

## Information for Applicants

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For entry in September 2021 (Years 7-12)

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## Admissions and Visits

### For enquiries for entry to Years 7 and 9

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### Safeguarding

All visitors to the College, including prospective parents, are asked to read our Safeguarding Policy which can be found on the Policies page of the College website

# Visiting Dulwich College

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**Due to the COVID situation and Government guidelines we are not currently able to welcome visitors to the College Campus.**

We will monitor the situation regularly and if it becomes possible to offer visits we will update the website.

In the meantime please do register for our virtual events (add link to relevant website page) and if you have any specific queries please contact the admissions teams.

## **For enquiries for Years 7-10**

please call 0208 299 9263

or email [the.registrar@dulwich.org.uk](mailto:the.registrar@dulwich.org.uk)

## **For enquiries for Year 12**

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# Entry to Lower, Middle and Upper Schools

The entry process for each year group may be subject to change this year and we will notify all those who register of any changes and update the website.

**Entry to Dulwich College** Each year around 70 boys join the College in Year 7 and another 85 boys join in Year 9. Usually the boys who join in Year 7 come from primary schools or prep schools which end at Year 6. The boys who join in Year 9 largely join us from prep schools which end at Year 8 and a few boys join from secondary schools.

**Entry to Year 7 2021**

This is for boys who are in Year 6 in the academic year 2020-2021. Online registration is open and the deadline for applications is midday on **Friday, 6 November 2020**. The entrance examinations will be held at Dulwich College on Tuesday 5 January 2021. Full information will be sent to registered applicants in December.

All boys who sit the entrance examinations are considered for academic scholarships. There are no separate scholarship papers. Specimen papers are on the College website and boys should be looking to achieve around 70% in the Mathematics and English. In terms of CAT scores we are looking to

admit boys who are scoring 120 and above. Music Scholarships are awarded at 11+ and boys who are at the College, as well as external applicants, can apply for Music, Art and Sports scholarships at 13+.

Generally about 500 boys apply each year to take the examinations. 160 boys are invited back for an interview following the written assessments.

The interviews will be held between Friday 15 January and Friday 22 January 2021.

The results of interviewed candidates will be posted on Thursday 11 February 2021.

**Entry to Year 9 2021**

This is for boys who are in Year 8 in the academic year 2020-2021. Online registration is open and the deadline for applications is midday on **Friday, 6 November 2020**.

The entrance examinations will be held at Dulwich College on Saturday 23 January 2021. Full information will be sent in December.

All boys who sit the entrance examinations are considered for academic scholarships. There are no separate scholarship papers. Specimen papers are on the College website and boys should be looking to achieve

around 70% in the Mathematics and English. In terms of CAT scores we are looking to admit boys who are scoring 120 and above.

Boys can also apply for Art, Music or Sports Scholarships into Year 9.

Generally about 250 boys apply each year to take the examinations. 120 boys are invited back for an interview following the written assessments.

The interviews will be held between Monday 1 February and Friday 5 February 2021.

The results of interviewed candidates will be posted on Thursday 11 February 2021.

**Deferred entry to Year 9 in September 2023**

Boys at 13+ Prep Schools in the UK can apply for deferred entry when they are in Year 6 in the academic year 2020-2021. These boys will sit the ISEB pretest at their own schools in October or November. Selected boys will be invited to the College for an Academic Interview and to sit a Creative Writing test.

Online registration is open and the deadline for registration is midday on **Friday 2 October 2020**.

Generally some 300 boys sit the ISEB pretest and 140 boys will be invited back for interview. 60 places will be filled at this time.

Interviews will be held between Monday 7 December and Friday 11 December 2020.

In terms of CAT scores we are looking to admit boys who are scoring 120 and above.

Offers of deferred entry places will be made on Thursday 11 February 2021. These offers are conditional on boys remaining at their prep school for two further years. Boys who accept places will have the opportunity of sitting for an Academic Scholarship when they are in Year 8. They can also apply for Art, Music or Sports Scholarships. An additional 25 places will be offered to boys in Year 8 in the academic year 2022-2023 who sit the entrance examinations in January 2023. These applicants will automatically be considered for Academic Scholarships and can apply for Art, Music or Sports Scholarships.

## Entry to Year 12 2021

Each academic year, around 40 new boys enter the Upper School into Year 12. The great majority of these are international boarders who join the boys moving up from Year 11, making a year group of around 230 students, divided into 22 forms. A small number of day boys also join us and these applications are considered on a case-by-case basis; please contact the Upper School Registrar for more information. Music scholarships are available.

Applicants are asked to sit entrance examinations in the subjects that they want to study at A level. For some subjects (e.g. Theatre Studies, Art, Design & Technology) assessment is by interview. Those who are not native speakers will also be required to sit an English test.

Boarding applicants at schools in the UK will be invited to sit our entrance examinations at Dulwich College on **Saturday 7 November 2020**. If the applicant lives overseas, we will arrange for him to sit the tests in his country of residence. Where we do not have representatives who can invigilate the papers on our behalf, we use the British Council. Overseas candidates may be interviewed after the examinations by the most suitable method available, such as Skype or Facetime.

Those applying for day places will be invited to the College to sit our entrance examinations on **Thursday 7 January 2021**. For day place candidates currently studying GCSEs, we also require 14 points as a minimum entry requirement, where Grades 8 and 9 = 3 points, Grade 7 = 2 points and Grade 6 = 1 point. We would expect candidates to achieve significantly higher than our minimum grade requirement. GCSEs should include (i) English Language, (ii) Mathematics and (iii) a grade 8 in the three subjects to be studied at Advanced level, where appropriate.

For all candidates, places are offered on the basis of their performance in the College's entrance examinations. The results are usually published within three weeks of the examinations. We recommend that candidates look at the Year 12 specimen examination papers before taking the tests.

Successful candidates for whom English is not their first language are required to make arrangements to sit an IELTS test before arriving, and to achieve level 6.

The deadline for online application is **Friday 30 October 2020** but further boarding applications may be considered subject to the availability of places.

## Extra Time in Entrance Examinations

Additional time is available for boys who have an Educational Psychologist's report that shows they have below average scores for speed of cognitive processing. Use of a computer is available for boys for whom it

is the normal way of working and where it is appropriate to their needs. Please make the Admissions team aware of this at the time of application and send relevant supporting documentation.

# Online Registration

To apply to Dulwich College please complete the online registration form which is in the admissions section on the website [www.dulwich.org.uk](http://www.dulwich.org.uk)

All specialist scholarship application forms should also be completed on line and at the time of application.

# Fees

## Current Fees

2020–2021

### Registration Fee (non-returnable)

- candidates resident in the UK **£150**
- candidates resident overseas **£300**

Any additional costs incurred with testing overseas will be the responsibility of the candidate.

If your son is in receipt of the Pupil Premium, you will not need to pay a registration fee.

Please complete the online registration form, tick the bursary box and upload the supporting documentation as requested on the form.

### Day Fees (per term)

- Junior, Lower, Middle and Upper Schools **£7,082**

For boys up to and including Year 8 these fees also include the cost of lunch, which is compulsory. The cost of entry for public examinations, and lunch for boys in the Middle and Upper School, is not included.

### Boarding Fees (per term) from Year 7

- Weekly boarders **£13,859**
- Full boarders **£14,782**

The Governors reserve the right to review fee levels at any time.

## Deposit

The following are payable on acceptance of a place at the College.

**Day boys:** A non-refundable deposit of **£1,850** is payable which will be retained in full until the pupil leaves, when it will be refunded less any balance owing to the College.

**Boarders:** A non-refundable deposit of **£3,700** is payable, which will be retained

in full until the pupil leaves, when it will be refunded less any balance owing to the College. In addition, a full term's boarding fees is payable in advance which will be credited on the invoice for the first term's fees.

**If the pupil is withdrawn after acceptance, deposits are not refundable.**

## Payment of Fees

Fees are payable by Direct Debit in full on the day before the first day of term. The College will also accept payment by bank transfer directly to the Fees bank account. There is a facility available through a third party credit provider regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, to enable fee payment by monthly direct debit.

Parents who are resident overseas and do not have a bank account in the UK may pay by bank transfer. In order to comply with regulatory requirements, the College does not accept payments in cash. The fee for a boy attending the College for any part of a term must be paid for the whole of that term. **The withdrawal of a pupil requires one full term's notice given in writing to the Master, or one full term's fees in lieu.**

The College reserves the right to suspend a pupil while fees remain unpaid, by giving the parents not less than 2 days' written notice.

If parents default on Direct Debit payments the full fee will be payable immediately. Parents who have paid fees late or whose fees are overdue may be asked to pay one term's fees as an additional deposit. If necessary, the College will instruct solicitors to recover unpaid fees with interest and all costs incurred will be recoverable in full.

All pupils are included in a Personal Accident Insurance Scheme which offers cover for permanent disability resulting from an accident. This includes dental injury and emergency dental treatment. In addition, parents can opt-in to a Pupils' Absence Insurance Scheme (at their own expense) to cover absence through personal illness or injury. Full details of both schemes will be supplied on entry or are available at any time from the Fees Administrator.

Email: [feesadministrator@dulwich.org.uk](mailto:feesadministrator@dulwich.org.uk)

## Advance Payment of Fees Scheme

The College runs its own scheme for advance payment of school fees. Under this arrangement parents are able to pay a lump sum in advance to purchase credits against future school fees, and receive a discount on the amount of credits purchased. Such sums can be paid prior to entry (once a boy has been offered a place), on entry, or at any time during a boy's career at the College.

Further details of the scheme are available from:

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# Scholarships and Bursaries

## Academic Scholarships

For entry to the Lower School (Year 7) and Middle School (Year 9)

Awards will be made to boys entering the College in September 2021. Scholarships range in value from 10% to one third of tuition fees.

All boys who sit the entrance examinations are automatically considered for an

academic scholarship. Scholarships may be held by day boys and boarders and will be continued until the holder leaves the College, subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

## Entry Bursaries

For entry to the Lower School (Year 7) and Middle School (Year 9)

A number of means-tested bursaries are awarded annually to new boys where parents are unable to pay the full tuition fee.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their performance in the entrance examination and interview. Parents will be

asked to complete a confidential statement of financial circumstances which, if they are offered an award, will be reviewed annually.

Parents interested in applying for an entry bursary for September 2021 should tick the appropriate box on the online application.

## Specialist Scholarships

External applicants for Music, Art and Sports Scholarships are required to meet the academic requirements of the College at all points of entry.

## Music Scholarships

For entry to the Lower School (Year 7), the Middle School (Year 9) and the Upper School (Year 12)

Candidates should ideally play two instruments, with the first study instrument being an orchestral instrument.

Candidates with exceptional ability (Grade 8+) on any single instrument will be positively considered on an individual basis.

Music Scholarships of up to one third of the tuition fee are awarded annually. In addition, successful candidates will receive instrumental tuition on two instruments.

Music Exhibitions may also be awarded enabling the holders to receive tuition on two instruments.

All award-holders are expected to contribute fully to the musical life of the College.

The audition for Music Scholarships is intended to discover musical aptitude and promise. As a rough guide, candidates in the 11+ age group are expected to be at Grade 5 standard in their first instrument, while the 13+ candidates should be at Grade 7.

Auditions for selected candidates will take place on Friday 15 January and Saturday 23 January 2021. They will be required to:

- play two prepared pieces (contrasting in character)
- read a short piece at sight
- respond to aural tests

## Choral Scholarships and Organ Scholarships

Vacancies occur annually in the College Chapel Choir which sings choral services in the Chapel of the Foundation, Christ's Chapel of God's Gift, in Dulwich Village.

Choral Scholarships provide tuition in singing and one instrument, and are awarded on the basis of auditions held annually in June.

Choral Scholarships are available for boys with treble voices generally from Years 7-9 and with alto, tenor or bass voices when vocally and musically ready.

Choral Probationerships (providing vocal tuition only) are available for boys generally for Years 5-6.

An Organ Scholarship is also available to boys who play the organ to around grade 7.

The Director of Music, Mr Richard Mayo, is always pleased to see prospective scholars and their parents at the earliest opportunity, to give advice on preparation for the audition and information about the musical life of the College.

**Telephone:** 020 8299 9258

**Email:** [mayor@dulwich.org.uk](mailto:mayor@dulwich.org.uk)

## Art Scholarships

For entry to the Middle School (Year 9)

At least one scholarship of up to 10% of the tuition fee for excellence in art will be offered for September 2021.

Candidates are required to write, in their own words, a short paragraph about their work, artistic interests and exhibitions they have recently visited.

The assessment for the Art Scholarship is intended to discover artistic ability and exceptional potential. The successful candidate is likely to be one who, besides showing promise, is able to demonstrate that art is a predominant interest in his leisure time. Accordingly, candidates are required to submit a portfolio which can include a range of drawings, paintings, photography, animation and/or film and photographs of three dimensional work.

These should be clearly divided into two categories:

- work carried out under supervision at school and

- work carried out in the candidate's own time

Applicants for an Art Scholarship will be invited to attend for interview on **Saturday 28 November 2020** when they will be asked to carry out an objective or imaginative drawing or painting test in a specified time.

Boys should bring their portfolio with them on Saturday 28 November 2020. No framed works should be included. We are looking for evidence of the creative process, risk-taking and enthusiastic approaches using a variety of media.

The Director of Art and Design & Technology, Ms Sue Mulholland, is pleased to arrange visits around the Art department for boys interested in applying for an Art Scholarship.

**Telephone:** 020 8299 9206

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## Sports Scholarships

For entry to the Middle School (Year 9) and the Upper School (Year 12)

Scholarships of 10% are generally awarded but may be up to one third of the tuition fee for excellence in sport for entry in September 2021.

At Year 9 successful candidates should be able to perform to an elite level in one sport, across a number of sports, or demonstrate athletic potential and a desire to achieve that we would hope to nurture through our outstanding sports programme including the high performance programme.

The Year 9 assessment is intended to discover sporting ability and exceptional potential. Candidates are required to perform a number of athletic tests, perform in their favourite sport/sports, and take part in a group interview with other candidates.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview session on Friday 27 November 2020 when they will be required to:

- be interviewed by the Director of Sport
- perform the sports offered
- perform appropriate fitness tests

In exceptional circumstances, Year 12 candidates may be considered for an award. Please contact the Upper School Registrar in the first instance.

Candidates will be expected to attend an interview with the Director of Sport and provide evidence of the level of their performance.

All recipients of a Sports Scholarship are expected to contribute fully to the sporting life of the College in all three terms of the academic year.

The Director of Sport, Mr Phil Greenaway, is pleased to see prospective sports scholars to offer advice about the requirements for the scholarship, and to provide information about the sporting life of the College.

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## Award of Bursaries to supplement Scholarships

A College Scholarship may be supplemented by an entry bursary if there is genuine financial need. Such bursaries are means-tested.



# The Curriculum

The basic aim of our timetabled curriculum is to develop boys' knowledge and skills, and their understanding of concepts, attitudes and confidence. We seek to provide a secure, yet challenging environment which encourages participation, curiosity and enquiry. In designing the curriculum we identify five key factors which address these objectives.

**Breadth** - so that boys are exposed to a wide spectrum of areas of learning (linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, spiritual, moral, physical, cultural, creative and social).

**Balance** - so that boys develop in all these areas.

**Relevance** - so that boys will see reasons for learning.

**Flexibility** - so that at the highest levels of the College, where they must eventually specialise, boys will be offered a wide choice of subject combinations.

**Resourcing** - so that boys are taught in groups of suitable size in appropriate

accommodation by well-qualified teachers supplied with all the necessary aids, equipment and apparatus.

While we attach importance to a boy's intellectual development, we are no less concerned with his personal qualities, which we seek to develop through every facet of his activity at the College, inside and outside the classroom. An impression of the scope of our non-timetabled curriculum can be gained from the main prospectus and the College website.

The curriculum is reviewed regularly and is therefore subject to change. The following notes refer to the College curriculum from September 2020.

All boys at the College are set homework on each of the five school days. For the youngest boys the homework should be about thirty minutes, increasing to one hour in Year 7 and one and a half hours in Year 8 and Year 9. The homework expectation increases to two hours in the last two years to GCSE. In the Upper School homework averages two to three hours each evening.

## Day Houses and Games

All boys (whether day boys or boarders) are allocated to one of eight Day Houses, each of which has House Masters at Junior, Lower, Middle and Upper School levels. There are inter-House competitions in numerous

sports and cultural activities including Music, Drama, Art, Chess and Debating. Games take place as a timetabled activity and are compulsory for all boys who are physically fit.

## The Lower School

Years 7 and 8

In Year 7 boys follow a curriculum comprising the subjects listed to the right. In Year 8 boys continue with French or Spanish and have a choice of studying Latin, Chinese or German. In addition all boys have two Games sessions.

English	Art
Music	History
Science	Design and
Mathematics	Technology
Chinese	Geography
French or Spanish	Drama
Latin	Religion & Theology
Wellbeing	Informatics

## The Middle School

Year 9

A broad based curriculum is continued. All Year 9 boys study the subjects listed to the right, plus ONE of Latin, German, Spanish, French, Chinese and Italian. There is one Games afternoon.

Mathematics	Religion & Theology
Physics	Design and
Chemistry	Technology
Biology	Music
English	Drama
French or Spanish	Art
History	Wellbeing
Geography	Physical Wellbeing
	Informatics

## The Middle School

Years 10 and 11

These years provide the final preparation for GCSE/IGCSE examinations. The scheme of subject choice allows considerable flexibility and is designed to provide boys with a wide choice of post-16 courses. In addition to lessons in examination subjects, boys have one Games session. There is also a Wellbeing course which includes P.E..

### All boys are required to study:

All boys will be taught Physics, Chemistry and Biology as separate subjects.

English Language	Mathematics
English Literature	Physics
French or Spanish	Chemistry
	Biology

They will eventually be entered, as appropriate, for examinations at IGCSE Science and Additional Science (Double Award), or to three certificates (in the

Separate Sciences). A boy's access to, and eligibility for, Advanced Level science courses in the Upper School is affected by the quality of the IGCSE grades he achieves, and not by whether he takes Double Award or Separate Sciences.

Additionally, boys choose ONE subject from each of the following group:

#### Group 1

History
Geography
Religion & Theology

#### Group 2

German	Design & Technology
Latin	Religion & Theology
Spanish	Chinese
Geography	French
Art	

#### Group 3

Geography	Art
Music	PE
Greek	Drama
Design & Technology	Religion & Theology
	Computer Science

The same subject cannot be selected from two or more groups. If a language is chosen from Group 2, this language must have been studied in Year 9.

The Greek and Italian options in Group 3 are for pupils of proven ability in languages wishing to start these subjects in Year 10; they may therefore include three languages among their subjects. Greek is available to pupils regardless of whether they are continuing Latin to GCSE.

All boys take ten subjects — leading to either ten or nine GCSE/IGCSE qualifications, depending on the science course followed.

## The Upper School

The Remove (Year 12) and Upper Sixth (Year 13)

All boys study three subjects for A level, or four if they are studying Further Mathematics. Most subjects follow the A level courses but Classical Greek and German follow the Pre-University (Pre-U) Diploma course. To guarantee some breadth of study, all boys also take part in our own Liberal Studies programme in conjunction with James Allen's Girls' School during the two years of the Upper School. Liberal Studies is a non-assessed course, to develop boys' broader knowledge and to help them in their preparation for life beyond school. It incorporates a number of lectures given by visiting speakers and a choice of courses in a wide range of subjects. It provides an introduction to the key ideas in Philosophy and Critical Thinking.

In addition to their chosen subjects, all pupils will follow an A Level Plus programme in The Remove. Boys will choose two courses over three terms that provide an opportunity for them to fire their enthusiasm, and become

experts in areas that lie just beyond the reach of the normal curriculum. The A Level Plus block will enable boys to take courses that complement their subject choices and deepen their knowledge, often to near-undergraduate level. Courses are designed to introduce boys to the subjects they want to study at university and the professions they might pursue afterwards, providing the opportunity for them to see how their chosen subject relates to the world at large. We appreciate the intellectual excitement that takes place where the traditional subjects overlap. Therefore, many courses are also interdisciplinary in nature, involving, for example, Art, Literature, Music and History being studied in unison. All courses will explore an area of study in more depth than standard A level courses and will provide opportunities for boys to participate in competitions, such as the Weizmann Safecracking Competition in the Engineering course, or Target 2.0 in the Finance course.

Courses in Critical Thinking are available in the Liberal Studies programme in both years, for boys planning to apply to university courses requiring assessment tests.

The skills and knowledge developed in both Liberal Studies and A Level Plus courses will be used by boys to help them complete an Extended Project Qualification or to plan and write an internally assessed extended essay of 2000 words. These are key components of our Dulwich Diploma, which recognises the academic and co-curricular aspects of a Dulwich education, and is awarded to boys when they leave the College.

Details of the wide range of subjects currently available can be found in the Upper School Curriculum booklet which the College publishes annually and is on the College website. Boys may choose freely from these; the timetable is designed afterwards, to incorporate pupil choice.

There is, in addition, a Games afternoon for all boys and time for private study.

Additional programmes and support are organised to assist those boys preparing for competitive university entry including Oxbridge, Medicine and American Universities.

