



# Admissions Timeline:

## Year 9 Entry 2027



**Open Day**  
26 September 2026



**Deadline for Year 9 Applications**  
8 January 2027



**Entrance Assessments & Interviews**  
January 2027



**Music Scholarship Assessments**  
Late January 2027



**Sport Scholarship Assessments**  
Late January 2027



**Year 9 Places Offered**  
February 2027



**Scholarship & Award Offers**  
February 2027



**Deadline for Year 9 Place Acceptance**  
1 March 2027

## **Year 9 Assessments**

All candidates for entry in September 2027 will complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) assessments. The CAT4 assessments consist of Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning. In addition to this, students will complete an English comprehension assessment, which examines their ability to write a balanced argument.

Each student will attend an interview at New Hall. The interview will last approximately 15 minutes. During this time, students are invited to give a 3-minute presentation on a subject of their choice, so that they can demonstrate their individual strengths and interests.

Alongside the examinations and interview, a report and reference from the student's current headteacher form an important part of the assessment process.

## **Scholarship/Award Applications**

A number of scholarships and awards are offered at Year 9 entry. For further information, please refer to the *Bursaries & Scholarships Policy* available on the School website.

Once you have registered for a place, the Admissions Department will provide the relevant application forms and details of any evidence required to support a Scholarship or Award application. Candidates wishing to apply for the Modern Languages Award (Upper School) will be required to sit an additional assessment in either French, Spanish or both. Students who are shortlisted for Sport or Music Scholarships will be invited to a final assessment day in January 2026. If applying for a Catholic Scholarship, students should also provide photocopies of their baptismal and First Holy Communion certificates, together with a completed reference form from their Parish Priest.

The School aims to inform all students if their application to attend New Hall is successful within one month of the academic assessments. Where relevant, scholarships will also be advised at this time.