



## YEAR 8 (12+) ENTRANCE PROCEDURE 2018/2019

To enter at this stage your son must be 12 years old by 1 September of the year of entry. This means that normally your son is in Year 7 of his present school. We select boys on the basis of merit, ability and aptitude and this is reflected in our assessment procedures. These comprise of three parts: -

- A report from your son's present/most recent school. We automatically request a confidential report direct from your son's present school.
- A series of examination papers.
- An interview - boys should expect to be asked about such matters as: their likes and dislikes in their own school; their assessment of their progress; interest and hobbies; current affairs, etc.

The examination performance carries most weight overall, but the school report and the interview are important influences upon our final decision.

### **Examination**

Entrance examinations will take place throughout the academic year.

It is important to us that your son is able to perform at his best. If there is a need for us to make any alterations to our arrangements for him, then we would be pleased to do so. For example, if he has a tendency to suffer from headaches we can ensure that he is in the shade; if he is dyslexic then we can allow extra time. In all such cases we will give our very sincere assurance that anything you tell us under this heading will NOT be taken into account in the selection process.

The exam will consist of **three** written papers:

#### **1. *English***

The entrance test follows National Curriculum guidelines and consists of two parts:

- Comprehension (approximately 50 minutes).
- Writing - A wide choice of subjects to allow free English expression (40 minutes).

**2. Mathematics**

The exam, which lasts 75 minutes, will be based on topics in the National Curriculum at Key Stage 3.

*Note: We do not supply past or practice papers but relevant revision material can be readily found.*

**3. Non-Verbal Reasoning**

The boys sit a non-verbal reasoning paper that lasts 30 minutes. Full explanations of how to attempt the test are given prior to the actual paper, including a practice test.