

## 11+ Guidance Notes for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Please read these Guidance Notes before completing the online registration form for 11+ entry to Year 7 in September 2022.

**Please note that in exceptional circumstances and particularly those outside of the School's control, the admissions process outlined below may be amended at short notice and with immediate effect.**

### Overview

11+ registration is open to children commencing Year 6 in September 2021, ordinarily with a date of birth falling between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011.

The registration form gathers information about:

- the child
- the applicant, i.e. his or her parents, carers or guardians
- relevant medical conditions, including allergies and special dietary requirements
- specific learning differences, such as dyslexia

The registration form enables applicants to indicate if they wish to be considered for means tested financial assistance to help with the cost of school fees (i.e. an academic bursary).

The registration form incorporates the scholarship application forms for:

- Art
- Design and Technology
- Music
- Sport

There is a registration fee of £150 which is waived for candidates qualifying for the Pupil Premium or whose parents receive Universal Credit or Income Support.

**Note that it is not possible to save a partially completed registration form, to return to and complete at a later date. Applicants must be ready to complete the form in one go.**

**We strongly recommend that applicants print their completed form before submitting.**



## Section-by-section

### 1. Information about Parents

If both parents live together with their child, please provide details of both parents. Note that we shall address email communications to "Parent 1".

If parents are separated, but both have regular contact with the child, please provide details of both parents. We shall then send all communications to both parents.

We do not require the details of a parent who does not have contact with their child.

### 2. Information about relevant medical conditions / special dietary requirements

When visiting Alleyn's during the admissions process, we will provide candidates with refreshments. It is important for us to be aware of any relevant medical conditions or special dietary requirements, so that we can ensure that candidates are well-cared for during their time at Alleyn's.

### 3. Specific Learning Differences

It is important that applicants inform us if a candidate has a specific learning difference, such as dyslexia. We are able to make reasonable adjustments in the entrance assessments (in line with the School's Entrance Examination Concessions Policy) if candidates have a specific learning difference **and** has relevant supporting evidence from an appropriately qualified professional prepared within **two years** of the entrance examination. Once an applicant has submitted their registration form, they must email a copy of the candidate's supporting evidence, no later than Friday 29 October, to [registrar@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:registrar@alleyns.org.uk) We will then confirm any special examination arrangements which we are able to put in place.

### 4. Scholarships

All candidates are automatically considered for an academic scholarship, but applicants must apply for the following scholarships by completing the relevant section of the registration form:

#### Art

Candidates for the 11+ Art Scholarship will be expected to demonstrate strong skills, creativity and imagination. Candidates who are successful in the ISEB Common Pre-test will be invited to initially submit a digital portfolio of work for consideration by the Head of Art.

Initially we would like a **digital portfolio submission** of works consisting of a **powerpoint presentation with images of 10 artworks by the candidate** (a photograph of one artwork per slide). A range of work is suggested for inclusion showcasing their skills and creativity. We recommend including some examples of observational drawing, some 'experimentation' and a few 'final pieces'. The artworks could be in any media and could include one or more of the following areas; painting, printmaking, mixed-media, sculpture and photography. One slide could also include images of artworks by artists whom are particularly inspiring to the candidate.

Based on a review of the digital portfolios, selected candidates will be invited to attend an art workshop at Alleyn's on Wednesday 26 January 2022. On this date, they will be asked to bring in a physical portfolio of their work (this can be the same content as the digital portfolio, in addition to a sketchbook, and any other artworks that have been produced in the interim).

Applicants should indicate, when prompted to do so, if they wish for the candidate to be considered for an Art Scholarship. **We do not require supporting references** and there is nothing further you need to do at this stage other than to give some thought to the artwork for submission.

Portfolio submission: Friday 7 January 2022

Art Scholarship candidates will be sent further instructions regarding submission of the digital portfolio in December.

- **Design and Technology**

This new scholarship is intended to identify candidates with the potential to develop a real talent in this area of the curriculum. Candidates with no previous experience of Design and Technology are encouraged to apply. We are hoping to meet candidates who are inquisitive about designing and manufacturing; who can problem solve real world issues and who are undaunted by challenges where the solution has not already been suggested.

Candidates who are successful in the ISEB Common Pre-test will be invited to submit a short written piece of work.

The submission date for written work will be Friday 7 January 2022.

Selected candidates will then be invited to attend a Design and Technology workshop at Alleyn's on Monday 24 January 2022.

We do not require references in support of this scholarship and there is nothing more that needs to be done now. Further instructions will be sent in December.

- **Music**

Candidates for the 11+ Music Scholarship should show evidence of real musical ability and offer at least two instruments, or voice and one instrument. It is not essential for candidates to have taken music examinations but, as a guide, the standard expected on the principal instrument corresponds with Grade V. **Please note that not all candidates who apply will be called for audition.** Auditions for selected candidates will take place on:

Monday 10, Tuesday 11 or Wednesday 12 January 2022

At audition, candidates will be asked to play two short, but contrasting, pieces on their principal instrument and to play one other piece on their second instrument. Sight reading tests will be given on the candidate's principal instrument, and ear tests will be given on pitch, rhythm and general aural response. Candidates will be asked to sing a song of their own choice and to talk about their musical and general interests.

Applicants must indicate, when prompted to do so, if they wish for the candidate to be considered for a Music Scholarship.

There will be an opportunity for applicants to include some information (up to 350 words) about the candidate's current musical activities, and we recommend that this is prepared in advance, ready to copy and paste into the registration form.

**We do require supporting documentation for music scholarship applications** and, once an application has been submitted, we ask applicants to email the following to [registrar@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:registrar@alleyns.org.uk) :

1. a supporting reference from the candidate's instrumental teacher(s) and, where relevant, their current school's Head of Music, and
2. scanned copies of examination mark sheets.

Those interested in applying for an audition are encouraged to register for our special **Open Morning for Potential Music Scholars**. Reservations are required for this event via the Admissions pages of the School website.

Music Scholarship candidates will be sent further instructions regarding auditions in December.

- **Sport**

Candidates for the 11+ Sport Scholarship should demonstrate exceptional all-round ability, or, particular talent in one sport. A candidate's underlying fitness levels and functional movement will also be taken into consideration.

Applicants must indicate, when prompted to do so, if they wish for the candidate to be considered for a Sport Scholarship. All candidates are required to attend the Sport Scholarship Assessment Morning on:

Tuesday 9 November for boys or Wednesday 10 November for girls.

All candidates must select and participate in two sports from the following list, and specify a first and second choice:

1. Cricket
2. Football
3. Hockey
4. Netball (girls)/Basketball (boys)
5. Swimming/Water Polo (candidates must be able to swim at least 200 metres and use two or more different strokes)

There will be an opportunity for applicants to include some information (up to 350 words) about the candidate's current sporting activities, and we recommend that this is prepared in advance, ready to copy and paste into the registration form.

**We do not require supporting references for the sports scholarship** and there is nothing further that applicants need to do at this stage.

Sport Scholarship candidates will be sent further information in November regarding the assessment morning.

## 5. **The Registration Fee and the Pupil Premium**

With the exception of candidates who qualify for the Pupil Premium at their current school, or whose parents receive Universal Credit or Income Support, all applicants must pay a registration fee of £150.

If any applicant is unsure about whether or not the candidate qualifies for the Pupil Premium, please contact the candidate's current school and ask it to provide confirmation in writing that the candidate qualifies for the Pupil Premium (an email from the School office, for example, will suffice). It can take schools some time to provide such confirmation, so applicants should not delay in contacting the school if they think this is relevant.

Applicants must email evidence that they qualify for the registration fee waiver to [registrar@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:registrar@alleyns.org.uk) by Friday 29 October.