Occasionally, Christ's Hospital can admit children at Year 8 or 10, provided there is a place available. Any child so admitted would be assessed to ensure academic compatibility. The Admissions Office will be able to advise whether any places are available when the initial enquiry is made.

Places at the school are academically selective and are offered on the basis of competitive exams. Scholarships are also available and are awarded as a result of particular success in our assessments.

In order to avoid disappointment, parents ideally need to begin the search for a school and the application process at least eighteen months before your child is due to join Christ's Hospital.

Step-by-step Application guide:

1. Come and see the school at an Open Day or by appointment and meet the Head Master and/or senior staff.
- 2a. Complete and return a Registration form.
- 2b. If applicable, complete and return the Application for a Bursary (obtained from the Admissions Office). We will advise you about any action you may need to take regarding methods of entry.
3. Following receipt of all the necessary documentation, we will invite your child to sit assessments at a time and in a format that we will explain. For Year 7 entrants:
 - 3a. We will invite your child to sit the Initial Assessment (which takes place in the Autumn for the following September entry). We will inform successful candidates that they have qualified for the Residential Assessment.
 - 3b. Letters of invitation to proceed to the Residential Assessment will be sent out at the beginning of December.
 - 3c. The Residential Assessment takes place in January. Candidates stay overnight and will have the opportunity to experience life at a boarding school and sit further Mathematics and English papers, Reasoning and other assessment tests for general as well as scholarship entry.
 - 3d. Parents are notified of the results in mid February, including results of scholarships.



General Information

Overseas Applicants

We welcome applications from prospective fee-paying candidates who live overseas provided that:

- He or she has a relative or education guardian living in the UK who has been given legal authority to act on behalf of the Parents in all respects and with whom he or she can stay during half-term or any other holiday or period of time when his/her parent is abroad;
- All normal entry criteria have been satisfied; and
- He or she satisfies the requirements of the UK Border Agency for study in the UK.

Preference in awarding bursaries is given to those children who are normally resident in the UK (defined as having lived in the UK full-time for two years preceding the application).

Historic Methods of Entry

There are some different methods of entry linked to Bursary places at Christ's Hospital: presentations by governors and several historic methods of entry. The Admissions Office will advise applicants if any of these methods of entry may be appropriate. There is a gross salary limit above which families will not be considered for governor presentations and for most of the historic methods of entry and this is reviewed annually.

Children who enter the school this way do not receive any financial benefit over and above the outcome of the means tested calculation of fee contribution. However, when places are allocated after the assessment process has been completed, these candidates are offered places first.

Academic Requirements

As a guide, children entering into Year 7 need to show evidence of academic potential, working towards the higher end of the ability range in both the Mathematics and English National Curriculum syllabuses (ie predicted 5 in the Level 2 SATs tests). Reports will be requested from a candidate's current school and it is recommended that parents contact their child's current school early in the process to ask about their child's predicted SATs results. Entrants to Sixth Form will need a minimum of six As and A*s at GCSE.

Special Needs

Educational, physical, behavioural or other special needs do not preclude application for a place at Christ's Hospital. Each such candidate for entry will be individually considered to determine whether sufficient reasonable adjustments may be made by the school to enable them to thrive here.

Parents of children with special needs are advised to speak to the school about their child's requirements before making an application.

Parents are required to tell us in writing and provide copies of any relevant referrals and reports relating to their child's special requirements (eg medical reports, clinical or educational psychologists' reports, referrals to counsellors or CAMHS etc) as part of the application process so that a proper assessment can be made.

Sibling Policy

Siblings cannot be guaranteed a place at the school but may apply for a place in the same way as all other applicants.

While the school will consider applications for sibling entry sympathetically, there may be occasions where the school judges that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Religion

Christ's Hospital is a "religious, Royal and ancient Foundation" subject to the doctrine and teaching of the Church of England. Whilst we respect the right of every pupil to follow another Christian denomination, a religion other than Christianity, or no religion, all pupils are admitted on the understanding that they are required to attend at least two Chapel services each week during term time.

Entry from Preparatory Schools / Choristers at Cathedral Schools

Candidates for entry at age 13 into Year 9 who are coming from independent preparatory schools or choir schools may choose to apply to be tested at age 11 and have their places deferred. Offers will be made on the basis of the school's own assessments but will be subject to satisfactory completion of Common Entrance. Alternatively candidates may choose to apply during Year 8 for a Year 9 place following the same assessment process and subject to places remaining available.

Scholarship Entry Dates

11+ and 13+: end of September 2011
Sixth Form entry: end of September 2011

The Admissions Policy and other relevant school policies are published on our website www.christs-hospital.org.uk or can be requested from the school.



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