



Halliford School Admissions Policy

Admissions Criteria

Halliford prepares its pupils for GCSE, AS, A level and entry to Further Education. The principal criteria are therefore academic and based on the School's assessment as to whether a prospective candidate is suitable for the academic programme. The School will not accept pupils for whom success at GCSE and progression to the Sixth Form would be an unrealistic expectation. Progression to the Upper Sixth is dependent on a satisfactory performance at AS level.

The family nature of the School is underlined by the fact that brothers and sisters are usually offered a place as long as they meet the minimum academic entry requirements. In addition, parental commitment to the School and its ethos is as important a factor as academic success when offers of places are made.

Pupils with special needs or disabilities are admitted to the School according to the same criteria as other pupils. This is provided that their admission is compatible with the provision of an efficient education for the children with whom they will be educated and with an efficient use of resources.

Registration

Before a child can be considered for a place at Halliford a registration form must be completed and returned to the Registrar together with a non-refundable fee.

Admissions Procedure

Once a child has been registered he/she will be considered for entry to Halliford via the following procedure:

- An interview with the Headmaster or Deputy Headmaster
- A suitable reference from the candidate's current school
- A satisfactory standard in the entry examination

11+ (Year 7) Entry (Candidates currently in Year 6)

Candidates will sit papers in English, Mathematics, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

English: this paper is in two parts – comprehension and composition.

Mathematics: this is based on National Curriculum level 4.

13+ (Year 9) Entry (Candidates in Year 6 – seeking entry in later years)

This test is similar in format to the 11+ entry examination. Unconditional places will be offered based on the result of these tests.

13+ (Year 9) Entry (Candidates in Year 7 - seeking entry in later years)

If there are places available, candidates will sit age appropriate tests in English, Mathematics, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

13+ (Year 9) Entry (Candidates in Year 8 - seeking entry in next academic year)

If there are places available, candidates will sit age appropriate tests in English, Mathematics, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

All of the above examinations will take place on the final Saturday in January.

Sixth Form Entry

Pupils may apply to enter the Sixth Form to study for AS and A levels. Entry into the Sixth Form is based on a satisfactory report from the previous school, an interview with the Headmaster (or Deputy Headmaster) and a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A* to C including English and Mathematics. Candidates are encouraged to visit the School either during the main school open days or, preferably, by attending the Sixth Form Open Evening in October. This will give them the opportunity to discuss Sixth Form options with members of the academic staff.

Entry at other points in the School

Pupils occasionally enter Halliford at other age points if there are vacancies. The entry procedure is, in principle, the same as for the stages described above.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The School offers scholarships to the value of 10% per annum of the annual fees for entry in Year 7 and in the Sixth Form. The scholarships are awarded for academic, artistic, dramatic, musical and sporting excellence. In the case of those applying for art, drama, music or sport scholarships a Scholarship Application Form will be sent to all parents who have registered an interest inviting them to complete the application and return it to the School. This form needs to be returned to the Registrar by the given closing date.

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships are awarded to candidates who have performed at a very high level in the 11+ entrance examinations. There is not a separate examination.

Drama Scholarships

Candidates will be asked to demonstrate excellence in either (a) Dramatic Performance (11+ and 16+) or (b) Technical Skills (16+ only). They will be expected to demonstrate a strong appreciation of theatre, an understanding of production issues and knowledge of theatre outside the school context.

Candidates will be asked to perform a monologue piece of their choosing from a published play (11+ up to 2 minutes, 16+ up to 5 minutes). Candidates should also expect to be assessed in a group setting where improvisation skills will be observed. Candidates offering a dramatic performance will be asked about the performance they have given, previous performances (where appropriate) and their ambitions in this area.

Technical candidates will be asked to provide evidence of work they have completed for a production in any area of technical theatre. Set, costume and make-up work will be primarily considered in theatrical rather than

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artistic terms. Technical candidates at 16+ will need to choose a scene from a play and explain how they would apply their technical skills to the chosen scene and place this within the context of their understanding of the entire play.

Art Scholarships

Art scholarships are available at 11+ for suitable pupils. Awards will be made on the basis of the portfolios submitted by candidates and a practical examination at Halliford. Portfolios must demonstrate a high level of personal achievement. The practical test will consist of a drawing test from still-life objects and an interview with the Head of Art. All candidates will also be expected to reach an appropriate standard in the entrance examination.

Music Scholarships

Music scholarships are available at 11+ for suitable pupils. Candidates will be required to undergo an audition consisting of two pieces of at least Grade 4 standard in their principal instrument and one piece on an additional instrument. They will also undergo a sight-reading, aural comprehension and theory test set by the Director of Music. All candidates will also be expected to reach an appropriate standard in the entrance examination.

Sports Scholarships

Sports scholarships are available at 11+ for suitable pupils. Awards will be made on the basis of evidence of sporting achievement at county level or better and physical tests in agility and co-ordination run by the Director of Sport at Halliford. All candidates will also be expected to reach an appropriate standard in the entrance examination.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Scholarships to the value of 10% per annum of the annual fees are available for both internal and external candidates showing excellence whether academic, musical, artistic, dramatic or sporting. Academic scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding GCSE results.

Expectations of Scholars

Those in receipt of scholarships are expected to take a leading part in the academic, dramatic, musical, artistic and sporting life of the School, as considered appropriate by the Director of Studies and Heads of Art, Drama, Music and Director of Sport, for the duration of the scholarship. All scholars are expected to maintain a good standard of behaviour and academic work and this performance is reviewed annually.

BURSARIES

Introduction

Halliford School is a charitable educational foundation committed to providing the widest possible access, regardless of income, to pupils from all social, religious and ethnic backgrounds. As part of its efforts to fulfil this remit the School offers means-tested bursaries for those otherwise unable to take advantage of what the school has to offer. These are provided on a scale commensurate with the sound and responsible management of the School's financial resources.

Availability and Allocation of Bursaries

Bursaries are available for entry at 11+ and into the Sixth Form and may also be awarded to relieve hardship where a pupil's education would otherwise be at risk; for example, where a parent is made redundant. Bursaries for entry at 13+ may also be allocated when available. Bursaries are awarded upon the basis of individual need and, as a result, there is no standard template. The value of the Bursary can be up to 100% of the tuition fees and will be reviewed annually, once awarded. It should be noted that anyone awarded a

bursary must also have passed the entry examination and received a positive recommendation from their previous school.

Application for Bursaries

An application form is available from the Assistant Bursar upon request. All applicants are interviewed by the Bursar and are subject to a home visit. For those applying for entry to 11+ and 13+ the application form must be with the School by the closing date for registration. For those applying for entry into the Sixth Form the application form can be submitted when the candidate has registered with the School.

Expectations of Pupils with Bursaries

All pupils in receipt of bursaries are expected to work hard at their academic studies, maintain a good standard of behaviour and take part in the wider life of the school. Their performance is reviewed annually.