



The Manor

Preparatory School

Transition to Senior School Presentation

Wednesday 1 May 2024

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 2024

Grammar Schools	Open Events	Admissions Information
Aylesbury Grammar (Boys)	Monday 8 July 3:45pm-8:00pm	https://www.ags.bucks.sch.uk/admissions/year-7/
Aylesbury High School (Girls)	Friday 28 June, Wednesday 10 July (9:00am - 10:15am) - booking form online https://www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/entry7/	https://www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/entry7/
Beaconsfield High (Girls)		https://www.beaconsfieldhigh.bucks.sch.uk/docs/Admissions/Admissions_2025/2025-2026_Admissions_Policy_-_Final_16_Jan_2024.pdf
Burnham Grammar School (Co-ed)		https://www.burnhamgrammar.org.uk/269/year-7
Chesham Grammar School (Co-ed)	Tuesday 21 May 2024 9:10am Friday 14 June 2024 9.10am Friday 12 July 2024 at 9.10am https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VTvO8UA2g449dAJmFxm0_g7qSy37C0NK_TXP1uOCEFI/viewform?edit_requested=true	https://chelsea-academy.org/admissions/year-7-admissions-2/
Dr Challoner's Grammar School (Boys)	Thursday 04 July 2024. Booking will open here from midday on 20 June 2024 https://www.challoners.com/c/information/admissions/open-days Open Evening on Thursday 19 September	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jfm1cmxHGK3Y7Jt8y1J0GFAT9aOIKPuU/view
Dr Challoner's High School (Girls)	Thursday 4 July 2024 9:00- 9:30am OR 10:15-10:45am registration opens online 3 weeks before. https://www.challonershigh.com/admissions/open-events More options available	https://www.challonershigh.com/userfiles/dchsmvc/Policies/Dr%20Challoner's%20High%20School%20%202024%20Admissions%20Policy%20.pdf

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John Hampden Grammar School (Boys)	Wednesday 10 July 2024 bookings will be available here https://www.jhgs.bucks.sch.uk/64/school-calendar/event/2153/open-evening	https://www.jhgs.bucks.sch.uk/837/2025-admissions-1
Royal Grammar School Boys)	Thursday 4 July 2024 5:30pm-8:00pm	https://www.rgshw.com/welcome-to-year-7
Royal Latin School (Co-ed)	Thursday 4th July 2024 4.30pm. – 8.00pm	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PR0med0D0yuYVvCYBiEMy0KnIcLGd/view
Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School (Co-ed)	Thursday 19 September 2024 5:00pm-7:30pm Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Wednesday 23 October 9:45am-11:15am https://www.sirhenryfloyd.co.uk/Open-Events-and-Prospectuses/	https://www.sirhenryfloyd.co.uk/Admissions/
Sir William Borlase (Co-ed)		https://www.swbgs.com/page/?title=Admissions+Policy&pid=30
Wycombe High School (Girls)	Friday 28 June 2024 9:00am-10:15am Thursday 4 July 2024 4:30pm-5:30pm https://www.whs.bucks.sch.uk/admissions/	https://www.whs.bucks.sch.uk/admissions/

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Independent Schools

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Abingdon School	Wednesday 12 June 2024 More options available at- https://www.abingdon.org.uk/admissions/visit-abingdon/book-a-visit/	https://www.abingdon.org.uk/admissions/first-year-admissions/
Cokethorpe	Saturday 18 May 2024 9:30am-11:00am or 11:00am-12:30am https://www.cokethorpe.org/events/summer-term-open-morning-2024/	https://www.cokethorpe.org/admissions/admissions-process/
Cranford House	Saturday 5 October 2024 9:30am-12:00pm https://www.cranfordschool.co.uk/admissions/openevents/whole-school-open-morning-registration	https://www.cranfordschool.co.uk/admissions/senior-admissions
d'Overbroeck's	Thursday 16 May 2024 5:30pm-8:00pm or Thursday 6 June 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm https://www.doverbroecks.com/admissions/open-days#register	https://www.doverbroecks.com/admissions
Downe House	Thursday 9 May 2024 https://www.downehouse.net/open-mornings/	https://www.downehouse.net/downe-house-admissions/admissions-process/
Headington	Friday 28 June 2024 at 10:00am Saturday 5 October 2024 at 10:00am https://www.headington.org/admissions/visit-our-school/book-an-open-event/	https://www.headington.org/admissions/how-to-apply/

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<p>Magdalen College School</p>	<p>Thursday 27 June 2024 2:00pm-4:30pm Saturday 14 September 2024 9:00am-3:00pm Thursday 10 October 2024 5:30pm-7:00pm https://www.mcsoxford.org/admissions/open-days/book-an-open-day/</p>	<p>https://www.mcsoxford.org/admissions/entry-at-11/</p>
<p>Our Lady's Abingdon</p>	<p>Saturday 21 September 2024 9:30am-12:30pm Wednesday 20 November 2024 9:30am-11:30am https://www.ola.org.uk/whole-school-open-morning-registration/</p>	<p>https://www.ola.org.uk/admissions/welcome-to-admissions/</p>
<p>Oxford High School</p>	<p>Wednesday 22 May 2024 10:00am-11:50am Tuesday 11 June 2024 10:00am-11:50am Saturday 12 October (more info to follow) https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/admissions/admissions-events/</p>	<p>https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/admissions/senior-school-admissions/</p>
<p>Pangbourne College</p>	<p>Wednesday 8 May 2024 9:45am-11:45am Wednesday 5 June 2024 8:45am-10:45am https://www.pangbourne.com/admissions/open-days-and-visits/head-s-introduction-to-pangbourne-form</p>	<p>https://www.pangbourne.com/admissions/admissions-process/year-7-admissions-process</p>
<p>Queen Anne's School</p>	<p>Saturday 11 May 2024 9:30am-11:30am https://queenannes.openapply.com/events/new?open_day_id=17643&date=2024-05-11&time=09%3A30&campus_id=4870&program_id=13200 Or by appointment 0118 918 7333</p>	<p>https://www.qas.org.uk/admissions/entry-guide/11-entry</p>

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St Helen and St Katherine	<p>Tuesday 7 May 2024 9:15am-11:30am OR 2:30pm-4:45pm https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZtL52MJRAEG6pSEuHHfzld3OSopC4xpBgKidbezCz1JUNEI3SE42NzNYRTIaVTIVOUM5TEE1TDdRVi4u</p> <p>Thursday 20 June 2024 from 9:30am https://shsk.org.uk/admissions/headmistress-breakfasts</p>	<p>https://shsk.org.uk/admissions/how-to-apply/lower-school/</p>
The Oratory School	<p>Saturday 18 May 2024 9:30am-12:30am https://www.oratory.co.uk/admissions/open-morning Or by appointment 01491 683522</p>	<p>https://www.oratory.co.uk/admissions/11-plus-entry</p>
Tudor Hall	<p>Saturday 18 May 2024 9:30am https://www.tudorhallschool.com/open-morning-registration</p>	<p>https://www.tudorhallschool.com/joining</p>
Wychwood	<p>Saturday 28 September 2024 10:00am-1:00pm https://wychwoodschool.org/admissions/open-days/ Or by appointment admissions@wychwoodschool.org 01865 557 976</p>	<p>https://wychwoodschool.org/admissions/joining-wychwood/</p>

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State Maintained Schools

Open Events

Admissions Information

Didcot Girls School	Thursday 26 September 2024 4:30pm-7:30pm No booking required	https://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/327/open-events-and-information-for-prospective-families
Fitzharry's School	https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/joining-us/open-days/ By appointment office.4127@fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk	https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/joining-us/admissions/
Larkmead School	By appointment 01235 520141	https://www.larkmead-school.com/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=195
Matthew Arnold School		https://www.maschool.org.uk/Our-School/Student-Admissions/
St Birinus	Wednesday 2 October 2024 5:30pm-8:00pm https://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/327/prospective-parents	https://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/327/prospective-parents
Wallingford School	List of dates can be found at http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/events/year-5-open-mornings-and-tours	http://www.wallingfordschool.com/index.php/admissions/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place

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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)
- **February:** Year 6 Non-Core Subjects Parents' Evening
- **March:** Destination Schools Finalised / State School National offer date
- **May/July:** Induction Days and visits from Senior School staff

Weekly Mailings

Weekly Mailing - Friday 6 September 2024

- ***'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

* 2023-2024 Publication is currently on The Manor website (Admissions/ Academic Results, Scholarships and Future Schools)

Weekly Mailings

Weekly Mailing - Friday 13 September 2024

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

Weekly Mailing - Friday 7 March 2025

- ***'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

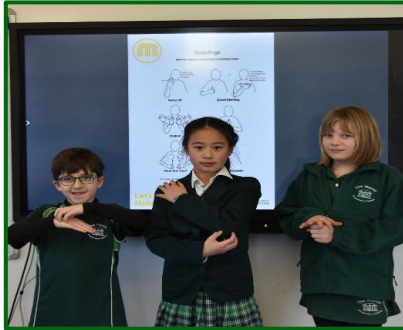
Pastoral Care for the Children

- 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, Molly Monro
- 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 the Head.

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?

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

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Any Questions?