

FAQs: Junior School

Q: When should I apply for my daughter to join the school?

A: There is no advantage to early applications, all candidates are considered based on their performance in the admissions process. It is recommended applications are made between early March and end October of the year preceding the proposed year of entry to the school. In particular applications seeking special consideration in assessments should be submitted in time for review by the Head of Learning Support and to provide time for agreement to be reached on any relevant assessment arrangements. Applications are accepted from March of the year preceding the proposed year of entry to the school and the deadline for applications for entry is November of the year prior to entry. This year, applications for entry in September 2021 should be submitted before 12 noon on 16th November 2020.

Q: How many places are available at 7+?

A: There are approximately 48 places available for entry to the Junior School at 7+.

Q: What format do the assessments take for entry at 7+?

A: For entry at 7+ the girls complete Mathematics and English assessments and may be invited to attend observed small group activity session.

Q: Do you recommend tutoring before the assessments?

A: We do not recommend tutoring, although, it is sensible to ensure your daughter is prepared for assessment-style conditions and to working in a timed environment. If your daughter has never worked in timed conditions before the entrance assessments you may wish to prepare her at home for this style of working. The setting for the entrance assessments aims to ensure each girl is relaxed and able to work at her best. Girls take the assessments in small groups of up to 24 in an ordinary classroom with two teachers who are experienced at working with this age group. Breaks are given in between assessments.

Q: Will you contact my daughter's current school, if so, when?

A: For entry to the Junior School we may request a reference from the Head of your daughter's current school during January.

Q: Do you give extra time to girls with special educational needs (SEN)?

A: If your daughter has a documented special educational need please send a copy of the educational psychologist's report with your application. If the report recommends additional time in the entrance assessment, then this will be offered in line with any regulations covering such areas. Please do get in touch with the Registrar if there are any specific issues affecting your daughter's application to the school before the entrance assessments.

Q: Can I apply for a bursary or academic scholarship?

A: Bursaries and scholarships are not available for entry to the Junior School.

Q: Can my daughter take the entrance assessments at her current school overseas?

A: This year, due to travel restrictions, your daughter may be able to take the entrance assessments overseas. Please email register@lehs.org.uk for further information.

Q: From which schools do girls typically join LEH?

A: At 7+ the girls join from a wide variety of both state and independent schools.

Q: From what areas do girls attend LEH?

A: There is a wide catchment with many pupils travelling to school from Turnham Green, Chiswick, Kew, Richmond, Hounslow, Isleworth, Twickenham and Teddington and others travelling from Wimbledon, New Malden, Surbiton, Esher, Claygate, Oxshott, Cobham, Walton-on-Thames, Weybridge and Leatherhead. Our coach service details can be found on our website. If there is a coach from your area then there will be girls attending the school from your area.

Q: How do girls travel to school?

A: There is a joint coach service between LEH and Hampton School. Approximately 50% of girls use the coach service to travel to and from school, although this % is slightly higher in the Senior School and lower in the Junior School. The school is also very well connected with local transport links. There are two bus routes that operate along the Hanworth Road, the R70 from the Richmond area and the 111 which runs from Kingston via Hanworth and Hounslow. In addition, the 285 operates along the Uxbridge Road and the R68 along Hampton Hill High Street. The nearest railway station is Hampton, which is connected to LEH by the 111 bus or is a 15-minute walk. Additionally, late coaches operate as an option for girls in Year 5 upwards. These run along five routes leaving school at 6pm, route details can be found on the website. The late coach services will continue to operate as long as there is sufficient demand to make them economically feasible.

Q: Is there any before and after school care available?

A: There is a breakfast club and a tea and prep club for girls in the Junior School, available at an additional cost.