



KENSINGTON
PARK SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The aim of this policy is to outline the principles and procedures of admission to Kensington Park School.

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GENERAL

Kensington Park School is a co-educational, independent school for students aged 11 to 18 years old. Deciding on the right school for your child is very important and we always recommend a personal visit. We hold regular Open Days throughout the academic year, which give a great introduction to the school and we very much hope that you and your child are able to attend one of these events. Details regarding our Open Days can be found on our website. We are also happy to welcome parents and prospective students at other times throughout the calendar year. To arrange an individual visit, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@kps.co.uk or on +44 20 7616 4400.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Kensington Park School is a selective school. Selection is based upon academic merit which is assessed through a combination of an entry examination, an interview at the school, current school reports and references from the candidate's previous school. Our selection process is designed to identify students who are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school.

The main points of entry are in Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12. The School may also have occasional places in other year groups. Please contact the Admissions team for details.

To make an application, candidates should register by the third Friday in November of the preceding academic year prior to admission. The Registration Form along with a list of required application documents is available on the school website and from the Admissions team.

EQUAL TREATMENT

Kensington Park School aims to encourage applications from candidates who come from a diverse range of backgrounds. We welcome candidates from all backgrounds, irrespective of nationality, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Human rights and freedoms are respected but must be balanced with the lawful needs of our school community and the rights and freedoms of others. Not all age ranges are catered for and our facilities and capacity to deliver appropriate programmes for students with various kinds of disability (including special educational needs) are not all-encompassing and are developing.

DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Kensington Park School currently has limited facilities for those with disabilities or impairments. However, the school will do all that is reasonable to comply with its legal and moral responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 and Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, in order to accommodate the needs of candidates who have disabilities for which, with reasonable adjustments, the school can cater adequately. We

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strongly advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical or mental disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the school before they sit the entrance exam so that we can make adequate provision for them. Parents should provide a copy of the child's educational psychologist's report or a medical report at the Registration stage if they have one.

The school will discuss thoroughly with parents the adjustments that can be reasonably made for the child if they become a student at the School.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The aim of the assessment process is to identify potential. Kensington Park School is looking for well-rounded students with a genuine interest in education and with interests that stretch beyond the confines of the academic curriculum. The school has many co-curricular activities, all of which are important in developing a well-balanced, confident individual. No specific preparation is required for the assessments. All candidates start on an equal footing with identical opportunities to display their academic aptitude.

Candidates applying for Year 7 – Year 10 entry sit three examination papers in Mathematics, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning which are designed for their age groups.

Candidates applying for Year 12 entry are required to achieve a minimum of 6 GCSEs at grade 9–5, including Mathematics and English, with a grade 6 in chosen A-level subjects (grade 7 in Mathematics is required to study Further Mathematics).

All candidates are required to submit a school report (and predicted GCSE grades for those applying for Year 12 entry), as well as attending an interview at the school as part of the assessment process. The school will request a reference from the Candidate's current school prior to a formal offer being made.

OFFERS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PLACE

Successful candidates will receive a formal offer letter and Acceptance documents within seven days of their interview. The Deadline for Acceptance will be stated on the formal offer letter. To accept a place, the Acceptance documents and the Acceptance deposit must be received by the Deadline for Acceptance. Acceptances received after the Deadline of Acceptance are not guaranteed a place for that academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kensington Park School offers a number of scholarships for:

- Academic excellence
- Music
- Sports
- Arts

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- Drama

In addition, there is also the prestigious Kensington Scholars programme

Scholarships are designed to reward excellence and to celebrate exceptional talent. In recognition of their achievements, the scholar is offered a reduction in the tuition fees throughout their time at Kensington Park School. Parents are asked to indicate on the Registration Form whether they wish to apply for a scholarship. A scholarship may be withdrawn at any time in accordance with the Terms and Conditions upon which the award is made or in accordance with the school's Terms and Conditions. Scholarships are reviewed on an annual basis with any scholarship dependent on grades, behaviour and overall contribution to the School.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

For candidates who apply for Year 7 – Year 10 entry, academic scholarships are selected from the most outstanding performers in the entrance examinations. For candidates applying for Year 12 entry, academic scholarships are awarded on GCSE results and school reports.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music scholarships are awarded to outstanding musicians who play any instrument or sing with exceptional ability. Candidates must obtain a reference from their Music teacher in addition to the reference from their current school.

Music Scholars will be asked to submit a portfolio of evidence and will be invited to perform two contrasting pieces of music or song as part of the Scholarship Application. They will be expected to study Music at GCSE and A-level, demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to music, and will be expected to make a contribution to the musical life of the school throughout their time at Kensington Park School.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports scholarships are awarded to outstanding sportsmen/women who perform at a high level in their chosen sport. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate qualities of leadership and team play of a very high order. Candidates will be required to obtain a specialist reference from their sports coach in addition to the reference from their current school. Sports Scholars will be asked to submit a portfolio of evidence supporting their application. They will be expected to make a contribution to the sporting life of the school throughout their time at the school.

ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Art scholarships are awarded to outstanding artists who have a talent in drawing, painting, sketching, textiles and photography. Candidates will be required to demonstrate a strong portfolio as part of their application and they will be invited to spend time drawing from direct observation. Candidates will be expected to study Art at GCSE and A-level, contribute to art exhibitions and to the art clubs throughout their time at the school.

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DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Drama scholarships are awarded to outstanding actors and actresses who have a high level of talent in Drama and Theatre studies. Candidates will be required to submit evidence of their ability with recommendation letters from their drama teachers and also submit a video of a drama performance as part of their application. They will be expected to participate in all school productions throughout their time at the school.

KENSINGTON SCHOLARS

Kensington Park School is proud to nurture and reward outstanding academic ability and talent. The Kensington Scholars programme has been specifically designed to reward applicants to Year 12 demonstrating exceptional academic ability in any discipline. Offering up to a 30% reduction in tuition fees for students applying to KPS Sixth Form, the scholarship will be valid for the full two-year A Level programme, but will be reviewed termly to ensure that the recipient of the scholarship continues to perform at a high academic standard. Students with predicted grades of 9 to 7 in 6 or more GCSE subject examinations (or international equivalent) are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications to the Kensington Scholars programme is the third Friday in November of the preceding academic year prior to admission. The Registration Form along with a list of required application documents is available on the School website and from the Admissions team.

OVERSEAS CANDIDATES

Kensington Park School welcomes applications from International students. When circumstances prevent an in-person interview from being conducted, we arrange Teams interviews with the Headmaster or the Head of Sixth Form. Overseas students should have a relative living in the UK whom they can stay with during holidays. If a student does not have a relative in the UK, they should have a UK based Education guardian who they can reside with during holidays. Students entering the School from Year 9 are welcome to board with us.

A visa will be required if the candidate does not hold a UK passport or if the candidate does not hold Settled or Pre-Settled Status. Kensington Park School is a Student Sponsor under the Student Route System and the School is therefore able to sponsor both Child Student and Student applications. A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) will only be issued once the Acceptance documents have been received and the deposit and registration fee has been paid.

Parents of overseas students should appreciate that we do not run short-term study programmes and expect our students to complete their Year 7-13 education at Kensington Park School.

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FLUENCY IN ENGLISH

In order to cope with the high academic and social demands of the school, students must have a high level of English. Normally students should have been education in the English language prior to joining the School. For candidates applying for Year 12 entry, they are expected to hold a minimum of a CEFR B2 level qualification.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Copies of the School's Terms and Conditions will be made available to parents as part of the admissions process.

COMPLAINTS

The School hopes that parents and students do not have any complaints about the School's admissions process. Any complaint regarding the admissions process or admission to the school should be made in writing to the Headmaster, by post to the School or via email hmea@kps.co.uk, and will be reviewed on an individual basis.

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