



Marylebone Boys' School Admissions Arrangements 2017-18

Introduction

Marylebone Boys' School was set up under the government's Free Schools programme and opened in September 2014.

It is a boys' school for boys of 11 to 16 which opened in September 2014 with a four-form entry of 120 boys for year 7. Hereafter entry will continue similarly year on year. At full capacity the school will have 840 pupils which will include a mixed sixth form of 240 students. The school has a strong Christian ethos but has no faith Admissions Criteria. It is open to boys of all faiths and none.

Marylebone Boys' School aspires to be an academically rigorous school with an emphasis on good behaviour, commitment to learning and outstanding teaching, where knowledge is valued and available to all who are prepared to work for it. The school's emphasis on good behaviour, safeguarding and strong pastoral support means pupils will develop courtesy and tolerance as well as confidence and enthusiasm.

Banding

We want a balanced intake which is representative of the ability of those applying each year for places. To achieve this we will operate a banding system and applicants will be required to take an assessment test to enable them to be placed in an ability band. If in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the headteacher your son can not attend on the assessment day, predicted SATs or other relevant evidence may be considered. It will be up to you to provide such other evidence. Pupils who are looked after or previously looked after are also required to take the test even though they have first priority, so that their ability is taken properly into account in balancing our intake. The ability of statemented children will be assessed from the statement data.

The purpose of these tests is solely to place boys in the right ability band. The test result does **not** of itself determine who is offered or refused a place. There will be four ability bands, each consisting of 25% of those boys who have taken the test or sent in alternative objective evidence in any given year. This means that the band into which an individual boy is placed will depend on where that boy is placed in relation to the overall ability of those applying for places in the year in question.

Admissions to Marylebone Boys' School

Marylebone Boys' School is part of the Local Authority coordinated arrangements for year 7 admissions. Parents will be required to complete the Common Application Form provided by the Local Authority in which the pupil lives.

The School will admit 120 pupils to year 7 in 2017/2018.

All applications for places at the School will be considered in accordance with the arrangements set out below.

Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan

Places will be first allocated to children with statements of special educational needs, or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, which specifically names Marylebone Boys' School, with the agreement of Westminster City Council.

Over Subscription Criteria

If there are fewer applicants than places, all applicants will be offered a place. If there are more applicants than places for the school, the remaining places will then be offered in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. For the purposes of admissions previously Looked After Children are defined as children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.
2. Children of members of staff if the staff member is filling a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. The Governing Body is required to approve the Headteacher's designation of such posts and confirm the assessment that a member of staff appointed meets the requirements of the shortage. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year.
3. Children with a sibling at the school at the time of admission. A sibling is defined as a brother, half brother, or step brother whose main residence is at the same address.
4. 50% of the remaining places to be offered to boys who attend a state primary school in the borough of Westminster as at the final closing date for application for places in the admissions year. These schools are listed at the end of this document.
5. The remaining places to be offered to boys living closest to the school (regardless of which primary school the child attends).

Within categories 4 and 5 above, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school. Distances are measured by a straight line from the address seed point (determined by Ordnance Survey data) of the child's home address to the Main Entrance, Westminster Council House, Old Marylebone Town Hall, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5PT as measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

Where it is necessary to differentiate between applicants living in flats using the same street entrance, priority will be given to the applicant(s) living closest to the ground floor and then by ascending flat number order.

Tie Break

In the event of two pupils having an equal right to a place after applying the Oversubscription Criteria, a tie-break using a random allocation computer programme will be operated, and this process will be independently verified.

Verification of Information

All applicants will need to show proof of residence (eg a recent utility bill). The Governing Body also reserves the right to seek verification from the local authority in which the applicant is resident.

False information, or the omission of material information, may result in disqualification, or the loss of a place after it has been offered, accepted or taken up.

Offer of places

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application on National Offer Day by their home local authority.

Applicants to whom places are offered will be advised in their offer letter of any action that they need to take to accept the place offered.

After National Offer Day, the school will administer its own waiting list for places. Unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on this list. The waiting list will be by ability band as outlined above, and will be ordered according to the over-subscription criteria. Applicants who received a higher preference school under the coordinated process but who request to re-apply to Marylebone Boys' School will be added to a reserve list, along with those whose applications were made late. Applicants on the reserve list will only be considered once the waiting list for the relevant band has been exhausted.

Appeal procedure

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful will be given an opportunity to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with the statutory provisions in force at the time. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

Waiting List

On 15 September in the year of entry unsuccessful and late applicants will be placed on the in-year waiting list. From time to time, the school will ask applicants to re-confirm whether they wish to remain on the waiting list.

Casual or in-year admissions

The school holds waiting lists for all open year groups. The waiting lists are divided into four ability bands. If a vacancy from a particular ability band arises, the place will be allocated from that band in the waiting list, in accordance with the published admissions criteria.

Westminster state primary schools

Please also refer to the current list on the Westminster City Council website

All Souls' CE Primary School

ARK Atwood Primary Academy

Barrow Hill Junior School

Burdett Coutts & Townshend Foundation CE Primary School

CET Primary School Westminster

Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School

Churchill Gardens Primary School

Edward Wilson Primary School
Essendine Primary School
Gateway Academy
George Eliot Primary School
Hallfield Primary School
Hampden Gurney CE Primary School
King Solomon Academy
Millbank Academy
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
Paddington Green Primary School
Pimlico Primary
Queen's Park Primary School
Soho Parish CE Primary School
St. Augustine's CE Primary School (Westminster)
St. Barnabas' CE Primary School
St. Clement Danes CE Primary School
St. Edward's Catholic Primary School
St. Gabriel's CE Primary School
St. George's Hanover Square CE Primary School
St. James' & St. Michael's CE Primary School
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Westminster)
St. Luke's CE Primary School
St. Mary Magdalene CE Primary School
St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School
St. Mary's Bryanston Square CE Primary School
St. Matthew's CE Primary School
St. Peter's (Chippenham Mews) CE Primary School
St. Peter's Eaton Square CE Primary School
St. Saviour's CE Primary School
St. Stephen's CE Primary School (Westminster)
St Vincent de Paul Catholic School
St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School
Westminster Cathedral Catholic School
Wilberforce Primary School