



MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR A PLACE FROM RUSSIA OR THE CIS

*Applications from Russia and the CIS for children not presently in a UK school.
See separate information about Election (the Academic Scholarship examination) and Music Awards.*

Boys should be registered any time after their eighth birthday and **before the end of Year 5 (9+ to 10+)**. They are usually at least 13, but under 14, on 31 August in the year of entry to the School. Registration forms are available from the Deputy Registrar, Mrs Philippa McComb (admissions@wincoll.ac.uk); telephone + 44 (0)1962 621247.

Completed registration forms should be sent to the Deputy Registrar with the registration fee, currently £200, by the beginning of year 6. Registrations will not be accepted after this point. The preferred House box need not be completed. Residents of Russia or the CIS whose children are not presently in a UK school, must begin the admissions process at Testing at the Age of 11 in Prague in January each year. Boys awarded a Guaranteed or Reserve List Place on the basis of testing may then visit the School. Because of pressure of numbers, we regret that it is not possible to arrange visits to the School before the award of a Guaranteed or Reserve List Place. Once a place has been secured a visit to the School may be arranged through the Registrar's office.

Candidates will be invited to attend an interview in Prague in January of Year 6. In addition to the interview there is a short written test¹, taken on the same day. There is no pass mark for this test; it is *one* of the factors considered; the others are a report from the candidate's current school and the impressions at the interview. Candidates will be interviewed by experienced dons using the same assessments and procedures as boys interviewed in the UK. The results of these interviews will be passed back to the relevant Housemaster (if one has been chosen).

Results of the interviews will be announced in early June of Year 6 (just over two years before entry to the School). If a **Guaranteed Place** is offered, that place is firm, subject only to the boy's passing the Entrance Examination, or making a good showing in Election, in May of the year of entry. We expect boys who hold firm places to pass one or other of these examinations but parents should note that failures do sometimes occur.

Some candidates will be offered a place on the Reserve List. The **Reserve List** is a waiting list with no guarantee of a place. Promotion from the Reserve List to a Guaranteed Place is possible. The Registrar usually makes this decision if vacancies occur, and if he receives evidence of notable progress. It is also possible to take the Entrance Examination without a place in the School, when a very strong performance might lead to the offer of a place. This relies on vacancies occurring. For candidates given a Guaranteed or Reserve place a place in a House is found at a later date, at which point arrangements will be made for parents and boys to visit both the School and a boarding House.

A final outcome may be **Rejection**.

¹ The written test has two sections, each lasting ten minutes. The first deals with words, the second with numbers and codes. No specific preparation can be made for these verbal and numerical reasoning tests.