

Frequently Asked Questions - Admission to Year 7 at Edgbaston High School

Do I need to register to attend an open day?

There is no need to register but it is always helpful to be advised of your attendance beforehand so that we can be prepared for your arrival and this saves time registering your details on the day.

How can I apply for a scholarship for my daughter?

Academic scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmistress following the entrance examinations. There is no separate scholarship paper.

How many scholarships are available?

We do not have a set number of scholarships each year, it varies depending on the performance of that year's cohort. In addition to any EHS academic scholarships we do offer four named scholarships each year, one of which is a Music scholarship.

What is the difference between a Bursary and a Scholarship?

A bursary is means-tested and takes into account household income and parents' assets. Scholarships are not means tested and are discretionary awards. We do not offer 100% scholarships and they never exceed 50%. It is possible for us to offer you both a bursary and a scholarship.

How can I apply for a Bursary?

When registering your daughter for the entrance examination, please indicate on the Registration Form that you are interested in applying for a bursary. Once your form has been received, we will forward an application form and this must be returned to EHS by the date of the entrance examination. All applications are subject to a Home Visit from third party organisation Bursary Administration.

Does the school have a catchment area?

No. We accept applications from families based in a very wide area, and do not give preference to those living locally.

What time will my daughter need to arrive by on the day of the entrance examination?

Registration opens at 8.00am and we ask that all girls are in school by 8.30am at the latest. Girls will be ready to leave and be collected by 12.00 noon.

What should my daughter wear to sit her exam? And does she need to bring anything with her?

Girls do not need to wear school uniform (although some do), they just need to be comfortable. A snack is provided to all girls at break time. Girls are required to bring a pencil case containing her usual school stationery items.

What about interviews?

Edgbaston High School has a policy of interviewing each girl as part of the selection process for admission to Senior School. We believe that this gives each child an opportunity to show us her personality, interests and ability outside of the examination room and it forms a key part of our decision-making. Interviews take place in the month following the examination (November). Interviews are undertaken by senior members of staff and we allocate a maximum of 20 mins to each family.

When will I receive the results?

Results and subsequent offers are normally posted to parents during the second week of December following the entrance examination in October. We do not provide a score like the grammar schools exams. Your letter will detail whether or not your daughter has been offered a place at EHS and what kind of offer e.g. full fee paying, scholarship or bursary.

When do I need to make my decision by?

We ask for final decision whether you intend to accept, or decline, our offer of a place in early March.

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