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Applying to the Sixth Form at Winchester College

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Sixth Form at Winchester. We believe that the Sixth Form is the most exciting time of your education, and Winchester is a special place to spend that time.

Your journey to Winchester is split into three stages, and more information about each of those stages is below. If you need any further information, please contact the Registrar's team at admissions@wincoll.ac.uk.

We would kindly advise all candidates to apply by the following deadlines if possible:

- 5th October for a boarding place
- 1st December for a day place

Application

In order to apply you will need to submit:

- The [application form](#) including personal statement
- Copies of your two most recent school reports
- A CV containing extra-curricular activities and standards attained
- A copy of your passport

In your personal statement, you should tell us about your interests, both academic and extracurricular, why you enjoy them, and how you feel Winchester would help you achieve your goals. You should write no more than 400 words.

If you are applying from overseas you will need to sit the UKiset test. The results of the UKiset test need to reach us by 5th October 2021 if you are applying to board and 1st December if you are applying for a day place. You can find more information about the test, including how to prepare and how to book a test, [here](#).

Aptitude testing

Before interview, all candidates will sit a YELLIS test.

YELLIS is a widely used aptitude test, which is designed to give us an indication of your ability. It does not test GCSE knowledge.



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The test is split into three sections: vocabulary, mathematics, and non-verbal ability. Examples of each of those question types and more information about the test can be found [here](#). This test will be taken remotely and lasts roughly one hour.

All those wanting to study Maths, Further Maths and/or Sciences and Economics at A level will also sit a 45 minute Maths paper. The test will be taken remotely. The Maths paper is set by Winchester teachers and you can find example questions [here](#).

Interview

Once we have received your application and aptitude test scores, we will shortlist candidates for interview. We will ask your school for a reference and their predictions for your likely performance at GCSE.

Our first interview days (both boarding and day pupils) are 6th/8th/9th November, and the second (for day pupils only) are 15th/ 17th/ and 18th January.

We take the selection of our Sixth Form candidates very seriously, and the interview offers us a chance to get to know you better, and to hear first-hand about why you would like to come to Winchester.

We are not looking for a particular 'type', background or set of interests; we are not looking for pre-rehearsed or prepared answers. We simply want to see how you think and what your ambitions are.

All candidates can expect:

- Two subject-specific interviews, lasting between 15 and 30 minutes.
 - o These interviews give us a chance to see how you think, problem-solve and apply new knowledge. They are not a test of factual recall or purely of GCSE knowledge.
- Two general interviews, lasting 15 minutes each.
 - o These interviews are with senior members of the school team, including the Headmaster and Deputy Heads, and are a chance for us to find out about what you will contribute to the school and what you are most looking forward to.
 - o We might discuss your university aspirations, your current reading, your hobbies and extra-curricular activities, or a wider global issue that you are engaged with, for example. There are no set questions as these interviews will respond to your individual interests, but we are looking for students who have a great deal to offer to the Sixth Form here and have the ambition to be part of a world-class Sixth Form.

After interview, offers will be made on 1st December and 24th January, with the deadline for acceptance on 8th December and 31st January.