



Admissions Day Year 7 Entry

24th January 2025



Scholarships Available

Academic | Sports | Drama | Visual Arts | Music

www.durlstonschool.co.uk/year-7-admissions

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Durlston Prep & Senior School

WHEN the children walk into our school, Headmaster Mr May greets them by name and asks about recent endeavours. He knows the children well; all the staff know them. Durlston is renowned for its family feel: children, staff, parents, grandparents and alumni are all proud to be part of 'The Durlston Family'.

We are a small school with big aspirations and our extension to 16 has proved a very popular decision. As our seniors start their GCSE pathway our dedicated staff provide a supportive but challenging learning environment, consolidating skills, knowledge and attitudes.

The small, nurturing nature of our school means that we can engage and motivate every single pupil with personalised learning plans and performance monitoring, helping staff and pupils to analyse progress. Our key aim is to enable our pupils to fully achieve their potential and flourish as confident, rounded individuals.

Durlston is a school where everyone is someone. The children are nurtured, encouraged, supported and challenged to find their own interests and talents and to be the best that they can be. Our smaller size means



that everyone can – and does – get involved in all aspects of school life: ukulele busking to raise money for charity, becoming published poets, being part of ambitious productions, creating an artistic backdrop for the town fête, representing the school in a national sporting arena, and generally enjoying each other's company.

Our staff are able to select and plan teaching and learning opportunities which tap into the

unique personalities of each cohort.

With our innovative LE@D programme (Life Experiences at Durlston) teaching the senior pupils to iron shirts, change tyres and giving them the chance to listen to inspirational entrepreneurs, as well as our Sport for Life programme (clay pigeon shooting or climbing anyone?), there is much on offer for our seniors.

From academic excellence to extracurricular achievements, our children consistently demonstrate outstanding performance and resilience.

Next steps

If you would like to find out more about Durlston, we would be delighted to welcome you for a visit and we invite your child to join our Admission Day on 24th January. We fully expect Year 7 entry for 2025 to be full again, so please do get in touch as soon as possible.

Scholarships applications are now being accepted. Apply now for Academic, Drama, Music, Sport and Visual Arts.
Contact: admissions@durlstonschool.co.uk for more details.



Our Lady and ST Joseph Primary School

Spaces available - class sizes of 15 children - Outstanding Education.

At Our Lady and St Joseph Lymington we welcome all children, Catholic and Non Catholic. We understand the uniqueness of each child's learning process. We are proud of our high academic achievements, balanced with an enhanced outdoor curriculum which develops responsibility and compassionate thinkers. We offer not just small classes of 15 children, but time to build confidence and give inspiration, nurturing each child to find their passion and love of learning.

Set in several acres, with extended and recently improved play facilities, our children explore, aspire and achieve. Our broad curriculum develops the child's sense of place in the world, as well as their spiritual lives and their moral understanding. They learn how to grow in resilience and develop skills that help them manage themselves and their relationships.

Our bespoke learning approach delivers high performance outcomes from children that love learning. Quality first teaching, from highly qualified teachers, coupled with a deep knowledge of how children learn, drives us to meet each child's learning needs and develop the whole child. Visit our website to learn more about our school, our approach and our new outdoor story area and space!

To apply for a place in Year R in September 2025,

hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

We welcome visits to our school.

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OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ballard School: Ensuring no child is left behind

BALLARD has been recognised, once again, by the prestigious Independent School of the Year Awards, winning their Co-educational School of the Year Award in October. This follows Ballard reaching the finals for Sport in 2023 and Performing Arts in 2022. We reached the finals of the Independent School Association's Award for Fine Arts and Design again this year and are in the

finals of the MTI Award in Musical Theatre Provision Awards. So, what makes an award-winning education?

At Ballard, teachers believe abilities and intelligence are not fixed – all can flourish and excel when given the tools and environment to develop self-knowledge and resilience. Ballard provides a vast array of opportunities but what sets them

apart is how they empower and inspire pupils to seize them.

Co-education is at the heart of Ballard's inclusive philosophy. All pupils are equal – boys and girls learn with and from each other, through collaboration and lively competition. In an atmosphere of inclusivity and kindness, every child is stretched in their talents and encouraged to tackle what doesn't come easily.

Boy, girl, expert, novice – no subject or interest is beyond reach. With more than 155 co-curricular activities each week, from Mandarin to citizenship, children learn and play together, their DoE teams are also mixed.

PSHE (Y1-Y11) encourages mutual understanding between boys and girls, with pupils emboldened to take charge of their lives and make positive choices, supported by strong proactive pastoral care.

The 'Ballard on Board' programme, for example, helps pupils to understand and navigate the complexities of friendship and how to find their own solutions. Pupil voice is listened to, inspiring many initiatives including Ballard's eco agenda and new gender neutral uniform.

The success of Ballard's approach is reflected in superb GCSE results: with a 95% pass rate (9-4), across all pupils and all subjects (only 2.4% below one of the most academically selective schools locally), 35% attaining the top grades (9 to 7), and an average 0.79 added value for each pupil, across all subjects.

Inspirational teachers give up weekends and holidays to provide additional revision sessions.

Staff believe in Ballard's mission – to ensure that no child gets left behind, encouraging pupils to think of others, contribute positively and make the world better. The school's values – the 'Ballard Bs' – are instilled from the start: Be positive, kind, curi-



ous, respectful, responsible, honest and safe. New pupils quickly feel that they belong and when they leave in Y11, Ballard pupils do so with a powerful

sense of self, equipped to build a bright future in our ever-changing world. To find out more about Life@Ballard, book into one of

their upcoming Open Mornings: Reception – Wednesday, 15th January and Whole School – Friday, 31st January. You may contact their friendly admissions team; email Registrar@ballardschool.co.uk or call 01425 626900.

"It's hard to put into words what Ballard does which ignites the sparkle in the children's eyes! The way you help nurture confidence in children is incredible. I love how opportunities are given and how our children reach out and grasp them. Ballard really does nurture the whole person so a child can excel in multiple aspects. As a parent, it's joyful to see your child flourish in so many ways."

"We've always said our priority is to have happy and confident children and seeing them bounce into school; shows that this is happening!" (Parent)



Co-educational School of the Year

(Independent School Parent Awards)

BOOK NOW for our January Open Mornings: 15th for tailored Reception and 31st for the Whole School

"Both my children are thriving here. It's a place where young minds are respected, encouraged and nurtured." (Y8 Parent)

"I recommend Ballard to anyone who is looking for a new school because it's one of a kind and can bring out interests you never knew you had." (Y9 Pupil)

"This school places a strong emphasis on the whole child, ensuring the balance between academic achievement and co-curricular interests. This well-rounded education ensures pupils are ready for life beyond the classroom." (Y8&9 Parent)

"Both of our boys have thrived during their time at Ballard. They have had an incredible range of opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom that have really broadened their horizons and developed them as curious teenagers, keen to get involved." (Parent Y9 & Y11)

"The experiences I've gained at this school have truly shaped who I am as a person." (Pupil Y11)

"There is only one word to describe Ballard and that is 'extraordinary!'" (Pupil Y9)



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"I'm so grateful to be part of a school that offers such a rich and varied experience." (Y9 Pupil)

"All students have the chance to showcase their talents and try new things. Ballard truly encourages us to explore our interests and develop new skills. I'm so proud to be a part of this fantastic family!" (Y7 Pupil)

"Ballard School is truly wonderful in so many ways. Teachers go above and beyond to ensure that each student reaches their full potential." (Y8&9 Parent)

"My son and daughter left Ballard with such confidence and after 15 or more years, they are still sailing through life finding nothing a problem!" (Former Ballard Parent)

"My daughter's first term at Ballard has been absolutely incredible. A very special school indeed." (Parent Y9)

"Ballard has nurtured and changed me for the better and helped me develop into a young person who is ready to go onto college and do great things. They encouraged me to realise my potential and my purpose." (Pupil Y11)



BALLARD
BESPOKE EDUCATION

Award-Winning, Co-Educational Day School for ages 2-16



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Walhampton School: Fostering a love of learning

Pre Senior Baccalaureate at Walhampton Prep School
WALHAMPTON Prep School follows the Pre Senior Baccalaureate (PSB), a model for 21st century education which nurtures curiosity and global thinking. The PSB is a programme of study for children

that aims to prepare them for the challenges of life as young adults in senior schools academically, socially and culturally. It does so by actively developing and tracking knowledge, skills and attitudes.

The PSB is about challenging perceptions of school and devel-

oping a love of learning. At the heart of the PSB are the core skills: leadership, collaboration, independence, thinking and learning, review and improvement, and communication.

Walhampton's abiding commitment to a fully rounded education allows them to provide a

breadth of pathways, tailored to the needs of the individual. Walhampton gives children the space, support and encouragement to explore their passions. Cross-curricular thinking is actively encouraged as children make links between subjects and recognise the transference of skills.

The future challenges that children will face are hard to predict but it is clear that they will enter a world where problems like climate change, social inequalities, technological advancements and maintaining both mental and physical wellbeing will need urgent solutions. Walhampton aims to foster enjoyment and to nurture a joy of learning. Classrooms are welcoming spaces in which the children can expect to have their voice heard and they will be supported to meet and exceed their potential. The PSB ensures teachers focus on how they teach and not just on what they teach.

A recent visit from the Learning Skills Trust to Walhampton provided feedback on their PSB model. They identified that pupils were very supportive of the PSB core skills and articulate in their ability to reflect and move forward with new targets.

All children at Walhampton benefit from the PSB model building portfolios throughout their time at the school and building on the core skills as they mature. Year 8 pupils complete a PSFQ (Pre Senior Project Qualification) during their Leavers' Programme which is a chance for



them to explore a self-chosen topic and present on this to a small panel. This helps the development of their project and presentation skills.

Walhampton is a radically traditional school, academically rigorous but experiential and focused on the whole child, creating resilient, lifelong learners.

Parents tell us they've seen the PSB encouraging their children to develop a wider breadth of skills and they are now also convinced that it's regarded by many senior schools as creating intelligent, responsible pupils. We were impressed too." The Good Schools Guide.

To arrange a personal visit or attend our Open Morning on 21st March email registrar@walhampton.com or visit www.walhampton.com



The
future
belongs
to the
explorers

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For boys and girls age 2-13

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