

# HOUSE PREFERENCE

## WHEN TO MAKE A CHOICE

A place in a house is separate from (and comes after) the offer of a place on the Main List. However, at any time from Registration onwards you may express a house preference (or two) in writing.

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## THINGS TO CONSIDER

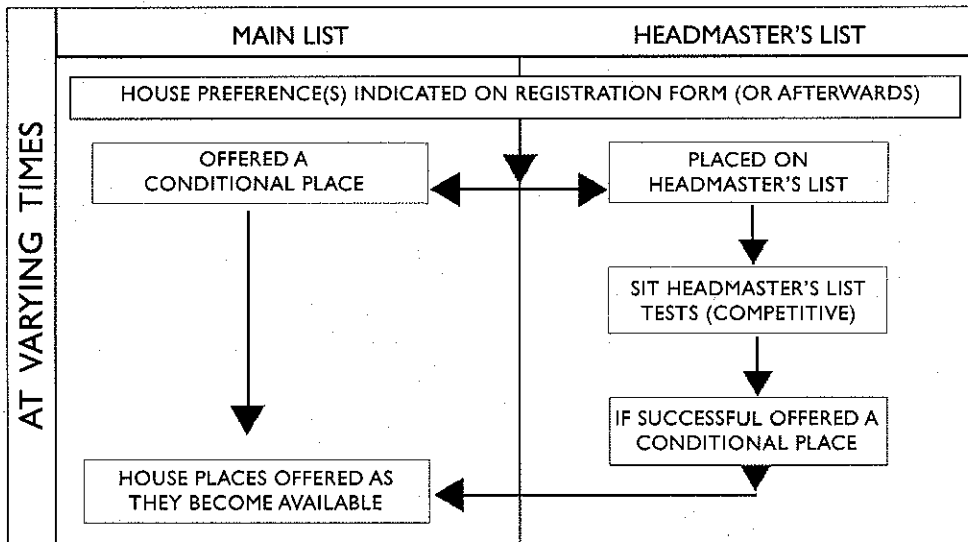
- Probably the most important influence on any child in a house will be the other children who enter the same house year group, which is beyond anyone's control or foreknowledge.
- Choice of school is nearly always of much greater importance than choice of house.
- All the Houses at Canford are run along very similar lines, and there is considerable integration between the houses, not least because pupils mix every meal time.

## CHOICE OF HOUSE

It is not necessary to choose a house at all but, of those who do, most enter their house of choice, and of the remainder most enter their second choice house.

### Later preferences may be unsuccessful.

After you have been offered a place on the Main List, we will notify you when a place in your preferred house becomes available. House places are offered in date order, so early choice is advisable, although occasionally we may wish to exercise discretion so as to create balanced house communities taking account of a pupil's talents and interests, gender (day houses), or to accommodate siblings' wishes. Many house places will be offered soon after a place on the Main List is offered, but some house places may not be finalised until April or May of the year of admission. We will always confirm house places in writing, so please ensure you have received written confirmation of your child's current situation with regard to house choices.



## PUPIL

Surname..... Initials..... Known Name.....

Full forenames..... Date of Birth:..... Gender: **M / F**

Type of place applied for: **DAY / BOARDING** Entry to Canford September 20.....

**EITHER** Your **Initial Request** for a House

1st preference ..... 2nd preference .....

**OR** **Change** of existing House Preference

Current 1st preference .....

New 1st preference ..... New 2nd preference.....

Signed (parent or guardian) ..... Date .....