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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 2017. 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006).

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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.
3. The entry testing will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017** between 08:30 and 13:00 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, Drama, Art, Technology or Sport Scholarship will be given an additional later appointment to see the relevant Head of Department for an appropriate test, however, applicants need to pass our entry tests held on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.
5. Pupils will take part in group interviews during the assessment morning. Further interviews may be conducted after the tests and some applicants may will be invited for an interview with the Headmaster the following week. A final decision will be made and notification given on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

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 excellence in one or more of the following fields: Academic, Music Drama, Art, Technology and Sport. A maximum of ten scholarships will be awarded in total each year.

### **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.

### **Music Awards**

Candidates 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 an audition which will also include a short aural and musicianship test and viva voce. A piano accompanist will be provided.

### **Drama Award**

Candidates 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.

### **Art Award**

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a passion for the subject, through a knowledge of artists, artistic movements and frequent gallery visits. Candidates should display a natural and instinctive talent for Art in their drawing skills and innovative use of a range of materials in both 2D and 3D.

Submission of a maximum of 10 photographs (stating the materials, dimensions, year of completion and any title) via a Power Point presentation is requested initially on, or before, the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Selected candidates will be invited to attend for a practical assessment of skills. The original work seen on the Power Point should be brought along as well as sketch books and current pieces for discussion with the Head of Art.

### **Technology**

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a high level of understanding, ability and skill in using 2D Design as well as SolidWorks. Both practical and presentation skills should be of a high standard and pupils should be able to work independently. As part of the scholarship, pupils will be required to attend a weekly Scholarship hobby after school. Following the entry testing pupils may be asked to attend a practical assessment with the Head of Technology.

### **Sports Awards**

Candidates 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.

It would be advantageous for applicants to have played their sport(s) at either club or representative levels. Candidates will be assessed on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm** and be expected to participate in a wide range of sporting activities.

Please contact Mrs Jago for further information on 0208 869 7634

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