



Rye St Antony School
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15a Admissions Policy

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Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make and at Rye St Antony we are here to help and guide you through every step of the process.

We welcome visitors at any time of the year and would be delighted to give you a tour of our school and answer any questions you may have. We encourage you to visit during an ordinary school day so that you can get a good idea of everything that Rye has to offer during normal lesson times whether academic or extra-curricular. During your visit, you will be introduced to our Head, Joanne Croft and other members of staff who will work closely with your child. They will be happy to talk to you about your specific situation and to answer questions.

Admissions Procedure

Before starting the formal Admissions process, applicants must Register with the school and pay the £150 Registration Fee.

Pre Prep and Prep School Admissions

Applicants are invited for a taster day in the Prep School. The applicant will spend the day with fellow classmates in their current year and during the day they will take a Mathematics and English assessment, (Pre Prep applicants can expect a less formal method of assessment). Assessments are conducted in the classroom during normal lessons. At the end of the taster day, applicants and their parents will meet with the Head to review the day.

Pre Prep and Prep places are offered on the strength of the assessments, taster day and interview with the Head. References from the applicant's current school will be requested.

Applicants for Nursery School (children aged 3-5) are invited for a short taster visit and spend time with the Nursery children and staff. On the strength of this visit, places are then offered and acceptances invited.

Senior School Admissions

11+ applicants and **11+ Scholarship applicants*** are invited for the Entrance Day in November. The day will comprise of the following:

- one hour entrance examination papers in Mathematics and English
- activities giving a taste of Year 7
- meeting with the Head and staff

13+ applicants and **13+ Scholarship applicants*** are invited to sit the entrance examination in January. The day will comprise of the following:

- one hour entrance examination papers in Mathematics and English
- meeting with the Head and staff

Taster days are encouraged for 11+ and 13+ applicants. The day will be spent with the applicant's current year.

* Successful 11+ and 13+ scholarship applicants are invited back the week following the examination for interview. Scholarship candidates applying from Rye are only required to sit the examination and then attend the interview.

12+ and 14+ applicants are invited to take an entrance examination alongside an interview with the Headmistress or a senior member of staff. Taster days are encouraged. The day will be spent with the applicant's current year.

Senior places are offered on the strength of the entrance examinations and interview with the Headmistress or senior member of staff. References from the applicant's current school will be requested.

Girls transferring from the Prep School to the Senior School take no extra examination: they are accepted into Senior School on the strength of their progress during their time in the Prep School. Specialist subject teaching in Years 5 and 6 means that girls already know, and are known to, Senior School staff. Prep School profiles and samples of work are passed to Senior School staff to ensure continuity and progression.

Applicants to Sixth Form are expected to achieve grade 5 or above in a minimum of five GCSE (or equivalent) subjects, with grade 6/7 or above in any subject to be continued at A-level. Applicants are invited to come for interview with Sixth Form subject teachers, the Deputy Head Academic and the Head. Taster days are encouraged.

Conditional places are offered on the evidence of the interview and the reports and reference from the current school.

International applicants to the Senior School will be required to take entrance examinations either at their current school, recognised agency or other approved establishment. Levels of English proficiency will also be required. Expected levels as follows:

- for the GCSE programme (Years 10 and 11) working towards or having passed the Cambridge First Certificate or have IELTS 5
- for the A-level programme (Years 12 and 13) have passed the Cambridge First Certificate or have IELTS 5 or 6

If visits to the school are not possible, virtual interviews will be arranged with the applicant and conducted by senior members of staff.

Equal Treatment

We aim to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. This enriches our community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world. We are committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of a candidate's race, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, sexual orientation, linguistic background or social background.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

We do not unlawfully discriminate in any way regarding entry. The school welcomes pupils with disabilities and/or special educational needs, provided we can offer them the necessary support that they require, can cater for any additional needs, and that our site can accommodate them. We ask parents of children with special educational needs or physical or mental disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the school before she/he sits the entrance examination so that we can make adequate provision for her/him. Parents should provide with the Registration Form a copy of an Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report if they have one. The school will discuss thoroughly with parents (and their child's medical advisers, if appropriate) the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if she/he becomes a pupil at the school.

Formal offer of places (firm and waiting list) are made in writing on completion of entrance procedures. Parents of any applicant who is not offered a place are similarly notified in writing. On receipt of an offer, parents are asked to confirm in writing their acceptance, enclosing the the acceptance papers and acceptance deposit as follows:

Deposit	Day	Boarding	Overseas boarding
Prep	£500	£1,000	£2,500
Senior	£500	£1,000	£2,500

Advance fee	Day	Boarding	Overseas boarding
Prep	-	-	£8,000
Senior	-	-	£9,335

Sibling Policy Most siblings join us at Rye. However, admission is not automatic and there may be occasions where the school judges that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Documentary evidence

A confidential form of the Admissions Record will be completed for each applicant. As part of the admissions process a copy of the pupil's passport is requested and an electronic copy held by the school both to prove identity as part of safeguarding procedures and to prove the right to study in the UK in line with the Immigration Act 2014. All documents supporting each application for admission, together with selection and interview notes will be kept for 25 years from the date of birth. If an applicant is not admitted, up to 7 years from that decision.

Current and Future School Contact

It is the school's policy to request a reference from the applicant's current school post registration. In line with DfE statutory guidance "Children missing education" (2016), the school will contact future schools to establish arrival and enrolment.