Ellesmere

Co-ed 7-18 Day and Boarding



Admissions Guide

for Parents

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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Ellesmere College.

At Ellesmere, we understand the importance of placing your child in the right school and the many factors that play a part in making such a decision. The Admissions Team is on hand to guide and support you throughout the various stages of the application process, from enquiries, to entrance exams, scholarships to taster days - the team are here to support your application to Ellesmere College across the admissions journey.

This booklet will help to explain and guide you through each of the stages and we look forward to supporting you with your child's application to Ellesmere.

Ethos and Mission

Ellesmere's educational philosophy is that we all learn differently. Ellesmere knows that students develop at different rates and at different times. The support for each individual student is tailored so they can confidently embark on the journey and become 'Life Ready', offering students the very best in education today and are now an accredited 'High Performance Learning World Class School'.

It seeks to achieve this through:

A consistent, supportive focus on developing the individual in both academic and co-curricular pursuits. Students understand that they are valued for their individual performance rather than against some arbitrary standard; 'Personal Best' is always the focus. This approach goes beyond the academic, and runs through every aspect of College life and it is the focus of our five key principles that work together to ensure that through the various programmes offered at the College our pupils are 'Life Ready'.

- Academic
- Sport
- Arts
- Leadership
- Global

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Academic | Sports | Arts | Leadership | Global

Key People

Our Admissions Team will help and support you throughout each stage of the process. You will be able to contact us for all enquiries and we look forward to welcoming you to Ellesmere and to guide you on your tour of the campus.



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School Section



Lower School (Yrs. 3 – 8)

7 – 13 years of age

The aim of Lower School is to provide pupils with the best possible learning experiences, activities and opportunities to enable each pupil to flourish. The focus is to form independent young people who are confident in their skills and ability to express themselves.



Middle School (Yrs. 9 – 11)

13 – 16 years of age

Pupils joining Middle School will enjoy a stimulating environment with an even wider range of curricular and extracurricular opportunities. The emphasis on developing personal responsibility and building self-esteem continues. On joining Middle School entry at Year 9, all pupils join one of the College's integrated Boarding and Day Houses, and are under the care of a Housemaster or Housemistress and a team of dedicated tutors.



Sixth Form (Yrs. 12 – 13)

16 years of age +

The Sixth Form at Ellesmere provides a unique set of opportunities.

The focus is on establishing a balance between academic rigour and personal development. Sixth Formers are actively encouraged and supported to take on key responsibilities and show initiative and leadership in a wide range of activities at Ellesmere and beyond.









Admissions Entry Points

Ellesmere accepts pupils at various entry points, with principal entry points at 11+, 13+ and 16+. The College takes the applicant's age on 1st September to determine the entry point into the school.

Years 3 to 5

Entry into Years 3 to 5 is by individual assessment made during a "taster day" spent in College and is available throughout the year.

Years 6 to 8

The College sets an entrance examination on the first Saturday in February, for those seeking an Academic Award.

Year 9

For applicants in preparatory schools, a typical method of assessment is via the Common Entrance (CE). Applicants are still expected to take the Ellesmere Entrance Exam as part of our admissions process. For applicants not in preparatory schools, the examination session on the first Saturday in February also caters for all Year 9 entries who are applying for an Academic Scholarship.

Year 12 & 13 - Sixth Form

Places are offered into the Sixth Form subject to satisfactory performance in GCSE examinations; for entry to A level courses this is usually 5 grades 5's, but this should be seen as a minimum, and the school reserves the right to vary this grade criteria; for entry to the International Baccalaureate Diploma course the normal grade requirement is six grade 6's at GCSE.

For students whose first language is not English, a College-specified English qualification will be required in addition to other appropriate evidence of academic ability.

Other Years: Places into other Years of the school other than those specified above are offered on a case-by-case basis, and will usually involve assessments in English and Mathematics.



International Families

Guardians

As part of the UKVI rules and regulations for international pupils, all parents who live overseas are required to name a UK based guardian for their child.

The guardian's role is to support the child, look after the student during half term, deputise for the parents when they are unavailable and be contacted in an emergency (a reasonable proximity to Ellesmere is therefore recommended).

A guardian can be a relative or friends whom parents know and trust or a guardian appointed and monitored by a reputable guardianship agency (we can provide suggestions).

We will also need evidence of the guardian's immigration status, so a copy of their passport and a utility bill to prove their address, which we will keep on file for UKVI to inspect.

Visas

If you believe your child may require a visa to study in the UK, it is essential that you plan and give appropriate time to this essential aspect of the admissions process.

Ellesmere is a UKVI Approved Centre and therefore we can sponsor students via the issuing of a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). It is this unique number that you will need from us in order to apply for a child/student visa.

Please contact our Admissions Department at the earliest opportunity so they can advise you on the visa application process you will need to undertake.

Sable is our trusted partner for all child student and UK Immigration applications. The company has been providing immigration services for over 30 years and is regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner

We have retained Sable's services to ensure all UK immigration applications are prepared in compliance with UKVI requirements. https://www.sableinternational.com/uk-education-corporate-services

Please note: An additional cost will be incurred for this service.

International Testing: All pupils from Yr. 7 onwards will need to take a Mathematics and English Assessment as part of the entry procedures. These tests are done online via a secure portal and details will be shared with the candidate at that point. The English Assessment is typically 1 hour 30 minutes and the Mathematics Assessment is 1 hour.

Admissions Process

Stage 1: Enquiry

The first stage is an information sharing exercise. We will require some key information about your son/daughter so we can start to build your Ellesmere Admission journey on our Contact Us form.

Stage 2: Visit

There is no better way to experience Ellesmere than to come and see the school in action. The personal visit will typically include a tour of the campus, meetings with key staff and a chance to visit classrooms and the boarding houses as part of the tour. We offer AM and PM sessions throughout the week and you should allow approximately two hours for your tour and visit.

Stage 3: Register

Registering for a place is a commitment from the family to secure a place at Ellesmere for a designated year group and entry period. All applicants will need to complete the Registration Form and pay the £100 deposit to move the application to this process.

Once we have the completed form we will then ask for any existing school reports and will seek a reference from the current school as part of the admissions data gathering process.

Stage 4: Taster Day/Boarding Experience

All prospective pupils are invited to come and spend time at Ellesmere and experience it first hand on a taster day. We will build the day around the pupil and they will follow a timetable of lessons and activities agreed in advance. All pupils will be allocated pupil buddies to welcome them and help them settle in quickly. Likewise, for those looking at Weekly and Full boarding, the experience will continue at the end of the taster day and so will follow a typical evening routine in the boarding house.

Stage 5: Assessments/Entrance Exams/ Interviews

We invite all children registered for an Academic Award for entry into Yrs. 6 - 9 to join us for an Assessment Day, which takes place on the first Saturday in February each year. The pupils will be assessed in Maths, English, non-verbal and verbal reasoning, and this process will typically take approximately two hours.

All Academic Scholarship candidates are automatically assessed through the papers they sit on Assessment Day. We offer other Scholarships and Bursaries too, which you can find further information on page 10 of the Scholarship Booklet. Middle and Sixth Form Academic Scholars will have an interview with the Head of Section.

For Music, Drama and Sports Awards, pupils will be expected to attend a taster day and will be assessed as part of this process.

For pupils who may be unable to attend these days, then we will require video evidence and supporting material to be used for such a review. International pupils will have an online interview as part of their normal admission process.

Please Note: For those students who are not applying for an Academic Scholarship in Yrs. 6 -9, the Entrance Exam can be taken at set points throughout the year. There are two options currently available for this:

1. The online assessment test can be taken and completed at the child's current school, if the school are happy to supervise this assessment. (Ellesmere staff will help with the set up)
2. An assessment window will run at the College on the last Thursday of each month. The pupils will arrive at 3pm and the assessment will be completed by 5pm. (Bookings for these sessions will be made by the Admission Team on a rolling basis)

All assessments are done via an online secure portal and as such there are no practice papers to use or have access to prior to the assessment. Please note that there is no pass or fail mark for the assessment but the results are used to inform staff and help plan the pupil's arrival.

Pupils with specific learning difficulties

Applications from pupils with specific learning difficulties (specifically dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia) are welcomed. In all cases an Educational Psychologist's report or a report carried out by the College will be required before an offer of a place will be made.

Stage 6: Offer of a Formal Place

On successful completion of the above process and once all documentation and relevant assessments have been carried out, then we will be able to offer you a formal place at Ellesmere. These offers are time sensitive and will come with a 14-day acceptance window.

At this point, the final paperwork will accompany the offer letter and completion of this with the £200 deposit payment as a guarantee will confirm your child's place for entry into Ellesmere College.



Term Dates and Fees

For further information on current term dates, please see the websites most up-to-date information here:

Term dates

Registration Fee:

A non-returnable £100 registration fee is payable when you register your child for a place at Ellesmere College.

Guarantee Deposit of £200:

This is required when the formal offer letter from the Headmaster is received; this guarantees your child a place at the school. This deposit is discounted on the first term's invoice.

Returnable Deposit:

This is invoiced on your first term's account but is not counted against your school fees. This amount is refunded on the final invoice after your child leaves the school.

- UK Pupils: £500
- EU Pupils: £2000
- Non-EU Pupils: £9000

School Fees:

Our school fees cover all school meals, tuition, accommodation, laundry (if boarding), as well as all ordinary medical and nursing charges, Wi-Fi, all timetabled sports, the online College Newsletter and the annual online Ellesmerian magazine, and the use of all sports and music facilities, excluding private tuition.

Extras Charges:

These may be incurred for buses, taxis, school trips, some books, school photographs and exams. Extras are charged the term after they occur.

For further information on the current fees for the academic year, please see the website for the most up-to-date information here:

Ellesmere College Fees





Day / Weekly / Full Boarding

Day Pupils

Day pupils can join the College from the age of 7 (Year 3) and continue until the end of Sixth Form (Year 13).

Weekly Boarding

Weekly Boarding pupils can start at Ellesmere at the age of 12 (Year 8) and continue until the end of Sixth Form (Year 13).

Full Boarding

Full Boarding pupils can start at Ellesmere at the age of 12 (Year 8) and continue until the end of Sixth Form (Year 13).

Boarding House Structure

	Middle School		Sixth Form	
Age Range	Years 8 - 11		Years 12 + 13	
Boys	St Patrick's	St Cuthbert's	St Luke's	St Bede's
Girls	St Aidan's		St Oswald's	St Hilda's

Note: From Year 9 onwards, all pupils, whether day, weekly or full boarder will be assigned to a House; which is the main base for registrations and tutor meetings.

The majority of pupils will start boarding from Year 9 onwards. Although we can cater for Year 7 and Year 8 boarding, the numbers are reduced and places are limited. The junior element of boarding is part of the Middle School boarding houses and these are single sex houses for children aged 12 – 16.

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

A number of scholarship categories are available for individual talents and abilities and these are offered each year at various entry points.

Type of award	Age on entry				
	Lower School			Middle School	Sixth Form
	8	9	11	13	16
Academic	X	X	X	X	X
All-Rounder	-	-	X	X	X
Art	-	-	-	X	X
Drama	-	-	-	X	X
Music	X	X	X	X	X
Schulze Organ	-	-	-	-	X
Sports	-	-	-	X	X
Woodland	-	-	-	-	X

For specific details on the wide range of scholarships available, please see the Scholarship Brochure and Scholarship Application Form for further details.

All awards are merit based and the strength of the application and the subsequent assessment will help to form the level of offer awarded. The College is happy to provide guidance on the most appropriate award application for an individual candidate.

Bursaries

Means-tested bursaries are also available. For details about eligibility, application and conditions, please see the Scholarship Brochure and inform the Admissions Team of your intention to apply for a bursary, as they will then coordinate this aspect with the Director of Finance.

Children of serving members of HM Forces may also qualify for up to a 20% reduction in fees as part of the Military Covenant.

Keep up to date with us on Social Media

For all information about the day to day activities and successes of Ellesmere students, do please follow our various social media platforms to see just what 'Life at Ellesmere' is all about and what makes our students truly ... 'Life Ready'!

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