

Admissions



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Boys entering Winchester College at age 13+ fall into two groups: Scholars and Commoners. The 70 scholars live together in College. Commoners live in one of the ten Houses. Each Commoner House contains about 60 boys and entries are made through Housemasters.

There are two types of Admission Procedure dependent upon whether a boy is presently at school in the UK, the EU or in a school outside the Russian, CIS and Asian Regions, or if he is at school inside the Russian, CIS or Asian Regions. Advice on this process is given via the website

www.winchestercollege.org/admissions

Commoner House Applications

A boy may be registered for a Commoner House place once he has reached the age of eight. Visits to the school should be arranged directly with Housemasters. It is recommended that parents see two Housemasters and the Registrar is happy to give advice on choosing a House.

Contact the Registrar

+44 (0)1962 621141 • registrar@wincoll.ac.uk

To register a boy it is necessary to complete a Registration Form and send it to

The Deputy Registrar

admissions@wincoll.ac.uk

with the Registration Fee, currently £200. This fee is non-refundable. The form is passed to the chosen Housemaster and parents are then welcome to deal directly with him thereafter. If a Housemaster is not specified at this stage, the Registrar will retain the form centrally until the choice has been made, at which point it will be passed to the Housemaster.

It is advisable to have the boy's name on a House list three years before he is due to come to the school i.e. well before the end of Year 5 (age 10+).

Registration of a boy's name does not entitle him to a place at Winchester.

The need for registration at an early date does not apply to those who are candidates only for Scholarships or Exhibitions. The winning of an award carries with it the right to a place.

After registration the next stage is for the boy to come for interview with his prospective Housemaster. Interviews take place some time between January and May of Year 6, i.e. during the academic year when the boy is eleven (about two and a half years before he is due to enter the school). Within the interview there is a short verbal and numerical reasoning test. Housemasters will also obtain a written report from the boy's current school.

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After Housemasters have interviewed all the applicants on their list, offers of places are made at the beginning of June. At this point the Entrance Fee of £500 is payable. The place is then firm, subject to the boy passing the Winchester College Entrance Examination which is taken in May of the year of entry. Boys thus chosen would be expected to pass this examination, although failures do sometimes occur (in this event the Entrance Fee is refunded; in all other circumstances it is non-refundable). Boys may also enter the school by way of the Scholarship Examination (Election).

If the Housemaster is unable to offer a place, the boy's file is passed to the Headmaster and the Registrar for further consideration. There are three possible outcomes: the offer of a guaranteed place (General List), the offer of a place on the Reserve List or rejection.

Boys placed on the General List are guaranteed a place in the school (subject to passing the Entrance Examination) although allocation to a particular House may not be possible until May of the year of entry.

The Reserve List is a waiting list. Although there is no guarantee of a place in the school, it is possible to gain a place in a House from this list as vacancies occur. It is sometimes possible for boys who apply late to be considered for the Reserve or General List. Such boys are interviewed by the Registrar.

Winchester's ancient buildings do not permit disabled access to all areas. Parents of prospective candidates with physical disabilities should contact the Registrar to discuss their son's needs and how these might be accommodated were he to apply to Winchester.

The Entrance Examination

All places at Winchester College are offered subject to a satisfactory showing in the Entrance Examination or Scholarship Examination. The Entrance Examination takes place in candidates' own schools normally over three days in May. This examination is similar in form and syllabus to Common Entrance.

The subjects of the Entrance Examination are as follows:
English (two papers), Mathematics, Science, French, Geography, History, Latin.

Exemptions in languages can be made if these subjects have not previously been studied. Optional paper: Greek.

Particular attention will be paid to the quality of candidates' written English.

The Headmaster has vacancies at his disposal, from time to time, for boys who are selected for a Headmaster's Nomination. Candidates for Nomination are normally expected to take the Scholarship Examination. It is essential that candidates for Nomination should have alternative arrangements made for them elsewhere, since the number of Nominations available is uncertain.

Applications from boys at maintained schools are welcomed. Special arrangements may be made and those interested should contact the Registrar.

Boys enter Winchester in September of the academic year that they are thirteen. No boy will be admitted to the school before he is twelve years old or if he has reached the age of fourteen by 1st September of the year of entry, except for special reasons approved by the Headmaster.

Sixth Form Entrance

A few boys are admitted into Sixth Book (Year 12) to study for two years at the school.

Candidates should be under 17 on 31 August in the year of entry.

Most boys in the Sixth Form take three subjects (Cambridge Pre-U) but those who take Mathematics in Year 12 take four subjects; and those studying both Greek and Latin may also take four. Details of the curriculum are on the website

www.winchestercollege.org

Any available places will be offered to boys of high academic calibre who also show that they will be able to make a significant contribution to the school in various ways. The minimum standard for entry to the Sixth Form is six A/A* grades at GCSE or its equivalent. In practice, the level expected is likely to be considerably higher, and competition for the small number of places is intense.

Application forms are available from 1 May in the year before the boy hopes to enter the school. Please contact

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Forms should be completed and returned at any time, but for 2018 entry, not later than Wednesday 4 October 2017. Overseas candidates should also arrange to sit UKiset assessment tests (www.ukiset.com), ensuring that results reach us by Wednesday 4 October 2017.

There will be an **Open Day** for prospective Sixth Form Applicants and parents on **Saturday 30 September 2017** when there will be an opportunity to meet the Headmaster, the Registrar, Director of Studies and the Senior Housemaster. There will be a tour of the school, a tour round one boarding House and a buffet lunch will be provided. If you wish to come to the Open Day, please contact

Miss G Tyrell

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by the **22 September 2017** at the latest.

A shortlist of applicants will be invited to the school for interview and assessments on **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November 2017**. Candidates must come to Winchester at this time and tests cannot be taken elsewhere or at any other time. Parents of shortlisted candidates will be required to pay a £200 registration fee by the end of October 2017. Offers of places will be made on 1 December 2017 and parents of successful candidates will be asked to sign an agreement to pay fees and charges. The Parental Contract will be issued in early January 2018 to be returned together with the relevant deposit by 31 January 2018.

Means-tested financial support is available in cases of need. Parents of shortlisted candidates, who have indicated that they would require assistance with the fees, will be sent a bursary assessment form and are asked to complete and return it to the Bursar by post or email

bursaries@wincoll.ac.uk

by 27 October 2017.

Sixth Form entrants are eligible for Music Awards and the Master of Music welcomes enquiries from candidates. Full details are available from

Miss J Ambrose

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The Election of Academic Scholars and Exhibitioners at age 13



At the foundation of Winchester College in the late fourteenth century, all pupils were Scholars, living together in College. They entered the school through a process of Election in which examiners would assess through interview whether candidates were of good character and sound learning. It was not until the middle of the nineteenth century that written papers in particular subjects were specified as the means of Election. In modern times Winchester College Election (the competitive scholarship assessment) provides a unique and academically challenging selection process.

For a large proportion of applicants to Winchester College the decision to take Election is reached after a House has been chosen and a place at the school has been offered. However, it is not necessary for a boy to have been registered for a House place for him to be able to sit the scholarship exam. The Master in College is always keen to meet potential scholars and their parents informally, preferably when the boy is in the summer term of Year 7 or the autumn term of Year 8. Parents of boys educated at a school in the Far East should, in the first instance, seek the advice of the Head of International Affairs,

Mr Parkinson

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in Hong Kong. Experience shows that any boy with a thirst for learning, self-motivation and potent thinking is likely to secure a place in College with the Scholars, regardless of educational background. It is useful for such candidates to experience College for themselves before Election, if possible.

The Election examinations take place at Winchester College over three days. The Roll of Scholars and Exhibitioners is published on the Friday evening of the same week. About 14 Scholarships and 6 Exhibitions are awarded each year.

The following awards are made on the results of the examination:

- Scholarships for College (the Scholars' House)
- Exhibitions for Commoner Houses
- Headmaster's Nominations.

The award of a scholarship gives a place in College with the Scholars, and provides the opportunity to live and work in a stimulating community of thought, expression, compassion and purpose.

Occasionally a Headmaster's Nomination for a House place is awarded to a candidate who just misses winning an academic award. Nominations are not necessarily available every year.

The award of a Scholarship or Exhibition does not in its own right come with a financial benefit. Parents wishing to seek financial help with the fees should contact the Bursar in advance. A straightforward means test can indicate the level of assistance that might be available. More information about bursary applications is available on the school website through the link for detailed guidance in the "Scholarships and Exhibitions" section.

Scholars are usually admitted to College in the September following the examination; a very young Scholar may, however, have his entry deferred.

In 2018 Election will begin on Monday 23 April. Election application forms and copies of past exam papers may be obtained from the Master in College.

The completed forms must be signed by one of the parents. The form must be accompanied by:

- a certified copy of the candidate's passport or birth certificate.
- a testimonial, stating the period to which it applies, from the candidate's present Headteacher or Tutor. It is important that something more than a formal certificate should be sent, and that it should include an estimate of the candidate's character and potential.
- three passport-sized photographs of the candidate.

The Election of Academic Scholars and Exhibitioners at age 13



These should be sent together in an envelope marked 'Election Entry Form' to:

Mr I E Fraser Master in College

Winchester College, College Street, Winchester SO23 9NA

Completed forms should be submitted by 15 February 2018.

A Scholarship or Exhibition is tenable during the whole of a boy's time at the school, subject to satisfactory progress, commitment and conduct.

Any boy may be a candidate for a Scholarship or Exhibition, provided that he is under fourteen years of age and at least twelve years of age on 1st September of the year in which he takes the examination.

In awarding Scholarships and Exhibitions, allowance is made for the age of the candidates.

The examination consists of two parts:

Compulsory papers:

- C1 English
- C2 Mathematics I
- C3 Science
- C4 General Paper I (multiple-choice logical reasoning test).

Alternative papers, of which candidates must take at least THREE:

- A1 Latin
- A2 French
- A3 Greek
- A4 History
- A5 Geography
- A6 Mathematics II
- A7 General Paper II (this essay-based paper may involve the interpretation of data or cultural artefacts; a passage for comprehension; a structured argument or discussion.)

Candidates are expected to sit at least one language paper if they attend a school at which languages form part of the curriculum, unless their current school feels there are exceptional reasons to preclude this. If more than one language paper is selected, they can be in any combination of French/Latin/Greek.

Candidates may offer more than three Alternative papers if they wish. If they do, they are assessed primarily on their best three performances but credit is given for good work in other papers. However, it is strongly recommended that candidates do not do too many Alternative papers since experience suggests that those who concentrate on their best subjects will do better overall (four/five Alternative papers seems reasonable).

Candidates are interviewed by a senior master and the Master in College. Those doing the French paper will have an oral test.

No books are named for preparation. Most papers are based on the appropriate Common Entrance or Key Stage 3 syllabus, although in some parts of the French and Latin papers a wider range of vocabulary and grammar may be found.

Credit is given in all papers for clarity in the presentation of answers and accuracy in the use of English.

A music test can be arranged during Election for any candidate whose ability would allow him to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the school. In the same way a candidate may bring a portfolio of his Art or Design Technology work for consideration. Notice should be given by completing the appropriate section of the Election Application Form. These candidates will be interviewed by the relevant Heads of Department.

The school is normally able to provide accommodation for candidates. Requests for accommodation should be made in the Election Application Form.

Music Awards: Scholarships and Exhibitions



There are usually some sixty boys holding music awards in the school at any one time. Winchester offers two types of music awards:

Music Scholarships offer free tuition on two instruments and singing.

Music Exhibitions offer free tuition on one or more instruments including singing.

Consistent with the school's commitment to proper use of its charitable funds, music awards carry no prima facie remission of school fees. However, eligible parents may apply for means-tested financial support with the payment of school fees in cases of financial need, in the form of bursaries.

Bursaries are available on entry to the school and can be for up to 100% of the fees. Parents of potential Music Scholars or Music Exhibitioners who are likely to seek help with fees through the Bursary scheme must submit a Bursary Application Form by the same date as the Music Award application form at the latest; an indication of a possible bursary can then be given. This can help parents assess their financial options in advance of the Music Award auditions.

Details of the Bursary Scheme and application forms can be obtained from:

Mrs W A Neville

+44 (0)1962 621271 • bursaries@wincoll.ac.uk

Full details of the Music Awards can be found in the document 'Music Awards – Information for Candidates', available on the school website.

The Master of Music can give advice about all aspects of Music awards and is pleased to see potential candidates at any time after they are nine years of age. Awards are also available for sixth-form entrants. Please contact the Music Administrator (below) for enquiries or to make an appointment with the Master of Music.

Informal pre-auditions are also available for candidates from the Asian region not currently in a UK school. These take place in Hong Kong each January. Please contact the

Admissions Office

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for further details.

The Headmaster reserves the right to allocate holders of Music Awards to any boarding House in the school, but will of course take account of parental preference. Anyone who additionally wins an academic scholarship will go into College.

Boys holding Music Awards are expected to play a full part in the musical life of the school.

Music Awards: Scholarships and Exhibitions



How to apply for a Music Award

Parents of candidates for Music Awards are asked to read the document 'Music Awards – Information for Candidates', available on the school website, and then to contact the Music Administrator (see below) for an entry form.

Entry forms are sent out in October of the year preceding entry; completed entry forms (and bursary forms, if applicable) must be returned by the **end of November**. Auditions for entry in September 2018 will be held on **Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January 2018**.

Most candidates are expected to have been offered a place in a boarding house by the time they sit for a Music Award. However, if a candidate without a place in the school wins a Music Award, he is generally offered a place, subject to passing either the Academic Scholarship Exam (Election) or the Entrance Exam. Please refer to the Admissions page.

Candidates may apply to more than one school for a Music Award, but parents must state this intention on their application form, together with their order of preference. Winchester will give equal consideration to all candidates regardless of the order of their choices.

Entry forms and further advice about Music Awards may be obtained from:

The Music School Administrator

Winchester College Music School, Culver Road, Winchester SO23 9JF
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The Winchester Curriculum

Div

The Winchester Curriculum is unique. It is centred upon the subjects taught in Div. A div is a form or group of boys, but it is more than a pastoral or administrative unit. One period is given to Div almost every day, so the div don (form teacher) gets to know the boys, their interests and their academic needs. In Years 1-3, Div follows a broadly chronological progress from the Ancient to the Modern World, investigating historical, cultural, artistic, scientific and philosophical themes. In Years 4 and 5 a very wide range of interests is pursued: ethical, philosophical, scientific, literary and artistic. With extensive reading and writing, and continuous debate, boys learn to present coherent arguments and to develop and defend opinions and tastes. Whilst they take the opportunities and challenges of Div very seriously, it does not lead to any public examination.

Nomenclature

1st Year

Junior Part (JP) – Year 9

2nd Year

Middle Part (MP) – Year 10

3rd Year

V Book – Year 11

4th Year

VI Book 2 – Year 12

5th Year

VI Book 1 – Year 13

1st Year (Junior Part)

In the 1st Year (Junior Part) boys study 13 subjects: Div*, Biology*, Chemistry*, French/German*, Geography*, Latin*, Mathematics*, Physical Education*, Physics*, Language 2* (one subject from Chinese for beginners, German, Greek, Spanish, French, Russian). In addition, all boys take Art, Design & Music in rotation during their first year.

Towards the end of Junior Part, boys express their preferences for GCSE study. The compulsory and optional elements of the MP/V Book curriculum are as follows:

2nd and 3rd Year (Middle Part and V Book)

In addition to Div, which is not examined, boys prepare for nine GCSEs/IGCSEs:

English*, Mathematics*, Latin*, French/German*, Science* (2 or 3 subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Physics), further Modern Foreign Languages (0, 1 or 2 subjects from Chinese, Spanish, Russian, French/German), 0, 1 or 2 subjects from History, Greek, Music, Geography, and 0, 1 or 2 subjects from Art, Design, Music.

* Denotes compulsory subject.

4th–5th (Year VI Book)

In VI Book boys choose three, and in some cases four, of the following subjects:

Art, History of Art, Biology, Chemistry, Design, Economics, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Latin, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Physics, Russian, Spanish and Theology and Philosophy.

Cambridge Pre-U courses are taught in all subjects.

All boys continue to have six periods of Div each week

University Admissions



Winchester prides itself on providing excellent preparation for study at university. All boys gain admission to good universities. This is achieved through:

- high-quality teaching for public examinations
- expert and personal advice to all boys from Housemasters, Div dons and the College's Higher Education and Careers service
- opportunities for extension study which include:
 - Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry Olympiad programmes, in which Winchester boys regularly gain a very high number of gold, silver and bronze medals, and in which we have a distinguished history of representatives in national teams;
 - The Erasmus Prize Examination, in which senior boys are given the opportunity to read from a list of academic books on an ethical and philosophical theme and to respond to questions in a written examination paper set and marked by a distinguished university academic in the relevant field. The examiner delivers his or her findings by way of discussion with the candidates;
 - The Winchester Symposium programme, a series of Sunday study days held throughout the year, when pupils from other schools are invited to join the Winchester boys to hear lectures from university teachers and to engage in discussions;
 - The Div programme;
 - A rich menu of society meetings in which intellectuals and people prominent in public life come to Winchester to share their knowledge and interests with the boys.

The school maintains strong links with a great range of British and overseas universities, amongst which Wykehamists are noted for the clarity and rigour of their intellectual training - their capacity to organise themselves - participating fully in university academic, social, cultural and sporting life.

Below is a summary of university placements for those who left in July 2016.

British Universities

Bath (4) Birmingham (1) Bristol (6) Cambridge (14) Cardiff (1) City (1) Durham (12) Edinburgh (8) Exeter (1) Glasgow (2) Imperial (6) KCL (3) Leeds (1) LSE (1) Manchester (3) Newcastle (2) Nottingham (2) Oxford (13) Royal Holloway (1) Royal Vet (1) SOAS (1) St Andrew's (5) Sussex (1) Swansea (1) UCL (9) Warwick (3) York (1)

37 Places have been offered at Oxford or Cambridge for entry in 2017.

USA Universities

Brown (1) Chicago (1) Columbia (2) Cornell (1) Dartmouth (1) Northwestern (1)

Canada	Ireland	Hong Kong
McGill (1)	Trinity College, Dublin (1)	H.K U (1)
Toronto (2)		
UBC (1)		

Fees



Registration Fee

A registration fee of £200 is payable at the time of registration. It is not refundable in any circumstances.

Entrance Fee

An entrance fee of £500 is payable upon acceptance of a Housemaster's/ Headmaster's offer of a place. It is returnable only if the candidate fails the entrance examination.

Termly Fee

Academic year 2017/2018

£12,700 (£38,100 per annum)

Payment of the termly fee must be made in advance, before the first day of each term.

Deposit

A deposit is payable when the Form of Acceptance (part of the Parental Contract) is returned.

The Parental Contract will be issued early in the January at the start of the calendar year in which a pupil is due to enter the school and must be returned together with the relevant deposit by the end of that January; i.e. for 2018 entry, the Parental Contract will be issued in early January 2018 and must be returned together with the relevant deposit by **31 January 2018**.

Parents who are EU citizens will pay a deposit of £2,500. £1,000 of this will be refunded with the first term's fees; the remaining £1,500 will be refunded after the final term less any charges due.

All other parents will pay a deposit of £5,000. £1,000 of this will be refunded with the first term's fees; the remaining £4,000 will be refunded after the final term less any charges due.

If a pupil is withdrawn after acceptance, the deposit is not refundable and depending on timing additional fees may be payable in accordance with the Parental Contract.

Fees in Advance Scheme

A single lump sum to cover the fees may be paid up to five years in advance of a boy's entry to the school. Apart from other advantages, this arrangement offers a discount from the full fees. Particulars may be obtained from:

Mr Derek Valentine Chief Accountant

+44 (0)1962 621214 • accountant@wincoll.ac.uk

Fees



Bursaries

Bursaries are available on entry to the school and to existing pupils in cases of financial hardship. They can be available for up to 100% of fees in extreme cases, though it is more likely that they will be calculated as a top-up to support a parent's payment of fees. They are subject to review early every calendar year. The application process involves the completion and submission of a Bursary Application Form which must be supported by relevant documentation.

Applications should be made as part of the School Admissions process and timetable as described in the relevant sections above. In this way parents can have certainty of their award at the time they accept their son's place.

The Application Process for Boys Seeking a House Place at Age 11

- All awards are contingent upon a satisfactory performance in the Entrance examination or at Election.
- The school will adhere strictly to stipulated closing dates.
- Parents/guardians must indicate on the Registration Form whether or not they intend to seek bursary assistance.
- Parents/guardians who will need bursary assistance must submit an application form for a bursary not later than 1 September (and preferably before that date) as part of the acceptance of the offer of a House or General Place. That offer will be made in June of the year in which the boy has been interviewed, i.e. two years before entry.
- The Bursary Application form will request details of income and capital together with full documentary evidence. Assessment may entail a school official visiting the parents'/guardians' home to ensure the information has been correctly interpreted and the basis of the financial assessment is fair.
- After careful consideration of the application, the Bursar will inform parents/guardians by 1 December of the value of any award.
- Parents who subsequently rescind the offer of a place as a result of this decision will have their Acceptance Fee reimbursed, providing this notice is received within 30 days of notification of the award.

The Application Process for Boys Seeking Election or a Music Award Without a House or General Place, or admission into VI Book.

- Parents/guardians must submit a Bursary Application form together with the relevant main application form by the relevant specified closing date.
- The Bursar will assess applications as in the process set out above. The decision will be communicated in good time.

More information can be obtained from the school website

www.winchestercollege.org/bursaries

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