

## Entry into Year 7 at age 11+

### Admission criteria

Places for girls who meet the minimum requirements for entry will be allocated based on ranking in the entrance examinations.

Ranked waiting lists will be maintained for those girls who meet the minimum criteria but for whom no place was available.

### Procedure for entry at 11+ for internal candidates

All internal candidates and their families should take the opportunity to attend the Open Day to meet teaching staff and current Year 7 students.

All internal candidates will be contacted by the School Registrar during the Autumn term to confirm whether or not they wish to be considered for entry into Year 7. The process is then the same as for external candidates although the £50 administration fee is not required.

### Procedure for entry at 11+ for external candidates

We recommend that all potential candidates and their families attend the Open Day to meet the students and staff and to look around the School.

Application forms can be obtained from the School Registrar.

A candidate who wishes to be considered for entry into Year 7 must complete the Application Form and send it to the School Registrar by the specified date. Included with this application form should be a copy of the birth certificate, a copy of the most recent school report and a (non-returnable) entrance administration fee of £50. Cheques should be made payable to The Whitgift Foundation.

### Interviews

Interviews will be scheduled for parents and students throughout the Autumn term and a few slots will be available at the start of the Spring term. Students must bring to the interview a piece of work of which they are particularly proud and should be prepared to discuss the work with the interviewer. Candidates are interviewed for at least 20 to 30 minutes. The interview will concentrate on their strengths at school and their interests and will assess communication skills, creativity and logic.

Parental support and belief in the ethos and values of Old Palace are crucial for academic success. All parents will be interviewed by the Head.

### Entrance examinations

Formal written and online assessments for entry to Year 7 occur in the January of the year of entry.

Areas to be assessed	Method of assessment
English	Written and online tests and interview
Mathematics	Written and online tests
Reasoning	Online test and interview
Social Interaction	Observation and interview
Parental support	Interview

The most recent school report and a reference from the Head Teacher of the current school will also be used to assess suitability of candidates.

### Notification

All candidates will be informed, in writing, as to whether they have been successful in gaining a place. To secure the place, written acceptance is required by the specified deadline along with a security payment of £250.