

Specialist places

1) Art and Design

- Children applying for specialist Art and Design places are required to attend the school on the designated selection day 15 September 2018 to undertake a series of Art and Design tasks.
- These tasks give them the opportunity to show their abilities in a range of media and with a range of resources.
- Students' work is then assessed by the Art Department.
- Applicants scoring 40% and above are put in rank order, and places offered to the top 30.
- Applicants scoring 40% and not in the first 30 constitute the Art Specialist Waiting List.
- Applicants not scoring 40% are considered automatically under the criteria for a general place.

2) Modern Foreign Languages

- Applicants for Modern Foreign Languages places are required to attend the school on the designated selection day 15 September 2018 and are given a series of tests specifically designed to test their aptitude for languages.
- Applicants do NOT have to have studied a Foreign Language before; the test assesses aptitude through linguistic skills, such as oral and aural communication and memory.
- Firstly, students are taught a short lesson entirely in a target language;
- Secondly, students do a short written test;
- Thirdly, each student has a 5 minute, one-to-one assessment with a member of the Languages Department.
- Marks for each of the above stages are aggregated to form a final mark.
- Applicants scoring 40% and above are put in rank order, and places offered to the top 30.
- Applicants scoring 40% and not in the first 30 constitute the Languages Waiting List.
- Applicants not scoring 40% are considered under the criteria for a general place.