



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

For Entry in 2024

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for enquiring about a place at Bromsgrove School for your child. This booklet will help guide you through the admissions procedure and give you some useful background information about the School.

Pupils can gain admission to Bromsgrove School in any year group, but the main points of intake are:

Pre-Preparatory	Nursery and Reception
Preparatory	Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7
Senior	Year 9 and Sixth Form

The Admissions staff are always happy to talk to parents looking for a place outside of these main intake points. They can advise about the availability of places and give guidance about applying for a place. Please do contact them if you require any additional information either before registering for a place or during the application process.

Admissions Contact Details

Email:	admissions@bromsgrove-school.co.uk	
Telephone:	01527 579679	
Mrs Liberty Chance	Admissions Manager UK entrants, day and boarding, Prep international boarders	ext 347
Mrs Jo Courtney	International boarders - Senior School	ext 273
Mrs Tracey Collard	International boarders - Sixth Form	ext 318
Mrs Julie Cross	International boarders ALP and Summer School	ext 214
Mrs Amanda James	Visits Co-ordinator	ext 383

VISITS

We encourage prospective families to visit the School. Individual visits will normally include a meeting with the Headmaster (if available, otherwise a Senior Deputy Head), the Headmaster of Prep and Pre-Preparatory School (if appropriate) and other senior staff.

We hold regular open mornings for all sections of the School and are always delighted if families visit for an open morning and then follow that up with an individual visit.

We have a full range of videos which give a taste of School life which can be sent to you on request.

To organise your visit or to book a place at one of our open mornings, please contact our Visits Co-ordinator, Mrs Amanda James, on ext 383 or by email at ajames@bromsgrove-school.co.uk

GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY

All pupils wishing to gain entry to Bromsgrove School must sit our entrance examinations. A registration form must be completed prior to sitting the examination. Following registration, a confidential report from the current school will be requested. Offers of a place will be based on performance in the examination. Other relevant information, such as an educational psychologist's report, may also be taken into consideration.

Entrance examinations are completed online on a given date and time. Details of the entrance examination structure are available from the Admissions Office.

For pupils wishing to enter the Sixth Form from other British schools, admission is based on predicted GCSE results. Sixth Form candidates wishing to be considered for an Academic Scholarship should submit a scholarship application form at the time of registration.

All international pupils, including those for Sixth Form entry, sit our entrance tests in their own country by arrangement with one of our representatives. Alternatively, they may sit the examinations during a visit to Bromsgrove.

The policy for Nursery and Pre-Preparatory admissions can be obtained directly from Mrs Liberty Chance in the [Admissions office](#).

OPEN MORNING DATES

Pre-Preparatory School

Nursery to Year 2

Saturday 9th September 2023

Saturday 20th January 2024

Saturday 8th June 2024

Preparatory School

All Years

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Senior School

13+ Entry

Saturday 7th October 2023

GCSE Subject Choices* (Year 8)

Saturday 16th March 2024

Sixth Form Entry

Sixth Form Choices*

Saturday 14th October 2023

Saturday 3rd February 2024

*The Sixth Form and GCSE Choices Information Mornings are open to current Bromsgrove pupils and to prospective pupils. They offer an opportunity to meet the Heads of Departments for each faculty and to learn about the courses on offer for GCSE and in the Sixth Form.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATES

13+ Entry

(Entry to Year 9) **

Friday 17th November 2023

11+ Entry

(Entry to Year 7) **

Thursday 16th November 2023

Prep School Entry

(Entry to Years 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8)

Saturday 13th January 2024

***Alternative entrance examination dates may be offered at the discretion of the Assistant Head.*

11+ & 13+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

11+ & 13+

Friday 24th November 2023

Attendance is by invitation, subject to performance in the Entrance Examinations

16+ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

16+

Wednesday 15th November 2023

After the scholarship examinations, selected candidates will be invited back for to attend scholarship interviews, date to be confirmed.

BOARDING and DAY

DAY HOUSES

Senior School

Every Pupil in Bromsgrove Senior School belongs to a House – either day or boarding. Loyalties to the House are strong and there is huge competition between the Houses.

We have three girls' day houses and three boys' day houses, all with approximately 80 pupils, each is run by a Houseparent and their team of tutors. The Houses offer pastoral and academic support and are always the first point of contact for parents with any concerns.

Senior School Day Houses

Hazeldene	Girls
Lupton	Boys
Lyttelton	Boys
Otilie Hild	Girls
School House	Boys
Thomas Cookes	Girls
Walters	Boys

Preparatory School

At Preparatory School pupils belong to a tutor group. In Years 3 and 4 the tutor will also be the class teacher. In the older year groups pupils have a Form tutor. The Class or Form tutor is a parent's first point of contact for any concerns, the Heads of Year and the Deputy Heads are also always available for both pupils and parents, should the need arise.

All pupils in the Preparatory School are in one of six Houses. House competitions run throughout the year, culminating in an end of year winning House. Events include, but are not limited to, major sports, music, drama and academic achievement. The Preparatory School House system is competition based but acts as a precursor to the traditional House system of the Senior School.

BOARDING HOUSES

Pupils board full time, with a limited number of spaces for weekly boarders. The weekly boarding fee includes transport on Monday morning and Friday afternoon. We do not operate exeat weekends, so full time boarders are not required to leave the School at any time during term time, other than for School holidays. This means that there is always a large number of boarders on site and that an exciting activity programme is available to them.

We operate a 'Guardian Angels' holiday scheme every holiday and half term (not including the Christmas holidays or the long summer holidays) which offers boarding pupils the chance to remain at School in a relaxed and friendly environment. The scheme offer a chance for pupils to rest and relax as they would at home.

Bromsgrove School continuously makes investments and improvements into its boarding accommodation and is proud to offer facilities of the very highest standard. A rolling refurbishment programme means that all the boarding accommodation is updated and decorated regularly.

Senior School boarding Houses:

Oakley	Girls
Mary Windsor	Girls
Elmshurst	Boys
Wendron-Gordon	Boys
Housman Hall	Boys and Girls, Sixth Form only

Preparatory School

Page House and Page Conway Road House cater for around 100 boys and girls aged from seven to thirteen who are cared for by resident Houseparents, supported by a team of tutors and resident staff.

If you are considering a Prep boarding place we can offer taster boarding sessions, subject to spaces being available.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

WHAT	WHEN	INFORMATION
Enquiry	Any time of the year	Please contact Admissions by telephone 01527 579679 or email admissions@bromsgrove-school.co.uk .
Individual Visit	At any time during term time	Please contact Mrs Amanda James by email at ajames@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or by phone on ext 383.
Registration	After your visit	Complete online Registration Form and make online payment of the Registration Fee (£100 day place/£200 boarding place); these are needed before we can proceed to request confidential school reports from current schools.
Entrance Examinations	November for 11+ & 13+ candidates, Lent Term for all other candidates	Alternative entrance examination dates may be offered at the discretion of the Assistant Head. All examinations are held at Bromsgrove School. For Sixth Form candidates, entry is dependent on achieving specific GCSE grades.
Scholarship Examination or Interview	November	The Admissions office will advise on deadlines for application. Prior registration is required before examination/assessment days. Sports Scholars must meet our entrance requirements and successful candidates (13+) will be required to sit our entrance examinations.
Bursaries	Deadline for bursary applications is the end of the Michaelmas Term (December)	Bursaries are means-tested. Full details and the bursary application form are available to download on the website. The Administration Manager can advise on the bursary application process: kelyv@bromsgrove-school.co.uk
Taster Days and Nights	Prep boarding candidates may have a taster session (space allowing) after registration and before accepting a place. Taster days are available for Pre-Preparatory applicants	The Admissions office will advise on the availability of dates for boarder taster sessions.
Places Offered and Accepted	Lent Term for all points of entry	Acceptance of a place is required within twenty-one days of the offer being made.

ADMISSIONS DATES 2023 – 2024

2023	September	Saturday 9 th	Open Morning for Pre-Prep ages Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
		Saturday 23 rd	Open Morning for Prep School Years 3 – 8
	October	Saturday 7 th	Open Morning for 13+ entry
		Saturday 14 th	Open Morning for Sixth Form applicants
		Monday 30 th	Last day for submission of 11+, 13+ & 16+ registration and Scholarship forms
	November	13 th – 24 th	Music Scholarship auditions Drama Scholarship auditions
		Monday 13 th	11+ 13+ Entrants' video submissions deadline 6.00pm
		Monday 13 th	13+ Sports Scholarship Trials
		Tuesday 14 th	16+ Sports Scholarship Trials
		Tuesday 14 th	11+/13+ Art Scholarship interviews
		Wednesday 15 th	16+ Academic Scholarship Examinations
		Thursday 16 th	16+/13+ Art Scholarship interviews
		Thursday 16 th	11+ Entrance Examinations
		Friday 17 th	13+ Entrance Examinations
		Tuesday 21 st	16+ Academic Scholarship candidates selected or Interview invitations will be advised by the end of the day
		Friday 24 th	11+ & 13+ invited scholarship candidates sit General Knowledge, Maths and English papers
		Tuesday 28 th	11+ & 13+ Academic Scholarship candidates selected for interview will be advised by end of day
		Wednesday 29 th	16+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)
		Thursday 30 th	11+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)
	December	Friday 1 st	13+ Academic Scholarship Interviews (by invitation)
		Friday 15 th	Last day for submission of Bursary applications.
2024	January	Saturday 13 th	Entrance examinations for Years 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8
		Saturday 20 th	Open Morning for Pre-Prep ages Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	February	Saturday 3 rd	Sixth Form Choices course information morning
		Saturday 10 th	Bursary applicants are informed of decisions
	March	Saturday 16 th	GCSE Choices course information morning
	June	Saturday 8 th	Open Morning for Pre-Prep ages Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Please note, dates may be subject to change.

SCHOLARSHIPS

11+ and 13+ candidates whose performance in the entrance examinations is deemed worthy of consideration for an Academic Scholarship will be invited back for interview by the Headmaster and senior staff. All 11+, 13+ and 16+ candidates wishing to be considered for any Scholarship must complete a Scholarship application form.

Full details of all Scholarships are available on the School website. There is much competition both externally and internally for Scholarship places, so please do manage your expectations and those of your child. For those who are unsuccessful in the scholarships, feedback on their performance is available on request.

Scholarships carry a very small financial award but carry much kudos and are held until the next round of Scholarship examinations. All Scholarships can be supplemented by means-tested bursaries.

Scholars are recognised within the School community and should be good role models in all areas of School life. A number of Scholar events are organised annually, either within departments or by the member of staff in charge of scholars.

The following awards are usually made annually:

11+	4 Academic Awards, 1 Music Award	13+	6 Academic Awards, 2 Music Awards, up to 2 Art Awards, up to 2 Drama Awards and up to 4 Sports Awards	16+	6 Academic Awards, 2 Music Awards, up to 2 Art Awards, up to 2 Drama Awards and up to 5 Sports Awards
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Foundation Scholarships

Bromsgrove maintains a number of places for Foundation Scholars. These awards only operate in respect of day places and preference is given to candidates from Bromsgrove and the surrounding area. Foundation Scholarships are awarded to very able pupils in need of financial assistance. The maximum award is 50% of the day fee (means-tested), which may be augmented by a further means-tested bursary. Candidates wishing to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship should apply in writing to Miss Rachel Scannell, Assistant Head, at the Senior School.

Academic Scholarships (11+, 13+)

Fee remission of between 2.5 – 5%.

Candidates will be invited to sit the Scholarships examinations based on performance in the entrance examinations. Scholarship interviews will be offered based on the results of the Scholarship examinations.

Academic Scholarships (16+)

Fee remission of between 2.5 – 5%.

Candidates sit the Scholarships exam based on their subject choices. Scholarship interviews will be offered based on the results of the Scholarship examinations.

Art Scholarships (11+, 13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of materials or art associated trips and visits.

Drama Scholarships (13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 to help with the cost of drama associated trips and visits.

Music Scholarships (11+, 13+, 16+)

Fees remission on lessons for up to two instruments.

Sports Scholarships (13+, 16+)

An annual award of £400 towards payment of sports equipment or sports tour.

Please refer to the Scholarship Brochure for full details about Scholarships at Bromsgrove School.

FEES as of September 2023

DEPOSITS

Registration Fee

Day Place	£100
Boarding Place	£200

Acceptance Deposit

Day Place / Forces Boarder	£500*
Boarding Place	£3,000*

(parents resident in, and fees paid from, Europe)

Additional Deposit

Non-European Boarder	£12,040*
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*this amount is refunded once the final term's fees and extras have been settled.

FEES

SENIOR SCHOOL

All Years		Fees per term
	Day	£6,720 (including lunches)
	Weekly Boarder	£9,965
	Boarder	£15,040

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Years 3 – 6	Day	£4,690 (including lunches)
	Weekly Boarder	£7,125
	Boarder	£9,770

Years 7 & 8	Day	£6,080 (including lunches)
	Weekly Boarder	£8,630
	Boarder	£12,055

PRE-PREP

Reception	£3,250
Years 1 & 2	£3,580

Nursery Fees and Government funding information is available from the Admissions Manager on request

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Music Charges

Per 40 or 30 minute lesson	£36.00/£27.00
Hire of Instrument per term	£36.00

Ten teaching weeks' notice is required for cessation of music lessons and such notice must be given to the Director of Music.

BURSARY INFORMATION

Bromsgrove offers a generous provision of scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships reward excellent performance in academe, sport, music and the arts, and carry little or no financial assistance. Bursaries are means-tested and offer assistance with fees. It is possible to apply for both a bursary and scholarship at the same time. Full details of the bursary application process and the bursary application form can be found on the School website.

Bromsgrove is committed as far as possible to helping those pupils who would benefit from a Bromsgrove education but whose parents or guardians cannot afford full fees. Parents and guardians wanting assistance with fees are required to fill out a means-test form when applying for a bursary, the form can be found on the School website. We recommend that a bursary application form is submitted at the same time as the registration form since early submission is recommended. Bursary applications should be sent in a separate, sealed, envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Kim Elvy, Administration Manager.

Although Bromsgrove has a generous bursarial fund, all bursaries are allocated from a limited fund; late applicants may be disappointed if they would need bursarial help in order to accept a place when offered.

Bursary recipients are expected to work hard and contribute positively to all aspects of a Bromsgrove education. If a bursary recipient were to fall short of expectations of behaviour and performance, then the bursary award would be reviewed. We want all bursary recipients to make the most of the opportunities offered to them, to thrive and succeed and hopefully in later life think about supporting our bursary funds in order to allow others to also benefit.

Parents of candidates for bursaries will be asked to complete and return the confidential form indicating their financial circumstances. The Bursar will then recommend the scale of any award that may be made. Assessment may include a visit to the family home.

Bursary awards are reviewed and reassessed on an annual basis.

The financial value of any Bursary is strictly confidential between parents, the Headmaster and the School's financial management. Pupils should not be told the size of the awards.

Applications for bursarial help should be submitted by Friday December 15th 2023.

Further details of the School's Bursary Policy and procedures and bursary application forms can be obtained from the Administration Manager, Mrs Kim Elvy, on 01527 579 679 ext. 237, email kelvy@bromsgrove-school.co.uk.

TRANSPORT

As well as our own fleet of minibuses we contract with companies such as BNC Taxis and Aston Coaches to provide a daily service to and from School. The daily routes are organised to accommodate the geographical spread of pupils and can vary from term to term, depending on the location and numbers of pupils requiring transport and the length of the journey involved. All drivers and contract company staff hold an enhanced DBS Disclosure. School drivers are assessed by the LEA for driving competence and their health is checked on an annual basis.

The School transport service currently covers the following areas:

Halesowen/Edgbaston
Hall Green/Cotteridge/Northfield
Solihull/Knowle
Worcester/Droitwich/Hanbury
Earlwood/Dickens Heath/Wythall/Rowney Green/Alvechurch
Henley in Arden/Danzey Green/Tanworth in Arden/Beoley/Tardebigge
Ardens Grafton/Inkberrow/Redditch
Stourbridge
Hartlebury/Kidderminster/Chaddesley Corbett
Rubery/Barnt Green/Blackwell
Stratford/Wilmcote/Redditch
Hagley/Blakedown/Belbroughton

To secure a place on our daily bussing, a minimum of five journeys per week need to be booked.

The Transport Manager, Mrs Rachel O'Neill, is happy to talk to parents requiring more information. Mrs O'Neill can be contacted by email on roneill@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or by phone on ext 256.