



WINCHESTER  
COLLEGE



PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT 2011-2012

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## Admissions

### Admissions

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.

### 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 or three Housemasters and the Registrar is happy to give advice on choosing a house.

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### Contact the Registrar

+44 (0)1962 621141  
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To register a boy it is necessary to complete a Registration Form and send it to

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### The Deputy Registrar

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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 the Housemaster 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 about three years before he is due to come to the School i.e. by 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 sometime 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.

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).

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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.

### 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 (two papers), Science, French, Geography, History, Latin.

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

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 in which 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-University) but those who take Mathematics in Year 12 take four subjects. Details of the curriculum are on the website

[www.winchestercollege.org](http://www.winchestercollege.org)

Any available places will be offered to boys of high academic calibre who can also 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

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**These should be completed and returned at any time, but not later than 20th October.**

A shortlist of applicants will be invited to the School for a day in late January/early February for interview. Candidates must come to Winchester at this time and tests cannot be taken elsewhere or at any other time.

**Individual tours of the School will be provided for shortlisted candidates and their parents.**

Parents of shortlisted candidates will be required to pay a registration fee by the end of November. Offers of places will be made within a fortnight of the tests and parents of successful candidates will be asked to sign an agreement to pay fees and charges.

Means-tested financial support is available in cases of need. Parents of shortlisted candidates, who require assistance with the fees, are asked to contact Mrs C P Hann before the end of November.

**Mrs C P Hann**  
[cph@wincoll.ac.uk](mailto:cph@wincoll.ac.uk)

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

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## Scholarships



### 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 exam) provides a unique and high academic standard.

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. Indeed, a number of candidates contact the School only in the months leading up to the exam. The Master in College welcomes enquiries. 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 important for such candidates to see College for themselves and to experience life as a Scholar before the scholarship exam. The Master in College is happy to arrange these acquaintance visits. Election takes place at Winchester College over three and a half 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.

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

Parents considering a place in the School for their son, whether as a Scholar or Exhibitioner, and 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.

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



## Scholarships

In 2012 Election will begin on Monday 30 April. Scholarship 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 birth certificate or a certified copy of it  
A testimonial, stating the period to which it applies, from the candidate's present Head. 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  
Four passport-sized photographs of the candidate.

These should be sent together in an envelope marked 'Scholarship Entry' to

#### Mr W M A Land

Master in College  
Winchester College, College Street  
Winchester SO23 9NA

#### Completed forms should be submitted by 8 March 2012.

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, whether already in the School or not, 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 Classical Greek, German or Spanish
- A4 History
- A5 Geography
- A6 Mathematics II
- A7 General Paper II (involving the interpretation of data; a passage for comprehension; and a structured essay question).

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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 the Headmaster and Master in College and may be called for interview in any subject. Those doing Modern Language papers 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 to clarity in the presentation of answers and accuracy in the use of English.

A music test can be arranged 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 in writing should be given beforehand by completing the appropriate section of the Scholarship Application Form. These candidates will be interviewed by relevant Heads of Departments.

The College is normally able to provide accommodation for candidates. Requests for accommodation should be clearly noted on the Scholarship Application Form.



## Music Awards

There are usually 60 Music Scholars/Exhibitioners in the School at any one time and the school offers a large number of Music Awards each year for candidates of suitable quality. 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 eleven years of age. Awards are also available for sixth-form entrants.

There are two types of awards:

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Music Scholarships give free tuition on up to two instruments and singing (when this tuition is given by members of the College music staff).

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Music Exhibitions may offer free tuition on one or more specified instruments (when this tuition is given by members of the College music staff).

The Bursar is happy to give preliminary indications of possible bursaries before a boy applies for a Music Award. Applicants seeking additional financial assistance are encouraged to apply for a bursary by contacting

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### Mrs C P Hann

cph@wincoll.ac.uk

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The School owns a large stock of orchestral instruments – available for loan to pupils. 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 choice.

### How to apply for a Music Award

Completed entry forms must be returned by the beginning of December in the year preceding entry. Tests will be held at the end of January 2012 and candidates must take either the Academic Scholarship Exam (Election) or the Entrance Exam in May. Candidates should be under fourteen years of age on 1st September following the examination.

It is also advisable to apply for a place in a Boarding House (unless the candidate has no preference about boarding houses and/or would not come to Winchester without a Music Award). Please refer to the Admissions page.

Entry forms and further advice about music awards may be obtained from

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### Master of Music

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You are warmly encouraged to get in touch if you are interested.

# The Winchester Curriculum

## Division

The Winchester Curriculum is unique. It is centred upon the subjects taught in Division or Div. A Div is a form or group of boys, but it is more than a pastoral or administrative unit. At least one period is given to Div each day, so the Div don (teacher) gets to know the boys and their academic needs. In the 1st Year Div encompasses English, History and Religious Studies. In the 2nd Year Div is taught by English specialists, and in the 3rd Year by Historians. 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 opinions and tastes. They take the opportunities and challenges of Div seriously.

## 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

**Division** (English, History, RS),  
Biology, Chemistry, French,  
Geography, Latin, Mathematics,  
Physical Education, Physics

**Block 1:** Chinese (for beginners),  
German, Greek, Spanish

**Block 2:** Art & Design Technology,  
Music, Religious Studies, Russian

## 2nd Year Middle Part

**Division** (English), Biology,  
French, History, Latin,  
Mathematics, and Physics

One subject from Chinese (for  
beginners), Geography, German,  
Greek, Spanish\*

One subject from Art & Design  
Technology, Music, Religious  
Studies, Russian\*

\*(Continued from JP)

## 3rd Year V Book

**Division** (History), Chemistry,  
English, French, Latin,  
Mathematics and Physics

One subject from Chinese (for  
beginners), Geography, German,  
Greek, Spanish\*

One subject from Art & Design  
Technology, Music, Religious  
Studies, Russian\*

\*(Continued from JP)

## 4th–5th Year VI Book

In VI Book the following subjects  
are usually available, providing  
that viable numbers choose  
each subject:

Art, Art History, Biology,  
Chemistry, Design Technology,  
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 except  
Biology, and Design Technology  
which will continue to be taught  
as A Level courses. Mathematics  
will offer both A Level and  
Pre-U courses.

All boys take Division.

# University Admissions



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

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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.

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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 two written examination papers set and marked by a distinguished university academic in the relevant field, who 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.



# 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.

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## Termly Fee

Academic year 2011-2012  
£10,450 (£31,350 per annum)

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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. This will normally be issued when a place is confirmed, following success in the Entrance Exam or at Election.

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.

## 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

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## Bursaries

Bursaries are available on entry to the School and to existing pupils in cases of financial hardship. Bursaries can be available for up to 100% of fees in extreme cases. They are subject to annual 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.

Parents who are considering an application to the School, and who are likely to seek help with fees through the Bursary Scheme, are encouraged to submit a Bursary Application Form well in advance of the proposed date of entry. An indication of a possible bursary can then be given. This often helps parents assess their financial means before a commitment to the entrance procedure is made.

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