



The Manor

Preparatory School

Transition to Senior School Presentation

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Process and Timings
- What To Expect
- Pastoral Care for Children... and Parents
- Life After Entrance Exams
- FAQs
- Key Contacts
- Any questions?

Mr Alastair Thomas – Headmaster

Mrs Victoria Evans – Deputy Head Academic

Mr Varun Footring - Deputy Head Pastoral

Mr Neil Jackson – Head of Year 5 and 6

Open Events / Meetings 2023

Abingdon School:	Whole School Open Day: Saturday 30 September 2023, OR private appointments https://www.abingdon.org.uk/admissions/visit-abingdon/
Cranford House:	www.cranfordhouse.net/admissions/openevents
Cokethorpe:	Saturday 20 May 2023 OR private appointments https://www.cokethorpe.org/admissions/open-mornings-and-visits 01993 703921
Didcot Girls' School:	www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/327/open-events-and-admissions / 01235 812 092
d'Overbroeck's:	Thursday 11 May 5.30pm-8.00pm www.doverbroecks.com/admissions/open-days / 01865 688700
Downe House:	www.downehouse.net/admissions/visits-and-open-mornings / 01635 200286
Headington:	Wednesday 28 June 2023 10.00am, OR private appointments www.headington.org/admissions/visit-our-school / 01865 759100
Larkmead School:	www.larkmead-school.com/page/?title=Year+6+Transition&pid=50 / 01235 520141
Magdalen College School:	Thursday 18 May 5.30-7.00pm, or Tuesday 27 June 2022 2.30pm-4.30pm OR book a video or telephone call, 01865 242191 www.mcsoxford.org/admissions/open-days/book-an-open-day
Matthew Arnold School:	https://www.maschool.org.uk/News/Open-Evening-Presentation-by-the-Headteacher-and-t/ 01865 862232
Our Lady's Abingdon:	https://www.ola.org.uk/admissions/visits-and-open-events/ 01235 524658
Oxford High School:	https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/about/welcome-from-the-head/ https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/admissions/senior-school-admissions/ admissions@oxf.gdst.net
Pangbourne College:	https://www.pangbourne.com/admissions/open-days-and-visits / 01189 842101
Queen Anne's School:	Saturday 20 May 2023 https://www.qas.org.uk/admissions/visit-queen-anne-s
Rye St Antony:	Saturday 20 May 2023 https://www.ryestantony.co.uk/admissions/open-events/
St Birinus:	https://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/ 01235 814444
St Helen & St Katharine:	https://www.shsk.org.uk/Home/admissions/Open-day.aspx
The Oratory School:	https://www.oratory.co.uk/admissions/open-morning 01491 683500
Tudor Hall:	Saturday 13 May 2023 https://www.tudorhallschool.com/admissions/open-day
Wychwood:	https://wychwoodschool.org/ 01865 557 976

NB: Correct on 03/03/2023. Please check individual school websites for the most up to date information

Timeline:

Year 5

- **November/December:** Year 5 Parents' Evening All Subjects
- **March:** Year 5 Core Subject, Form Teacher and Head's Reports
- **May:** Transition to Senior School Evening
- **May :** Year 5 Parents' Evening Core Subjects, Form Teachers and opportunity to discuss Senior Schools with Mr Thomas
- **July:** Year 5 All Subject Reports
- **Summer Holidays:**
Holiday work - English, Maths and Science

Year 6

- **September: Weekly Mailing**
'Guide to Senior School Applications'
- **From October:** Senior School Applications Close - Independent & State
- **October:** Year 6 Parents' Evening
- **October – January:**
Entrance Exams, **Interviews** and Taster Days
- **December:** Year 6 Reports (Core Subjects, Form Teacher and Head)
- **March:** Destination Schools Finalised / State School National offer date
- **May/July:** Induction Days and visits from Senior School staff

Weekly Mailings

Weekly Mailing - Friday 8 September 2023

- ***‘Guide to Senior School Applications and Key Dates’*** Letter including online reply slip relating to Common Entrance and Common Pre-Test (used for some boarding schools).
- ***‘Possible Schools at 11+ Booklet’****
- ***‘Request for Extra-Curricular Activities Information’*** Letter including online reply slip

* 2022-2023 Publication is currently on The Manor website (Admissions/ Academic Results, Scholarships and Future Schools)

Weekly Mailings

Weekly Mailing - Friday 15 September 2023

- ***‘Confirmation of Applications to Senior Schools’***
Letter and online reply slip

Weekly Mailing - Friday 1 March 2024

- ***‘Confirmation of Destination Senior School’***
Letter and online reply slip

What To Expect

- Focus on Reading
- Summer Holiday work
- Regular practice in school of all of the elements of the examinations
- Enrichment
- Information on the Weekly Mailings
- Low key approach from school around the exams themselves and the results
- Tired children
- Children's approach

Pastoral Care for the Children

- Teamwork between the adults involved
- Support from home and school with the work – **effort** and achievement
- Support from home and school with friendship issues and the idea of future changes
- Encourage routine/normality
- Maintain exercise and interests
- Facilitate early nights and healthy diet
- Screen Time Discipline
- Mindfulness

Pastoral Care for Parents!

- Full details of process
- Head's EA, Jo Tse
- Reports and Parents' Evenings
- Fellow parents
- Head of Y5 and Y6, Y6 Form Teachers, Deputy Heads and Head

Life After Entrance Exams!



- Continued Curriculum Work
- Assessments
- Latin
- Enrichment Presentations
- Induction Days
- Visits from Senior School Staff to The Manor to meet our children



FAQs

Q – Who do I approach to get permission to visit other schools (Open Days, Taster Days etc)?

A – These requests should go by email to Form Teachers, please.

Q – How many schools should my child apply to?

A – This varies from child to child and we would suggest you discuss this in person with Mr Thomas.

Q – When and how is my child's senior school reference written and sent?

A – We prepare a confidential Head's Report for every child between September and November of Year 6. These are sent out as and when requested by Senior Schools and no later than the end of November. We use our own established and well-regarded template for these Reports. The Report is contributed to by all subject teachers and also includes a section on Extra-Curricular activities.

Q – Should my child practise for interviews?

A – Senior Schools tend to prefer that children are not prepped for interview. At this age, the interviews are a general chat and very informal. The most important elements are eye contact and a big smile!

Q – What is the deadline for senior schools' applications?

A – This varies from school to school, but for the vast majority of day schools in our area, the registration deadline is in October of Year 6.

Q – How long after a senior school's entrance exam will we find out the result?

A – In most cases results will be published no more than two weeks after the entrance exam.

Q – What should I do if my child is awarded a place and the school asks me to accept and confirm this formally before the beginning of March 2024?

A – No school should expect any family to make their choice before 1 March 2024. Should you feel under pressure then please do let me know and I will communicate with the school directly.

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