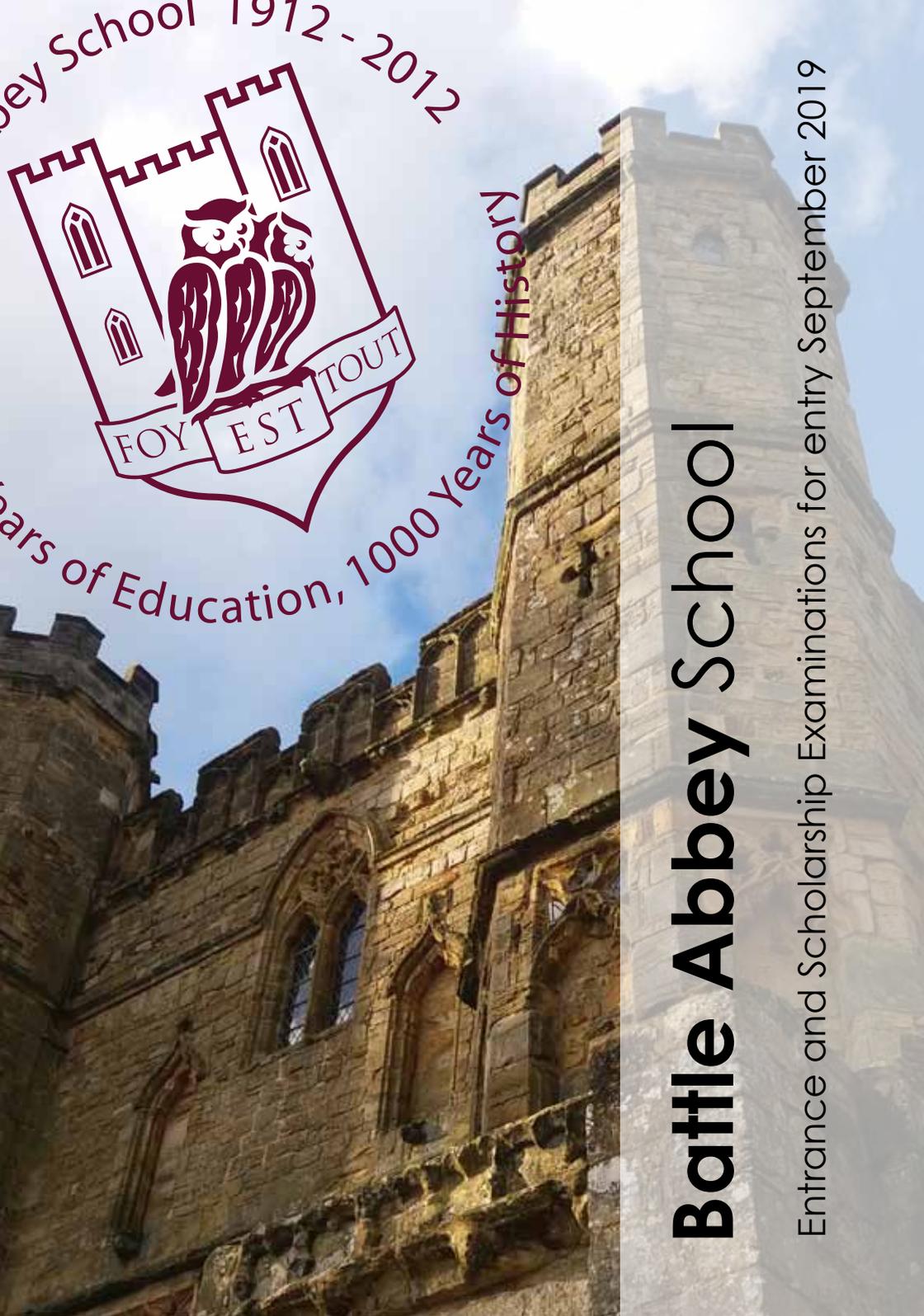


Battle Abbey School 1972 - 2012



Years of Education, 1000 Years of History



Battle Abbey School

Entrance and Scholarship Examinations for entry September 2019

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Admissions and Scholarships

All potential pupils for Year 7 and Year 9 entry sit either the School's Entrance Examination or the Academic Scholarship Examination. Both papers are appropriate for girls and boys from state or independent schools.

We offer Academic and Specialist Scholarships for entry into Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 (Sixth Form). The value of these awards can be up to 20% of the basic tuition fees. Additional bursary funds may be available in cases of financial hardship.

This booklet is intended to provide a summary of the various Scholarships which are available and to act as a guide for prospective parents and candidates.

For further copies or information please contact:

Mrs Annaclare Armstrong
Day Pupil Registrar
Battle Abbey School
Battle
East Sussex
TN33 0AD

Telephone: 01424 772385
E-mail: registrar@battleabbeyschool.com

Conditions of Scholarship

A Scholarship Fund is available to assist parents to send able children to Battle Abbey School. Scholarships are available from the Fund for pupils aged 11, 13 or 16 on 1st September 2019 wishing to enter Year 7, 9 or 12 respectively at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2019. It is school policy to use the Fund to assist as many pupils as possible by granting a number of minor Scholarships each giving a percentage reduction in fees rather than a few large Scholarships.

We ask that parents do not pass on the detail of percentages offered to their children. This information should be confidential between the parents and the school in order to avoid invidious and unhelpful comparisons being made.

The Scholarship will normally be tenable until and including Year 13. Parents accepting a scholarship do so on the understanding that their child will remain at Battle Abbey School until the end of Year 13, unless special circumstances prevail. One-third of the annual value of the scholarship benefit will be credited to the fee account each term.

Registration and Entry

Registration can occur at any age and completed registration forms should be returned to the Registrar. (If not already completed, one can be found at the back of this booklet).

To enter your child for Year 7 or Year 9 Scholarship and/or Entrance exams please also complete the Scholarship/Entrance Examination Form found in the back of this booklet.

Entry into Year 7 & Year 9 for September 2019

The Academic Scholarship Examination plus Entrance Examination will take place on:-

Year 9 - Thursday 24th January

Year 7 - Friday 25th January

Candidates wishing to be considered for Art, Music, Performing Arts, Computing or Drama will also be required to attend on:-

Saturday 26th January

Please note **Sport Scholarship** applicants will need to attend a comprehensive sport assessment session at the Abbey on the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th January** (girls) or **Wednesday 30th January** (boys).

All candidates will be sent a programme for the days nearer the time.

The Academic Scholarship and Entrance Exam

All candidates sit papers in English, Maths and Science.

English

Each paper consists of two sections.

Section A assesses the student's reading skills and comprises:

- An extract (for Year 7 this will be fiction and for Year 9 this will be non-fiction);
- A range of questions testing the student's comprehension skills as well as the ability to evaluate the effects achieved by a writer's choice of language.

When assessing the reading, we are looking for developed and insightful answers, the ability to use quotation, the ability to comment on features of language such as a writer's choice of verb or simile and the ability to explore how character, tension and setting are created.

Section B assesses the student's writing skills and comprises:

- One written task from a choice of three. These tasks allow students to focus on either creative writing or non-fiction writing.

When assessing the writing, we are looking for a sustained narrative or essay, inventive and confident use of language and the ability to adapt style to suit audience and purpose. Technical accuracy e.g. paragraphing, sentencing, and spelling will be assessed. The same aspects of language use and style will be assessed for each year group.

Mathematics

The purpose of the mathematics examinations is to provide candidates with the opportunity to exhibit their skill over a wide range of the mathematics curriculum. To this end the following four topics will be examined in roughly equal measure.

Number, Algebra, Shape, Space and Measure, Handling Data.

An emphasis will be placed on interpretive and communication skills as well as the traditional question and one possible answer approach.

Science

Year 7 papers comprise of questions based on subjects covered at KS2. These include functions of organs in animals and plants, keys, pollution, diet and health, food chains and webs, adaptations, cells, basics of chemicals, fuels, electricity and magnetism, states of matter, dissolving, solar system, forces and light.

Year 9 papers comprise of questions based on KS3. These include geology, life and living processes, energy, particles and materials, interdependence, forces (including electricity, magnetism & solar system) and personal and social education.

Specialist Scholarships

In addition to the Academic Scholarship we also offer scholarships in Art, Music, Performing Arts, Drama, Computing and Sport. Candidates wishing to be considered for one of these subjects will also need to sit either the Academic Scholarship papers or Entrance Examination papers. Successful candidates will be expected to choose their specialist subject at GCSE and A Level and to be active in the extra curricular programme.

Art

Candidates must bring a folder of art work to the interview. The folder should contain a variety of work. Studies from direct observation are particularly important and should show the student's ability to work with a variety of media. Photographs are acceptable to show three-dimensional works. A sketchbook is vital and will show the candidate's interests and art historical studies.

During the assessment, candidates will take a 2 hour examination. The first hour will be devoted to a still life drawing in pencil. Special emphasis will be placed on the structure of the objects and the use of tone. The second hour will begin with a choice of imaginative starting points. Students will be asked to create an imaginative composition using colour.

Materials will be provided although some students may prefer to bring their own.

Drama

Drama is an important part of school life and a popular subject at GCSE Level. Lessons and extra curricular activities take place in the fully equipped drama studio. There are extra curricular opportunities for all students to take part in clubs and major productions of plays and musicals. In addition there are many small scale performances throughout the year and an inter house drama competition.

Candidates will attend a workshop which will last approximately 60 minutes. They will take part in drama games and develop improvisations. The workshop will explore vocal and physical skills and the ability to create characters and to work well with others.

Enthusiasm, commitment and the ability to work well with others are essential. We would expect candidates to have had some experience of performing in main roles but this is not essential and students should not be deterred from applying if they have not had opportunities to take leading parts.

Candidates should wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to work without shoes.

Performing Arts

Multi talented students can apply for a Performing Arts scholarship. These candidates will be assessed on their acting, singing and dancing abilities. They will take part in the drama workshop detailed above along with a dance workshop and singing audition.

Candidates should bring with them a brief written account of their involvement in Performing Arts activities.

Music

Battle Abbey School offers music scholarships to gifted and talented young musicians and these are usually available to boys and girls entering in Year 7, 9 and 12. The requirements are as follows:

i) Candidates must be at Grade IV or Grade V performance level although Grade III may be acceptable for Year 7 entry. Candidates need not have taken these exams but must offer evidence of ability at this level.

ii) All candidates will be interviewed/auditioned by the Director of Music.

iii) If candidates have taken music exams they should bring copies of the examiners reports with them. If not, then they should provide written testimonials from their current instrumental teachers.

iv) For their audition with the Director of Music, candidates should prepare two pieces to perform and be prepared to take a few aural tests. In addition, there will be a short theory test of approximately Grade III standard.

v) Candidates may offer two instruments, (singing is counted as an instrument).

Battle Abbey School places much emphasis on the importance of music both as an academic and a vocational subject. The Music Department offers courses in GCSE, AS and A level – and individual lessons are available in most instruments.

The School supports a main Choir, a Chamber Choir, a Concert Band, a variety of instrumental ensembles and a lively musical theatre group and there are numerous opportunities for performance throughout the School year.

Candidates will be required to submit a reference from their school music teacher.

The School can also offer Sixth Form Music Scholarships, available to students entering year 12. The standards required for qualification are Grade VI minimum playing level, an A/A* grade in GCSE Music and grade V theory. All other requirements are as above.

It is mandatory for all successful music scholars to take GCSE Music and there is an expectation that they will take A level music unless there are exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Computing

The computing scholarship will consist of two sections. The first section will be a computing challenge. During this challenge the students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their competence in adapting the computing skills they currently possess to a range of software. This will involve reading instructions, using prior programming skills and problem solving.

The second part will be a short interview with the Head of Computing about what the student has undertaken in the past. This is a good opportunity to show off any projects or work which the candidate feels that they are particularly proud of.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate practical or programming skills beyond those studied in a generic computing curriculum. For example: an app that they have developed, or programming done with a Raspberry Pi or similar.

Sport

Sports scholarships are predominantly awarded to candidates who excel in the School's major games of football, hockey, netball, cricket & rounders. We also welcome applications from gifted swimmers.

Successful scholars are expected to contribute to their specialist sport and others, participate in fixtures and take an active role in the leadership and running of teams. They will be acting as role models for their peers and, as such, high levels of motivation and commitment to training and competition are essential.

Candidates will be required to:

- Attend one of the Sports Scholarship Assessment afternoons.
- Provide a record of their sporting achievements and current references from coaches and/or teachers.

During the assessment candidates will be expected to participate in training sessions for two out of the three major games. The sessions will involve basic skills, progressive practices and game related activities.

All attending candidates should wear full clean kit: shorts / skirt, polo shirt / rugby top, gum shields and shin pads where appropriate and suitable footwear for use on grass for football and astro-turf for all other activities.

Sixth Form Scholarships

These Scholarships can be awarded to students entering the School at Sixth Form level. The value of these awards can be up to 50% of the basic tuition fees.

Scholarships are tenable throughout a student's Sixth Form career subject to his/her continued contribution with the departments for which the award has been made together with a satisfactory level of performance and good conduct within the School.

Applicants are assessed through their year 10 and 11 School reports and will be interviewed by the Headmaster.

Students applying for an Academic Scholarship would be expected to be predicted exclusively Grade 8 and 9 at GCSE.

Scholarships are also available for those candidates who are particularly gifted in Art, Music, Performing Arts, Computing, Drama, and Sport. Please contact the Registrar for details of these assessments.

The Joanna Lumley Scholarship for Performing Arts is available to candidates who show outstanding talent in these fields and is only available to a Year 11 pupil from a maintained school.

SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FORM

Name of Pupil:

Date of Birth:

Entry into Year:

Name of Present School:

Address of Present School:

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I wish my son/daughter to sit the:

ENTRANCE EXAM*

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP*

Specialist Scholarships - up to 3 may be selected

Performing Arts	
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Drama	
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Art	
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Computing	
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Music	
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Sport	
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Instrument 1	
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Discipline 1	
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Instrument 2	
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Discipline 2	
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Signed:

Dated:

Please return this form to:

Mrs L Jackson, Registrar, Battle Abbey School, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0AD

* All external candidates must select one of these options

If your child is not already registered with the school please also complete and return the Registration Form found in the following pages.



Battle Abbey School Registration Form

Battle Abbey School
Battle
East Sussex
TN33 0AD

Tel: 01424 772385
Fax: 01424 773573

1. Pupil Information

Pupil Surname: _____

Pupil's forename(s): _____

(In full and BLOCK CAPITALS as it appears on Birth Certificate or Passport)

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): ____/____/____ **Nationality:** _____ **Gender:** _____

Place of Birth: _____ **Ethnicity:** _____ **Religion:** _____

Type of Place: Boarding Pupil Day Pupil **Current Year Group:** _____

Proposed Entry Term: Autumn Spring Summer **in Calendar Year:** 20____

Nursery Applicants Only: Do you wish to reserve a reception class place for when your child leaves the Nursery:

Yes No

Pupil Achievements & Skills: Please outline below a few of the pupil's most notable achievements, any artistic, dramatic, musical or sporting skills:

Pupil Hobbies & Interests: Please outline below a few of the pupil's hobbies, pastimes and interests:

How did you first hear about the school?

Local Reputation Friends Open Day Website Advert Other (specify) _____

Are there any existing connections with Battle Abbey? Please give the names of any family members attending the school or registered for entry, who are or have been employed by the school, or who have previously attended the school, and their relationship to you and your child:



2. Pupil Schooling

Pupil's Current School: _____

Address of Current School: _____

Date Pupil Started at the School: _____

Name of Current Head: _____

Current Head's Email: _____

Can Battle Abbey contact your child's current school for a reference? Yes No

Will the pupil require sponsorship from Battle Abbey for a UK study visa? Yes No

3. Medical/ Confidential Information

Please outline whether your child has any of the following:

An ongoing condition/ health problem/ allergy: Yes No

A visual or hearing impairment: Yes No

Learning difficulties, emotional and/or social difficulties: Yes No

Mental Health issues including eating disorders, or is subject to CAMHS referral: Yes No

Has your child ever been excluded or suspended from any school: Yes No

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please briefly outline details in the box below. (Please also enclose the most recent Education Psychologist's report, if you have one. Please also send us any relevant medical, special needs or other educational reports you may have).

4. Parent Information

Full name and title of Parent 1:

Full name and title of Parent 2:

Full address: _____

Full address: _____

Post Code: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Employer: _____

Do both parents have parental responsibility for the child? Yes No

Do both parents agree that the child should attend Battle Abbey? Yes No

Is there anyone else whose consent would be required for enrolment? Yes No

Is it proposed that anyone other than the parents will pay fees? Yes No

If the answer to any of the questions above is Yes then please give details in a covering letter.

Special Circumstances:

Please inform us in a covering letter if there are any Court Orders in relation to the child, for example as to parental responsibility; residence; contact; prohibited steps; specific issues or periodical payments, or; in relation to the parents or if either parent is an undischarged bankrupt or subject to an individual voluntary arrangement.

Agent's Details (for Overseas Applicants Only):

Company name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Notes

Registrations will be considered in the order they are received. Early registration is recommended. Offers of places are subject to availability and the admission requirements of the School at the time offers are made. A copy of the current edition of the standard terms and conditions will be supplied upon acceptance of a place.

5. Declaration

We request that the name of the above child be registered as a prospective pupil. A copy of the details page of the child's passport and a cheque for the non-returnable registration fee of £100 is enclosed (£150 for applicants from overseas). We understand that the standard terms and conditions of the School will undergo reasonable changes from time to time as circumstances require and will apply in all our dealings with the School. We understand also that the School (through the Head, as the person responsible) may obtain, process and hold personal information about our child, including sensitive information such as medical details, and we consent to this for the purposes of assessment and, if a place is later offered, in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

First Signature: _____

Second Signature: _____

Name in Full: _____

Name in Full: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

6. Payment Details

Please tick payment option:

By cheque Cheques should be made out to Battle Abbey School.

By bank transfer Please use your child's name as a reference, and let us know the date and details of your transfer. Please pay directly into our bank account at NatWest:

Sort Code: 60-02-07

Account No: 59696206

BIC: NWBKGB2L

IBAN: GB33NWBK60020759696206

7. Submission

Once completed, please send this form to the Admissions office who will review your application and respond to you shortly:

Email: admissions@battleabbey.school

Postal Address: The Admissions Office, Battle Abbey School, High Street, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0AD

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