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New Pupil 11+ Entry Testing at Orley Farm School

Orley Farm School is a successful, independent Prep School offering high quality education to both boys and girls. Orley Farm has a strong record of achievement in entrance and scholarship exams to senior independent schools.

As girls may leave us at the end of Year 6 when they are 11+ (and boys at the end of Year 8 when they are 13+), we have places available for 11+ pupils (boys or girls) who would like to join our Year 7 in September 2015. Means tested bursaries and scholarship assisted places are also available.

Application for entry is open to all pupils who are currently of Year 6 age (born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004).

If you would like to apply for your son or daughter, the process is as follows:

1. Complete an application form (available directly from our Registrar, Mrs Julie Jago, or by downloading it from our website). There is a registration fee of £50.
2. The closing date for applications is **Friday 20th February 2015**.
3. The entry testing will take place on **Saturday 28th February 2015** between 09:00 and 12:00 and will consist of some digital (computerised) reasoning tests together with a piece of English writing and a Maths paper. No preparation is necessary for these tests. Pupils need only bring something to write with and a reading book (in case other pupils are finishing).
4. Those wishing to apply for a Music Scholarship will be given an additional later appointment to see our Director of Music, Mrs K. Peacock, but must come to the entry tests on Saturday 28th February 2015.
5. Those wishing to apply for a Sports Scholarship will be given a later appointment to see our Head of Boys' Sports, Mr S. Bloom or Head of Girls' Sports, Miss N. Hehir but must come to the entry tests on Saturday 28th February 2015.
6. Those wishing to apply for a Drama Scholarship will be given a later appointment to see Mrs R. Gascoigne (Head of Drama) but must come to the entry tests on Saturday 28th February 2015.
7. Pupils being considered for entry after the tests will be invited for an interview with the Headmaster the following week. A final decision will be made and notification given by Friday 13th March 2015.

In common with many schools, the award of a *scholarship* will attract due public recognition but not a significant allowance against fees. The *means-tested bursary* element of the process will provide greater financial assistance assessed on an individual basis. Scholarships will be awarded for academic as well as musical talent and potential. A maximum of four Academic, two Drama, two Music Scholarships and two Sports Scholarships will be awarded.

Academic Awards

Candidates seeking an Academic Award should be making excellent academic progress in their present school and demonstrate a love for learning. Where pupils are currently at a school which has opted in to the National Curriculum testing process (this includes all state schools), we would expect their predicted SATs levels to be a secure Level 5 in English, Mathematics and Science - or above.

Drama Award

Candidates seeking a Drama Award should prepare and present a monologue lasting no more than two minutes. This can be from a play of your choice. We will expect the successful candidate to fully participate and commit to any Upper School productions, however, this does not come with any guarantee of a leading role.

Music Awards

Candidates seeking a Music Award should be able to demonstrate a level of musical skill and awareness that will enable them to participate fully in the Music School's curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Music School has a long-standing tradition of excellence in both choral and instrumental music and provides many opportunities for students to perform at a very high level. Prospective candidates should have experience of singing within their School Choir (or Church/community choir) and be at a level equivalent to a good pass at Grade 4 on their main instrument. A second instrument is a positive advantage. Lower than Grade 4 on two instruments may be considered where there is clear potential for improvement.

Applicants for Music Scholarships should prepare two contrasting pieces on their first study instrument and one piece on a second instrument (including voice) where a second instrument is being offered. Candidates will be asked to perform at audition which will also include a short aural and musicianship test and viva voce. A piano accompanist will be provided.

Sports Awards

Candidates seeking a Sports Award should be able to demonstrate a high level of sporting competence and awareness that will enable them to participate fully in the Sports Department's curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Sports Department has a long standing tradition of excellence in prep school sport and provides many opportunities for students to perform at a very high level, through our extensive fixture list and tournaments (hosted and attended).

It would be advantageous for applicants to have played their sport(s) at either club or representative levels. On the day of testing, candidates will be expected to participate in a wide range of sporting activities for assessment purposes.

Please contact Mrs Jago for further information on 0208 869 7634

Or email registrar@orleyfarm.harrow.sch.uk