

Admissions policy

Leckford Place School does not wish to be narrowly selective on academic ability alone and we welcome pupils with a wide range of abilities and interests. Artistic, musical or sporting aptitudes or an active and well-informed enthusiasm in any worthwhile area are all very much taken into consideration in the assessment process. We are always pleased to see portfolios of work or to arrange for pupils to meet the Head of Music, Drama or Sport as part of the assessment.

That said, admissions decisions will take into account the fact that our academic curriculum is geared towards pupils with the potential to gain a good set of results at GCSE and progress to the Sixth Form in due course.

Scholarships

The School offers a number of scholarships each year. These are awarded to pupils who are likely to make a considerable contribution to the life of the School and who show outstanding ability and potential in one or more of the areas listed below. The following scholarships are available:

- **Academic**
- **Art**
- **The Performing Arts (music and/or drama in particular)**

The financial value of a scholarship is at the discretion of the School, up to a maximum of 25% of tuition fees. The value of a scholarship may exceptionally be extended by an appropriate means-tested bursary in cases of genuine need.

Eligibility

Applications for scholarships are welcome from candidates who would like to join our Years 7 or 9.

Selection procedure

The process takes place in two stages. In the first instance, scholarship candidates will go through the usual assessment process for the entry into Leckford Place School, which is common to all prospective pupils. As a result of these tests a number of candidates will be invited back to sit for an Academic Scholarship, which involves further examinations and interviews. This takes place in early February, when candidates for the Art and Performing Arts scholarships are also invited to come for auditions and interviews.

A reference from the pupil's current school and evidence of current work will be taken into account alongside the assessment tests and interviews that we conduct.

Scholarships & Assessments



LECKFORD PLACE SCHOOL
girls & boys from age 11 part of d'Overbroeck's College

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Duration of scholarships

Scholarship generally apply for the duration of the pupil's time at Leckford Place (ie up to the end of Year 11) provided excellent progress and conduct are maintained. At the discretion of the Head, a scholarship award may be withdrawn at any point if its recipient's progress, conduct or contribution to school life ceases to be satisfactory.

Assessment

Prospective pupils are usually assessed in small groups. Although we have three formal assessments days a year, we are nevertheless happy to conduct the assessment process at any stage of the school year for those who may not be able to attend on one of the formal assessment days. We aim to be flexible in the procedure, in part to help us accommodate prospective pupils' school and other commitments, and also because we want the assessment process to give us and prospective pupils and parents the time and opportunity to address relevant questions in a detailed and personalised manner.

We do our best to ensure that the assessment process is flexible; that it is adapted to suit the age and ability of each child; and that it is conducted in a relaxed and relatively informal atmosphere.

Prior to coming in for assessment, we ask pupils and parents to fill in together a short questionnaire and to provide us with a copy of a recent school report.

The pupil will be asked to come and spend a day at the School with the year group he/she intend to enter. The form tutors and subject staff will then complete a brief report form to help us in our selection procedure.

The child will be also be asked to complete a series of more formal assessments to determine his or her potential and current level of attainment.

Where pupils are being prepared for Common Entrance at their current school, we would ask that the CE papers are sent to us for marking. We normally invite candidates for pre-test earlier in the academic year.

Admissions decisions are made on the basis of the test results, teacher reports and references from the pupil's current school. Once a formal offer of a place has been made, parents are invited to complete the enrolment process.

What to do next

If you would like to consider Leckford Place for your child, the first thing to do would be to call the Registrar, Mrs Corinna Hilton, on 01865 302620 to arrange a time to come in for a preliminary visit.

Please allow at least an hour for this visit which will be an opportunity to meet the Head, to see the School and its facilities in action and to explore any issues or questions you may have about the School and your child's education.

How to find us

By train or bus

Train and bus connections to Oxford are good. From London, trains run regularly from Paddington station, and there are very good bus services from Victoria and Marble Arch approximately every 20 minutes throughout the day. Buses also run regularly from Heathrow and Gatwick airports direct to Oxford.

The railway station and the bus station are both located in the centre of the city, a short taxi ride from the School.

Excellent Park & Ride facilities are available at a number of points on the perimeter of Oxford. The Pear Tree Park & Ride close to the junction of the A34 and A44 roads is particularly useful as the bus stops close to Leckford Road.

By car

Private vehicle access to the centre of Oxford is restricted, so if you are visiting Leckford Place by car from outside Oxford the best approach is via the Wolvercote Roundabout avoiding the city centre entirely.

The Wolvercote roundabout is to the North of Oxford at the intersection of the A44, A4144 and A40. Once there, visitors should turn onto the Woodstock Road, following signs to Oxford City Centre. After approximately one and a half miles turn right into Leckford Road. The School is to be found 50 metres on the left.

Please be aware that there is no parking available on the school site itself, although there are a number of two-hour spaces close to the School on Leckford Road and on Warnborough Road.

