

FAQs: Senior 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 exams 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 exam arrangements. Applications are accepted from March of the year preceding the proposed year of entry to the school and the deadline for applications 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 11+?

A: There are approximately 100 places available for entry to the Senior School, of these approximately one-third go to girls from our own Junior School with the remaining two-thirds being offered to girls joining LEH at 11+.

Q: What format do the assessments take for entry at 11+?

A: A: We are all too aware that the Summer Term proved a very mixed educational experience for our prospective pupils and we wish to take this into account when setting our 11+ entrance examinations this year.

It is our aim to make our 11+ assessments equally accessible to all of our candidates. We have therefore decided to remove the Maths and English papers for our December 2020 entrance assessments. The candidates will sit papers in:

- Non-Verbal Reasoning (30 minutes)
- Verbal Reasoning (30 minutes)
- Problem solving paper (15 minutes)

Q: Do you recommend tutoring before the assessments?

A: We do not recommend tutoring, although, in particular at 11+, it is sensible to ensure your daughter is prepared for examination-style conditions and to working in a timed environment. If your daughter has never worked in timed conditions before the entrance examinations you may wish to prepare her at home for this style of working. The setting for the entrance examinations aims to ensure each girl is relaxed and able to work at her best. Girls take the assessments in small groups of approximately 20-25 in a classroom setting with a teacher in the room and breaks are given in between papers.

Preparing for NVR and VR does not require the input of teachers and so these papers are ideally suited to the circumstances in which we find ourselves. The best way to prepare your daughter is simply by practice. VR and NVR papers are readily available at WHSmith or online and going through a number of these, under timed conditions, will enable your daughter to become accustomed to the style of questions and of the papers themselves. The questions in the problem solving paper will not require specific knowledge and all the information required to answer will be given within the wording of the question

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

A: For all entries to the Senior School we request a reference from the Head of your daughter's current school in December preceding the entrance examination.

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 examination, 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 examination.

Q: When can I apply for a bursary place?

A: Financial support may be available to candidates applying to join the Senior School. You should indicate on your application form if you wish to apply for a Bursary. The bursary application forms are made available on the website from September and should be completed and returned with the relevant supporting material prior to 16th November for all Senior School applications.

Q: How do I apply for an academic scholarship?

A: Academic scholarships are only applicable for entry at 11+. All candidates who complete the entrance examinations at 11+ are automatically considered for academic scholarships.

Q: How do I apply for a music scholarship?

A: Music scholarships are only applicable for entry at 11+. You should indicate on your application form if you wish to apply for a music scholarship. There is a separate music scholarship application form which should be completed and returned, together with supporting references from music teachers, as part of your application. Candidates may be invited for a music audition after completing the academic selection stage of the admissions process.

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

A: This year, due to travel restrictions, your daughter may be able to sit the entrance examinations overseas. Please contact registrar@lehs.org.uk for further information.

Q: From which schools do girls typically join LEH?

At 11+ the girls also join from a wide variety of both state and independent schools, with approximately one-third of girls joining the Senior School moving from our own Junior School

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: Girls in the Senior School are able to enter the school after 8am and work in their classrooms or the library. After school girls in the Senior School can work in the library.