

## PRELIMINARY NOTES ON 16+ ENTRANCE to YEAR 12 (Sixth Form)

1. Each year a number of boys and girls enter in Year 12 to follow courses in the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) or at A-level with an optional Extended Project.
2. Our minimum GCSE entry qualification is at least three 7 grades (grade A) and three 6 grades (grade B) or above. For IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) results we require three 6 grades and three 5 grades. These grades should include English, Maths and any subjects to be taken for IB Higher Level or A-Level. All places offered are subject to this proviso. But in making offers we are looking for people who will obtain substantially better grades than this.
3. The majority of applicants are assessed in early November. A candidate sits three 1 hour papers, is given a Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning Test and has at least one interview. Places for successful candidates are announced in early December.
4. **In all cases, a confidential report is required from the Head of an applicant's present school. It is essential, therefore, that the Head of the applicant's school is informed of the application.**
5. We require all parties who hold parental responsibility for the applicant to sign our Registration Form so that we can be clear that they are aware of and support the application.
6. Visits – it is recommended, but not essential, that candidates and their parents should visit the School before their examinations. On that occasion, they will meet House staff and pupils, and will see round a House and the School. We hold Open Days in February, June and September.
7. Entrance examination papers are taken at Rugby (for 2024 entry this will be either Tuesday 7 November or Thursday 9 November 2023). We recognise that travel to Rugby School for these tests may be inconvenient and expensive but are confident that both the school and the applicant will be able to make better decisions if all of the applicants come to the school for the assessment.
8. Those applicants applying to enter the School whose first language is not English must have a very good standard of English so that they are able to cope with a full academic programme. We request all applicants from overseas to provide us with a UKiset report at the earliest stage of the application to allow us to advise on this. This is not required if they have studied in the UK for two years. Based on experience we know that English language proficiency is a key criteria when considering an application. UKiset is an adaptive cognitive test measuring underlying ability and language proficiency. For more information please visit: [www.ukiset.com](http://www.ukiset.com). For further details, please contact the Admissions Registrar.
9. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the School to offer accommodation for candidates.
10. **As places are limited, early application for all categories of applicant is advised.**
11. If further spaces become available, we will consider later applications.