



# ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

FLEET • HAMPSHIRE

## ENTRY INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7

St Nicholas' School has an unblemished record of GCSE success. In 2019 100% of pupils gaining Mathematics, English Language, English Literature, all three sciences and a language at Grade 4 or above. In addition, 100% of all pupils gained 8 or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above. 63% of all GCSEs were awarded grades 9-7 and 84% of the cohort achieved a grade 8 or 9 in at least one subject.

The dedicated staff teach the following range of subjects: Art, Classical Civilisation, Drama, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Geography, History, Computer Science, Latin, Mandarin, Music, PE, Spanish, Textiles and Business Studies (GCSE).

The school's superb modern facilities ensure the pupils maximise their potential and give them fantastic opportunities to excel at their chosen interests. Senior pupils participate in busy extra-curricular activities, such as Duke of Edinburgh, work experience week and many charity fund-raising events. The girls leave to join our successful local sixth form colleges as well as other independent schools.

### KEY DATES

St Nicholas' welcome every parent and prospective pupil to come on a personal tour of the school and a meeting with Dr Olwen Wright the Headmistress.

In addition to this, the following dates are an excellent opportunity for parents and pupils to familiarise themselves with the school:

- YEAR 6 TEAMBUILDING TASTER MORNING  
Friday 23rd October 9.15 - 11.30am
- ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS YEAR 7 2020  
Friday 8th January 2021

### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

All prospective pupils are required to sit an online entrance examination in Verbal, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics. There will also be a written paper in English. We will invite your child to attend the school on 8th January 2021 to sit the examination.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Year 7 Academic, Music, Sport, Art and Drama scholarships are available and each are worth up to 20% of the school fees. Scholarships will be awarded only if candidates meet the school's entrance criteria.

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Pupils hoping to achieve an Academic Scholarship will be chosen from the top-performing entrance examination candidates and will be invited to a formal interview with the Headmistress and the

Senior Management team. During this interview, the candidate will make a short presentation on a topic of their choice and will answer questions relating to it, along with more general interview questions.

### MUSIC, SPORT, ART AND DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to qualify for the Music, Sport, Art and Drama Scholarships your daughter will have to sit the Entrance Examination. Pupils are expected to demonstrate all round ability to be considered for a scholarship.

Only those who have achieved good results in the Entrance Examination will be invited to progress to the next stage and will be notified the following week. Pupils will be invited for further interviews to discuss the next stage and the chosen subject. They will be asked to either perform or produce a portfolio of examples, or to provide evidence of successes in their chosen field, as appropriate.

Please find below an outline of the scholarship criteria:-

#### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Pupils will need to perform a piece on their instrument and will also be asked to complete a sight reading test, aural test and will be interviewed. They will also be working to Grade IV level.

#### SPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Those applying are expected to show all-round sporting ability and be committed to competing in sports, both for the school and within an external club/s. Pupils will be asked to attend an interview and to bring with them a portfolio of their sporting achievements which they will then discuss.

## ART SCHOLARSHIP

Following the success of the Entrance Examination, pupils will be invited to attend an interview and submit a portfolio of artwork which has been completed outside of school.

- The portfolio should include the following;
- Examples of observation drawing (not cartoons)
- A painting based on an artist of your choice
- Examples of other media, which could include photography, oil pastel, textile art, clay, mixed media, collage
- A sketchbook in progress (any size)

Your portfolio should contain at least 5 quality pieces of work - you may include more.

During the interview process you will be asked to talk about your work, take an observation drawing test and discuss a painting that you will be shown.

## DRAMA (ACTING) SCHOLARSHIP

Pupils should have considerable experience in Acting, either high LAMDA examination results or past production experience and / or youth theatre work. They will perform two monologues and attend an interview to discuss their past work and future aspirations.

## BURSARIES

A number of means tested bursaries are available for new applicants to the School. Application forms can be obtained from the Bursar [bursar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

St Nicholas' School runs an optional extended day from 7.30am until 6.00pm. After school there are clubs pupils can attend as well as a supervised homework club. There is an extensive school bus service with routes for Basingstoke, Alton, Farnborough, Camberley, Farnham and Fleet. These routes are listed on the website.

For any further information please contact the Admissions by emailing [registrar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk](mailto:registrar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk) or 01252 850121 (option 2).

