



NOTES ON ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP
EXAMINATIONS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/13

Pupils can enter Wrekin College at a number of different stages, and by a number of different routes. We take pupils into the school in every academic year, although more rarely into Year 11 (Fifth Form) or Year 13 (Upper Sixth), and the usual points of entry are at ages 11, 13 and 16 (Years 7, 9 and 12). We also take pupils from both independent and state schools, in the UK and abroad – so our entry arrangements are flexible to reflect the different educational experiences of our applicants.

All pupils wishing to be considered for entry to Wrekin must take an academic examination, either an Entrance Examination or a Scholarship Examination, or for Sixth Form entry attend formal interviews. In addition, they may also apply for a Music, Art and/or Sports Scholarship by taking the appropriate examination/audition (see back page for dates). References will be requested from the candidate's present school in advance.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils of outstanding ability and are likely to be in the range of ten to twenty-five per cent of fees.

Bursaries may be awarded on a means-tested basis when parents are unable to meet the full school fees. Bursaries may top up a scholarship or other award, or support a candidate entry. In exceptional circumstances, bursaries can be up to one hundred per cent of the fees. Bursary applications should initially be discussed with the Headmaster.

If you have any questions about admission to Wrekin please contact Mrs Caroline Williams, Admissions Officer; on 01952 265603; admissions@wrekincollege.com

ENTRY AT 11 INTO ACADEMIC YEAR 7 (FIRST FORM)

The 11+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION is the basic requirement for entry to Wrekin College. It assesses potential pupils' ability to cope with the academic life of Wrekin; if a pupil shows this potential and places are available, a place will be offered.

The 11+ Entrance Examination consists of papers in Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning. The papers are based on the existing Year 6 curriculum.

The 11+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION is a competitive examination that must be taken on the day specified. Papers are set in Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning and there is also an interview with the Headmaster. Scholarship candidates who do not obtain an award may be offered an ordinary place without having to sit a further entry examination on the basis of their performance in the Scholarship Examination.

Please note that the Scholarship papers in Mathematics and English contain extension work beyond the level of the 11+ Entry examination and in some cases this could be demoralising for a candidate who is not quite ready for this challenge.

ENTRY AT 13 INTO ACADEMIC YEAR 9 (THIRD FORM)

13+ ENTRY FROM INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (AND INTERNAL CANDIDATES)

COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

This examination takes place at the candidate's preparatory school in May/June of the year of entry. Papers are sent for marking to the senior school specified by the candidate.

There is no requirement for candidates taking Common Entrance examinations to take any other examinations to enter Wrekin College. However, they may choose to sit for one of the Scholarship examinations which take place earlier in the academic year. This should be discussed in advance with the Headmaster or Admissions Officer.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

We offer an Open Scholarship examination for those candidates being prepared for Common Entrance examinations or for internal candidates from the Wrekin Second Form. Candidates will sit papers in English, Mathematics, Verbal Reasoning, French, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Religious Studies. There will also be an academic interview with the Headmaster. The examinations will take place over three days.

Any pupil taking the Open Scholarship Examination will be invited to board at Wrekin during the exam period, though there is no requirement to do so.

13+ ENTRY FROM STATE SCHOOLS

For those pupils at state schools we offer a 13+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION comprising one hour papers in English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning

or

There is also a 13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP comprising extended papers in Mathematics and English plus a Verbal Reasoning paper and an academic interview with the Headmaster.

ENTRY AT 16 INTO ACADEMIC YEAR 12 (SIXTH FORM) (EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL CANDIDATES)

Places in the Sixth Form – including in some cases academic scholarships or exhibitions – are based on:

- a) a report from the current school;
- b) the predicted grades at GCSE level;
- c) an academic interview with the Headmaster and interviews with at least two of the Heads of Department of the subjects which the candidate intends to study to AS and A Level.

The candidate should bring, or submit in advance, pieces of work that have been completed on current GCSE topics, or which show an academic interest outside the confines of the GCSE.

A final offer will then be made on the basis of:

- the school report;
- GCSE predicted grades;
- the work submitted and the interviews;
- the pupil's potential overall contribution to school life.

In most cases, a specific target based on GCSE results will be set for all sixth form entrants. Academic awards are unlikely to be given to candidates with predicted GCSE grades of less than 8 As and A*s. Applications for Sixth Form entry can be made at any time, depending on the availability of places, but applications for awards must be made by February in the year of entry, and successful candidates will be notified in March.

NOTES FOR 11+, 13+ and 16+ MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Auditions will take place at Wrekin College Music School and candidates should make their way directly to the Music School on arrival. Directions and a detailed timetable will be sent to parents in the week prior to the examination.

Auditions for each candidate will last approximately 40 minutes. The Director of Music, Mr Francis Murton, and an external examiner will assess the performances. Each candidate will be required to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument or voice, one piece on their second and any other instruments or voice, together with sight-reading, scales and aural tests.

As a guide, candidates should be performing at Grade 3 standard for 11+, Grade 5 standard for 13+ and Grade 6 standard for 16+.

Candidates who need accompanists would normally provide their own; if this is a difficulty, please notify the Director of Music in advance.

There will also be a short interview with Mr Murton at which candidates may be asked questions about their audition music.

A reference will be requested from the candidate's current school/music teacher in advance.

For further guidance, please feel free to contact Mr Francis Murton, Director of Music on 01952 265625; music@wrekincollege.com

NOTES FOR 11+, 13+ and 16+ ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The theme this year is 'Fashion or Function in Footwear'.

In the course of the scholarship day candidates will be asked to draw, paint or model their choice of objects relating to this year's theme. We will provide a selection of items, but the candidates are also welcome to bring their own subject matter along with any preparatory work. Any medium may be used and candidates may bring their own art materials or use those provided.

During the day each candidate will be interviewed by the Head of Art. Candidates should also bring a portfolio of recent work to discuss at interview. This portfolio should contain a sketchbook and a selection of work in whichever field of art the candidate has studied. Two-dimensional work need not be mounted. Photographs or slides of three-dimensional work are also acceptable. A reference will be requested from the candidate's current school in advance.

Directions will be sent to parents in the week prior to the examination and on the day pupils should make their way directly to the Art School between 9am and 9.15am, ready to commence work at 9.30am. They should be collected from the Art School at 4pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

For further guidance, please feel free to contact Mr Eddie Roberts, Head of Art on 01952 265600; eroberts@wrekincollege.com

NOTES FOR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports Scholarships may be awarded to candidates who offer outstanding ability in sport. Applications should be made directly to the Headmaster during the academic year before entry to the school. Candidates should submit a CV of their sporting achievements to date, together with the names of three supporting referees who will be contacted directly by Wrekin. Candidates must satisfy the school's normal academic entry requirements, and will typically be at least at regional standard in their sport.

NOTES FOR THE PENDLE AWARDS

Prestigious Pendle Awards may be offered to all-rounders who have high academic standards, together with excellence in other areas such as sport, music, art or drama. Candidates must apply by entering the Academic Scholarship Examination and at least one other Scholarship examination/audition. In addition, parents must write a letter to the Headmaster supporting their child's suitability to be considered for a Pendle Award.

EXAM DATES

1. Pupils sitting an examination for Wrekin College must be registered with the school. If you have not already done so, the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations Application Form should be returned together with a completed Registration Form and a cheque for the Registration Fee of £100 made payable to WREKIN COLLEGE.
2. Art and Music Scholarships are taken in addition to the appropriate academic entrance examinations.
3. Please complete and return the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations Application Form by the relevant closing date to:
Mrs Caroline Williams, Admissions Officer; Wrekin College, Wellington TF1 3BH
4. On receipt of the candidate's application we will contact their current headteacher for a reference.

YEAR 7 (FIRST FORM) AND YEAR 9 (THIRD FORM)

11+ Music Scholarship	Monday 9 th January 2012
11+ Academic Scholarship	Tuesday 10 th January 2012
11+ Entrance Examination	Wednesday 11 th January 2012
11+ Art Scholarship	Friday 13 th January 2012
13+ Music Scholarship	Monday 27 th February 2012
13+ Entry Examination/Scholarship (State School Candidates)	Tuesday 28 th February 2012
13+ Open Scholarship (Independent Schools and Internal Candidates)	Tuesday 28 th – Thursday 1 st March 2012
13+ Art Scholarship	Friday 2 nd March 2012

CLOSING DATE FOR 11+ EXAMINATIONS: Friday 9th December 2011

CLOSING DATE FOR 13+ EXAMINATIONS: Friday 3rd February 2012

YEAR 12 (SIXTH FORM)

For full Sixth Form scholarship and entry procedures please contact Mrs Caroline Williams on 01952 265603; admissions@wrekincollege.com

16+ Music Scholarship	Monday 27 th February 2012
16+ Art Scholarship	Friday 2 nd March 2012

CLOSING DATE FOR 16+ EXAMINATIONS: Friday 3rd February 2012

Wrekin College Scholarship examinations can ONLY be taken on the dates published. Entry examinations may be taken on other dates by special arrangement with the Headmaster. Please note that candidates must be registered prior to the examination. We aim to publish the results within one month of the exam dates.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What should I bring with me?
Pens, pencils and a protractor. Calculators may NOT be used in any exam.
2. If a scholarship award is not made will my child need to sit another exam?
If your child does not achieve the very high standard required for a Scholarship (or Exhibition) Award, they may still be offered a place. The scholarship papers are extended versions of the entrance papers so there is likely to be no need to sit another exam.
3. What is an Exhibition Award?
An Exhibition Award reflects high achievements that are not quite at full scholarship standard, but which the Headmaster feels should be recognised.
4. How quickly will we hear the results?
Wherever possible we inform candidates within one month of the examination date.
5. What should I wear on the day?
All candidates should wear their current school uniform.
6. Are refreshments provided on exam days?
Refreshments are available to candidates throughout the day. We will also provide lunch to all children here over the lunchtime period.

For all admissions enquiries please contact:
Mrs Caroline Williams, Admissions Officer
01952 265603; admissions@wrekincollege.com; www.wrekincollege.com



ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS APPLICATION
For entry September 2012

Please read the accompanying Notes on Entrance and Scholarship Examinations before completing this application.

Candidate's name in full

Age Date of birth

Please tick as appropriate:

11+ Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sixth Form Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>
11+ Academic Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Academic Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sixth Form Academic Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>
11+ Art Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Open Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	16+ Art Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>
11+ Music Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Art Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	16+ Music Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>
11+ Sports Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Music Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	16+ Sports Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pendle Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	13+ Sports Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pendle Award	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Pendle Award	<input type="checkbox"/>		

NB: Common Entrance applications are dealt with by the candidate's preparatory school.

Current school

Name of headteacher

Address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone no

Father's name

Address

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Postcode Telephone no

Mobile Email

Mother's name

Address (if different from above)

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Postcode Telephone no

Mobile Email

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarships are available for pupils entering at 11+, 13+ and 16+. Awards are offered to candidates who submit evidence of outstanding ability and a strong interest in music. Please complete the following:

Current school's Director of Music or name of music/instrument teacher:

Email Telephone no

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a guide, candidates should be performing at Grade 3 standard for 11+, Grade 5 standard for 13+ and Grade 6 standard for 16+. Please refer to the accompanying Notes on Entrance and Scholarship Examinations for further information and examination dates.

First instrument

For how long has the instrument been studied?

Last grade examination Mark Date

Approximate grade if no examination taken

Second instrument

For how long has the instrument been studied?

Last grade examination Mark Date

Approximate grade if no examination taken

Singing

Last grade examination Mark Date

Approximate grade if no examination taken

Please feel free to give any extra information about the candidate on a separate sheet.

ART SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Art Scholarships are available for pupils entering at 11+, 13+ and 16+. Awards are offered to candidates who submit evidence of outstanding ability and a strong interest in art.

Please refer to the accompanying Notes on Entrance and Scholarship Examinations for further information and examination dates.

Current school's Head of Art

Email Telephone no

Please feel free to give any extra information about the candidate on a separate sheet.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarships are available for pupils entering at 11+, 13+ and 16+. Please refer to the accompanying Notes on Entrance and Scholarship Examinations for further information and examination dates.

Current school's Head of PE

Email Telephone no

Name of first referee

Sporting discipline/club

Address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone no

Name of second referee

Sporting discipline/club

Address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone no

Name of third referee

Sporting discipline/club

Address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone no

Please feel free to give any extra information about the candidate on a separate sheet.

PENDLE AWARD APPLICATION

Pendle Awards may be offered to those candidates who have high academic standards, together with excellence in other areas such as Sport, Music Art or Drama. Therefore Pendle applications must be supported by an Academic Scholarship and at least one other scholarship entry, together with an accompanying letter to the Headmaster from the candidate's parents, supporting their child's suitability to be considered for this award.

Please tick the checklist below as appropriate:

A letter to the Headmaster is enclosed in support of the candidate's application for a Pendle Award

The candidate has been entered for the Academic Scholarship

The candidate has been entered for a supporting scholarship(s)

SIXTH FORM ENTRY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please refer to the accompanying Notes on Examination and Scholarship Examinations for further information on Sixth Form entry and scholarship applications.

GCSE subjects already taken/to be taken:

	Grade/ predicted grade		Grade/ predicted grade		Grade/ predicted grade		Grade/ predicted grade
English Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biology	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physics	<input type="checkbox"/>	French	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>	German	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed Lower Sixth Subjects:

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Number of pieces of work enclosed in support of the candidate's application:

Parent's signature

Parent's signature

Name in full

Name in full

Date

Date

Please return your completed Application Form to:

Mrs Caroline Williams, Admission Officer, Wrekin College, Wellington, Shropshire TF1 3BH
01952 265603; admissions@wrekincollege.com

