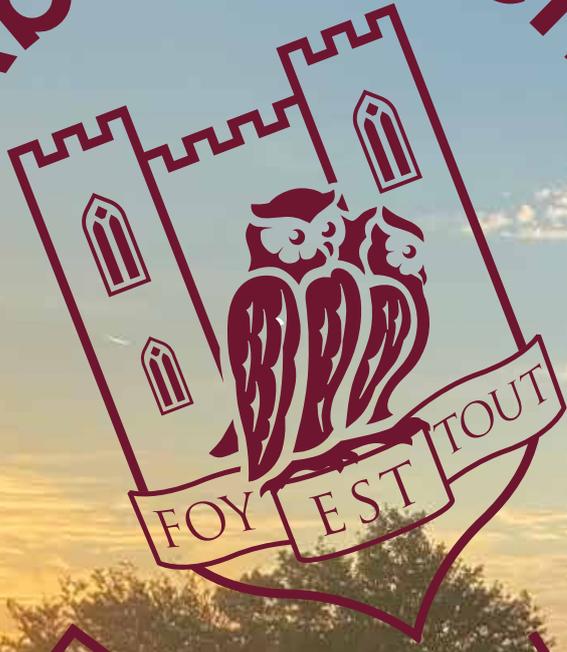


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Entrance and Scholarship Examinations for entry September 2023

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Admissions and Scholarships

All potential pupils for Year 7 and Year 9 entry sit the School's Entrance Examination. 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 maximum value of these awards may be up to 20% of the basic tuition fees but smaller awards of 5% or 10% are usually made. 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:

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Day Pupil Registrar
Battle Abbey School
Battle
East Sussex
TN33 0AD

Telephone: 01424 772385
E-mail: armstronga@battleabbey.school

Conditions of Scholarship

A Scholarship Fund is available to assist parents to send able children to Battle Abbey School. Not only do Scholarships assist parents and families financially, Battle Abbey Scholarships are quite prestigious and former Abbey Scholars find this very useful in their lives beyond the Abbey walls in Higher Education and beyond. Scholarships are available from the Fund for pupils wishing to enter Years 7, 9 or 12 at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2023. It is school policy to use the Fund to assist as many pupils as possible by granting a number of financial awards each giving a percentage reduction in fees rather than a few large Scholarships.

We ask that parents do not pass on the details of awards 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

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

Pupils must be registered with Battle Abbey School and, if not already completed, a Registration Form may also be found at the back of this booklet.

Entry into Year 7 & Year 9 for September 2023

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

Year 9 - Thursday 24th November 2022

Year 7 - Friday 25th November 2022

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

Saturday 26th November 2022

Please note **Sport Scholarship** applicants will need to attend a comprehensive sport assessment session at the Abbey on the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th November**.

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

PLEASE NOTE: These arrangements may be subject to change if Covid-19 safety regulations require modification of our standard procedures.

The Academic Scholarship and Entrance Exam

All candidates sit papers in English and Maths.

English

There are two sections to the paper.

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

- An extract taken from either fiction or literary non-fiction such as travel writing
- 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 reading skills, we are looking for: developed and insightful answers; the ability to use quotation; evaluation of features of language such as a writer's choice of verb or simile; discussion of how character, tension and setting are created.

Section B assesses the student's writing skills

Students select 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 their 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

Battle Abbey's mathematics entrance examination provides candidates with an opportunity to exhibit their problem solving skills. Reasoning, analysis and evaluation are prized in addition to the more usual checks on number, algebra, shape and measure. The multiple-choice nature of the examinations also promote a process of elimination and deductive reasoning.

Interview

On the assessment day, all candidates will have an interview with a senior member of staff. This will cover their academic and extra-curricular interests and will last approximately ten minutes.

Specialist Scholarships

In addition to Academic Scholarships 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 the Entrance Examination papers. Successful candidates will be expected to choose their specialist subject at GCSE and A Level and to be active in the School's extra curricular programme.

Art

Candidates must bring a portfolio of art work to the interview. The portfolio 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 should show the candidate's interests and at least one study of an historical artist.

The assessment for the Art scholarship will be skills based. During the assessment, candidates will take a drawing exercise for 1 hour where they can showcase their drawing ability, using grids and applying tone to achieve a 3D quality. The second hour will consist of an exercise in colour, colour mixing and application using one or more materials.

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 interact 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 may apply for a Performing Arts scholarship. These candidates will be assessed on their acting, singing and movement abilities. They will take part in the drama workshop detailed above along with a movement 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 and exhibitions to gifted and talented young musicians. These are available to pupils entering Year 7, 9 and 12.

The intention of the scholarship is to discover their musical aptitude and promise. The guidelines for entry are outlined below but there are always exceptions. The Director of Music, Mrs. Lucinda Sheppard, is always happy to give advice on music scholarship preparation and to give further details on the workings and expectations of the musical life at Battle Abbey.

Level:

Year 7 Grade 4/5 in first study

Year 9 Grade 5/6 in first study

Year 12 Grade 7/8 in first study

The requirements are as follows:

- Perform contrasting pieces in their first study and one in any subsequent studies
- Respond to aural tests of the appropriate level to the candidate
- Read a short piece at sight
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What to bring along to the audition:

- References from their school music teacher and instrumental teacher
- Evidence of exams gained and/or competitions, productions, or concerts
- If an accompanist is required, a scanned copy of the music to be sent ahead of the audition.

All potential scholars are assessed and interviewed by the Director of Music. Scholars are expected to participate in choirs, ensembles, clubs and represent the school for events, services and concerts. GCSE music will be required to be taken and there is an expectation to continue through A level.

Organ scholarship

This is a new and prestigious award in conjunction with Battle Abbey, St Mary's Church and Chichester Cathedral. The successful candidate will be expected to play for choral evensong as well as for other services. They will need to have strong keyboard and sight-reading skills to be considered for this award. The audition will take place in church with the Director of Music, the Dean of Battle and our Organist, Travis Baker.





Computing

The computing scholarship will comprise 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 section will be a short interview with the Head of Computing about projects the student has undertaken in the past. This is a good opportunity to show off any work of which the candidate feels particularly proud.

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

During the assessment candidates may 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 may be awarded to students entering the School at Sixth Form level. The value of these awards may be up to 50% of the basic tuition fees if candidates are joining from maintained schools.

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 will be assessed by submitting their Year 10 and Year 11 School Reports, predicted GCSE grades and a letter of application. They will also be interviewed by the Headmaster.

Students applying for an Academic Scholarship are 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 following scholarships are available for the Sixth Form:

- The Joanna Lumley Scholarship for the performing arts
- The Maltby Scholarship for History
- Academic scholarships – based on predicted grades
- All-rounder scholarships – based on predicted grades and the ability to support important areas of school life like art, music, drama and sport

The process:

- Write a letter to the Headmaster of no more than 2 sides of A4 outlining why you think you should be considered for a scholarship
- Include a short CV outlining your skills, achievements, passions and hobbies
- Include a reference from a trusted adult – outlining your personal qualities
- Liaise with the Registrar at Battle Abbey to book a time for an interview
- At interview, bring your latest school report and a copy of either your mock GCSE grades or of your predicted grades

Time-line:

- Interviews will take place during the second half of the autumn term 2022 and the first half of the spring term 2023
- All offers should be made by February half-term

If you have any questions, please contact one of our Registrars, either;
Mr Faizal Nanji nanjif@battleabbeyschool.com or
Mrs Annaclare Armstrong on armstronga@battleabbeyschool.com

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:

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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Please include up to three Specialist Choices below

ENTRANCE EXAM*

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP*

ALL-ROUNDER

Signed:

Dated:

Please return this form to:

Mrs A Armstrong, Day 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).

Do both parents have parental responsibility for the child?

Yes No

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 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 either of these 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

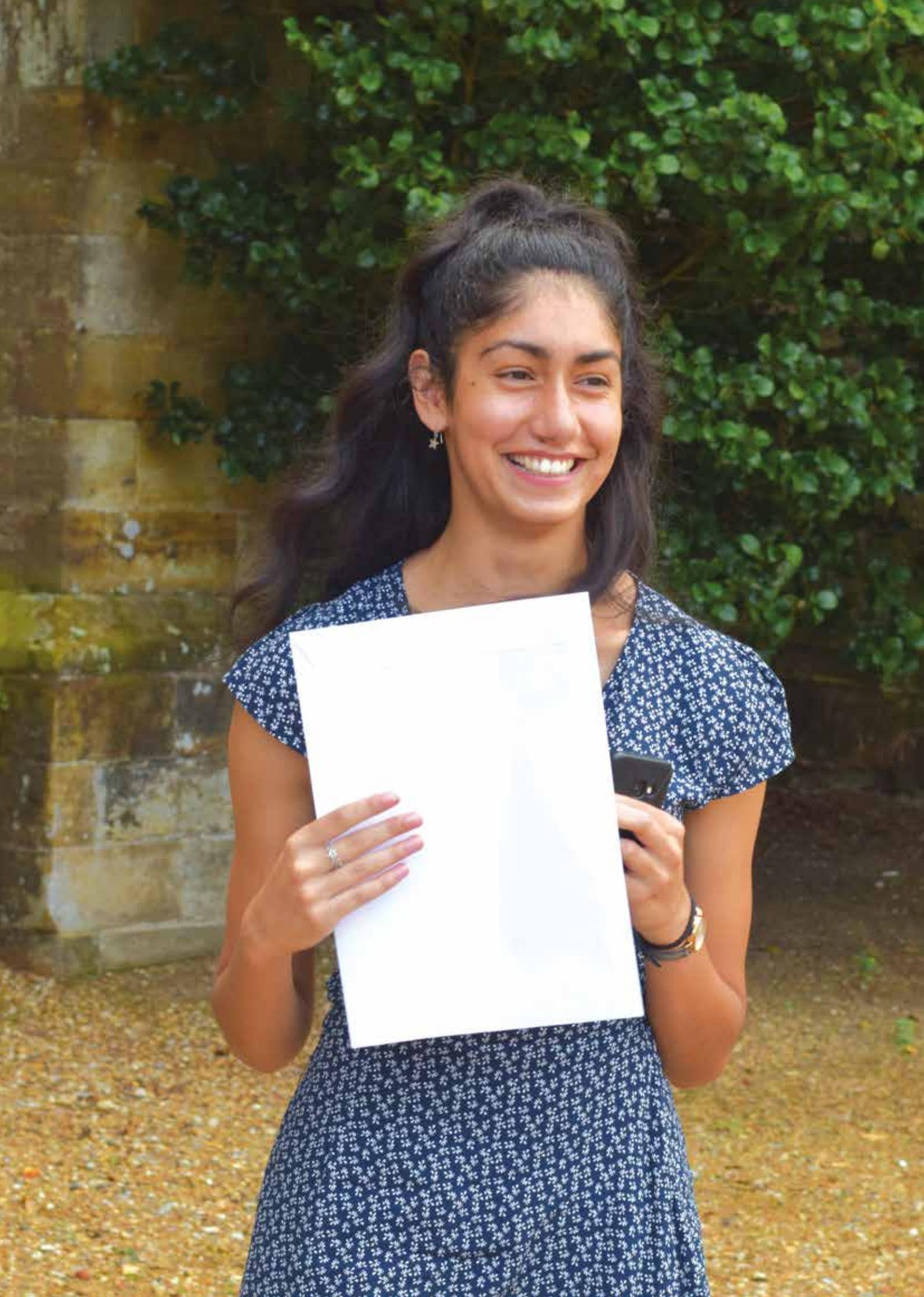
7. Submission

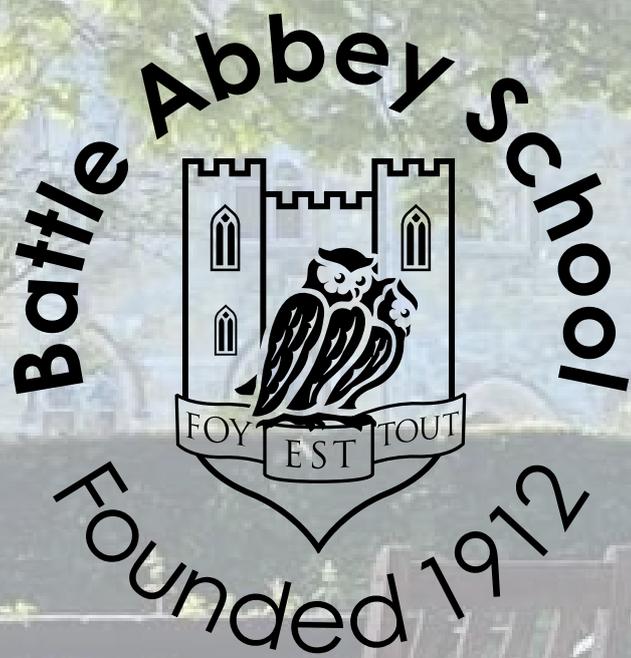
Once completed, please send this form to the Admissions office who will review your application and respond to you shortly:

Email: admissions@battleabbey.school

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

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