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ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Admissions Policy applies to the whole school including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Prospective parents are invited to attend Farlington Open Days and encouraged to make individual appointments to meet the Headmistress and have a tour of the School before registering their daughter or son.

Pupils may enter Farlington at Pre-Preparatory, Preparatory or Senior School level. Boys are admitted to Farlington in Reception only, from September 2018.

Reception

Pupils normally enter the Reception Class at the beginning of the Autumn Term and will become age 5 during their year in the Reception Class. In the absence of EYFS Profile records, an informal assessment will usually take place during the second half of the term preceding entry.

- For children already in LBO Nursery at Farlington, the Early Years Foundation Stage profile records, will be passed through to the Reception teacher, giving an accurate picture of their prior learning and achievements.
- For external pupils, an informal assessment will include some of the following: writing their name, drawing a person, tracing, colouring, cutting out, counting, numeral recognition, colours, conservation of number, phonics.
- A general Teacher Assessment of social skills, speaking and listening and concentration skills will be made.
- A recent Nursery School Report will be requested, if applicable.

For entry at Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4, entrance is based on satisfactory outcomes in the following areas:

- Interview
- Written assessments or Entrance Examination (not Key Stage 1)
- Report from current school
- Availability of spaces in the appropriate year group
- Family links with the School

The main Entrance Examinations take place in January, for admission to the School in the following September. Admissions at other times of the year are based on the same criteria and are considered at the discretion of the Headmistress. All external and internal candidates applying for an Academic Scholarship for entry into Year 7 will sit papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Academic Scholarship candidates for entry into Year 9 will also be required to sit a Science paper. The Vive Parva 7+ Scholarship for entry into Prep 3 comprises written assessments in mathematics and story writing, with non-verbal reasoning and a group interview also.



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Places are not normally offered outside a pupil’s chronological year group. Final decisions are made by the Headmistress after consultation with the Senior Leadership Team.

Deposit

For new pupils a deposit of £400 is required with the Acceptance Form.

For boarders whose parents reside in the UK a deposit of £500 is required.

For one year boarders or international boarders from within the EU a £1000 deposit is required.

For boarders whose parents reside outside the UK¹, a deposit equivalent to a term’s full boarding fees is required:

- for Senior School boarders: £9,950
- for Prep 6 boarders: £8,905
- for Prep 5 boarders: £8,705
- for Prep 4 boarders: £8,180

Transfer from the Preparatory School to the Senior School

The majority of Prep School pupils will transfer to the Senior School. In exceptional cases where pupils would not be expected to cope with the Senior School curriculum, the parents will be alerted at the beginning of their daughter’s year in Prep 5 and offered help to make alternative arrangements. This decision will be made in the best interests of the pupil and will follow consultation between the Headmistress, the Assistant Head (Prep) and the parents. The final decision rests with the Headmistress and cannot be appealed.

All Prep 6 pupils entering for a Year 7 Scholarship in Academics, Art, Drama, Music or Sport will be assessed in their discipline and will have an interview.

Pupils entering Year 7 may also apply for the Vive Scholarship; this award comprises a 50% reduction in tuition fees. Girls applying for this award must excel academically in addition to having a particular strength in another area e.g. Art, Drama, Music or Sport.

ENTRY INTO SPECIFIC YEARS

Entry to Preps 1 and 2

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Informal Assessment	✓	✓	✓
Reference from current Head teacher/Head of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	✓	✓	✓

Entry to Prep 3, 4, 5, 6

¹ Except for parents serving abroad with the UK Armed Forces or UK Diplomatic Corps



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	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
English paper including creative writing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics Paper	✓	✓	✓	✓
Informal interview	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reference from current Head teacher	✓	✓	✓	✓

Entry to Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11#
English paper	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mathematics paper	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Science paper		✓	✓	✓	
Interview	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Verbal reasoning test	✓	✓	✓		
Reference from current Head teacher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Candidates with dyslexia may take a non-verbal reasoning test and may be given extra time to complete written tests.

Papers will be set to determine setting arrangements as necessary. Admission into Year 11 will be considered in exceptional circumstances only.

Results

Results will be recorded, together with comments by the staff marking the scripts. Copies are kept on the pupil's file and centrally with the Headmistress.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for entrance into Prep 3, Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form. Scholarships available include Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Sport, Textiles (Sixth Form only), Vive (Year 7 only) and Vive Parva (Prep 3 only). The Scholarship Day for Sixth Form takes place in the November preceding the year of entry. The Scholarship and Entrance Examination Day for Prep 3, Year 7 and Year 9 takes place in the January preceding the year of entry.

Entry into the Sixth Form

- Prospective entrants to the Sixth Form should have at least 6 GCSE passes predicted at A*- C grades; they will be interviewed and a reference from their current Head teacher will be obtained. Any exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration.
- Minimum grades may be required for some subjects, as outlined in the Sixth Form Handbook.

Applications for places from International and Tier 4 Pupils

Please see the Enrolment and Monitoring Policy and Procedure for Tier 4 Pupils



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Application for Short-Term Visitor Places

- Farlington School is able to offer short-term visitor places to pupils from EU countries, for a stay of a minimum of one half-term, and no more than one academic year. Applications for places are accepted on the basis of availability of places in the Boarding House, appropriate to the age of the student. Generally, short-term places are available for girls aged between 9 and 14 years of age.
- Expressions of interest in short-term places can be received in advance, but the availability cannot be confirmed until nearer the time of the visit. Priority for boarding places is given to current Day Pupils who wish to board and new pupils to the school who require a long-term boarding place.
- A completed Visitors Registration Form and fee will be required, along with a transcript of the student's most recent school report. The student will need to hand-write a brief personal statement in English, in support of their application. An on-line skype interview will also be conducted by a senior member of staff.
- The offer of a place will need to be formally accepted, by completing and returning the Visitors Registration Form. No deposit for the place is required, however full payment will need to be made in advance. The fees will be calculated on a pro-rata basis, dependent upon the length of the visit. Any other unexpected costs incurred during the student's stay will be charged additionally.
- As for all boarding students, the contact details of a named Guardian, who is resident in the UK at the time of the student's visit, will need to be given before the start of the student's enrolment.