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ADMISSIONS POLICY

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1 Introduction

Bryanston is a co-educational independent boarding and day school welcoming pupils from the ages of 3 to 18. The prep school, Bryanston Prep, is for pupils aged 3-13 (Nursery to Year 8), with the senior school, Bryanston, being for children aged 13-18 (Year 9 – Year 13). Subject to places being available, children are accepted for entry into any year group.

The aim of our admissions procedure is to ensure that pupils who join Bryanston are able to thrive academically, socially and culturally within our academic, co-curricular and pastoral systems.

Bryanston is an academically selective school, but we endeavour to admit pupils with a broad range of talents who will benefit from the curricular and co-curricular opportunities available at the school and who are prepared to contribute enthusiastically to the school community. We value art, drama, music, outward-bound, sport and service, and look for pupils with a readiness to live as a boarder within our school community and make the most of all that is on offer at Bryanston. We aim to admit a diverse group of pupils each year and extra-curricular contributions and character are considered as carefully as academic ability.

2 Equal Opportunities

Bryanston is committed to equal treatment for all applicants regardless of race, disability, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or background who are comfortable with the Christian ethos of the school.

We welcome applications from pupils with special educational needs or disabilities provided that our Learning Support department can provide any additional support required. We strongly advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical or cognitive disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with us before commencing the registration process. Parents should provide a copy of an educational psychologist's report or medical report if they have one to enable us to assess the level of support needed before they embark on the admissions process. Before an offer is made, the school will assess whether it is able to adequately cater for and meet any of the pupil's SEN or

disabilities (if known) through discussion and meeting with parents, consideration of any specialist reports and school references, and assessment of the pupil during the admissions process, as appropriate.

We seek to manage our admissions procedures fairly and sensitively. We value family connections with the school and welcome new associations and links. Where there are more applicants than places, the following are considered in the Head's decision of an offer of a place:

i the pupil's commitment to the school
ii anticipated benefit for the applicant in coming to the school
iii likely level of involvement in and contribution to the life of the school
iv the reference from the previous school
v the proposed academic programme
vi connections with the school (siblings in particular)

Equal Opportunities Policy and Learning Support Policy are available on the website.

The school will place pupils in the appropriate year group based on their date of birth, in accordance with the academic year which runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Where an application is made for entry into a year group that does not correspond with the Department for Education's standard year group entry guidelines, the school will consider the request on an individual basis. Such decisions will take into account the pupil's educational history, social and emotional development, and any other relevant factors. Final placement will be determined at the discretion of the school.

3 Expectations

The following information is available for prospective parents when they enquire about admission and register their child's name for entry. This information can be found on the school website or the school will provide other means of access.

- The name and contact address of the Chair of Governors
- The school ethos/aims
- A copy of this Admissions Policy
- Behaviour policy and school rules
- Curriculum Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- First Aid policy
- Information on educational and welfare provision for pupils who have EHC plans and pupils with EAL.
- Information on academic performance in previous year, including results of public examinations
- A copy of any inspection reports of the school
- Details of the school's complaints procedure and the number of complaints

registered during the previous year

Pupils and their parents are expected to work with us for the good of the school community. They should understand our rules and expectations of behaviour and be prepared to support the school in order to achieve them.

Each application is considered on an individual basis and the decision to offer a place is at the sole discretion of the School.

Application and Admissions Procedures

Bryanston Prep - 3-13yrs

Children join Bryanston Prep in our Early Years setting but can be in any year if spaces are available. In-year admission is also possible if space is available. We welcome overseas applicants who may wish to join for a short-term immersion, one term or longer.

Visiting the School

A visit to Bryanston Prep is an important part of the admissions process and this can either be by arranging a personal tour or attending one of our Open Mornings. For their first visit to the School, parents usually meet the Head, a member of the Admissions team and have a tour of the School.

Registration

A child may be registered for admission at any time after birth. A non-refundable registration fee of £120 is charged and we request a copy of the child's most recent school report, SEN reports or any documents which support their application. On receipt the child's name is added to the Registration List, but registration does not in itself guarantee a place at the School. We will also request a confidential reference from the child's previous school if they have attended one.

Assessment

Prospective pupils will be invited to attend a taster day and/or overnight session. This enables them to experience Bryanston Prep for themselves, whilst allowing us to conduct an informal assessment to ensure that we are the right school for them as an individual, both academically and pastorally.

For children wishing to join Year 6 – 8, a CAT4 assessment will also be taken and, if required, an online English as an Additional Learning test using Password. They will also be required to have an interview with a member of the Senior School Tutor team or Director of Admissions if you are considering a through place to Bryanston Senior School.

Place offer and acceptance

Once a pupil has been assessed, a formal offer of a place will be made, at which point parents will be asked to complete an acceptance form and pay a non-refundable £420 deposit to secure the offered place.

International Applicants

Bryanston Prep welcomes pupils for whom English is not their first language. To ensure that they can fully integrate and gain maximum benefit from their time at the school, pupils with English as an additional language (EAL) joining Bryanston Prep will be required to sit an English test using Password which will give us a CEFR level. Their understanding of English will also be assessed through conversation during the admissions process.

Bryanston School - 13+(Year 9 Entry)

Visiting the School

Most prospective parents arrange to visit the School at least three years before the pupil is due to join. For the first visit to the School, parents usually attend a small group visit where they meet the Head or a member of SLT, members of the admissions team, Teaching staff and a Houseparent and have a tour of the School with a pupil. It is also possible to arrange an individual visit for members of the family to meet the Head where possible, a member of the admissions team, a member of the Teaching staff and have a tour of the school with a pupil.

Registration

A child may be registered for admission at any time after birth. A non-refundable registration fee of £300 (incl. VAT) is charged and on receipt the child's name is added to the Registration List, but registration does not in itself guarantee a place at the School. We accept registrations for a place any time during the year of Entrance Assessment (for Year 9 entry, this could be when the pupils are in Years 6,7 and/or 8). Once registered, we communicate regularly with parents and with the child's current school to ensure that Bryanston is able to offer an educational environment in which each child can thrive.

Selection

Admission is dependent upon a candidate providing a satisfactory performance when sitting GL Assessments CAT4 in the year of Entrance Assessment (either Y6, Y7 or Y8). Additionally, a satisfactory reference from their current school will be sought and this will form an important element of the overview of each child.
If the pupil is in Year 6 or 7, they will be invited to an Imagine Day. Imagine Day replaces the entrance interview and allows for a broader team of academic and pastoral staff to observe the applicants' problem solving, communication and collaboration skills.

If the pupil is unable to attend the Imagine Day (either in-person or online), or is in Year 8, an entrance interview will be scheduled and held by an Admissions Tutor or Director of Admissions when we look for effort, potential and willingness to engage in busy school life. We can offer further advice and assessment for borderline candidates if there are further opportunities, and an application is early enough to allow for this.

Firm Offers will be made either in Y6, Y7 or Y8 for entry to Bryanston in Y9, assuming a candidate has passed all elements of the admissions process and a request for the full non-refundable deposit of £2200 will be made in order to formally secure the place.
For international pupils, a one term's deposit will also be required. If a Child Student Visa is required, an International Compliance Fee of £600 is requested at the time of acceptance.
The payment terms are outlined in the offer letter.

Scholarship & Bursary

We are committed to broadening access and helping children who aspire to an education at Bryanston.

13+ Scholarships are awarded in competition and on merit in the following categories:

Academic	Computer Science
Hunter (All Rounder)	Music
Art	Performing Arts
Sport	Design and Technology

Details of scholarships can be found on the website or are available from the Admissions Office.

Bursaries are means-tested and are available, normally in addition, to support scholarship. Further details can be found on our website.

International Applicants

As a general rule, we look for CEFR B1 or 2 as a minimum entry level. All international applicants will sit the CAT4 Assessments alongside sitting a CEFR test using the Password online testing platform and have an interview.

Bryanston School - 16+ (Sixth Form)

General Information

Bryanston's aim is to admit pupils at this point of entry who will integrate happily and successfully into the existing community, enhance the Sixth Form and make full use of the opportunities the School offers.

Entry Requirements

For pupils entering the Sixth Form, entry requirements vary depending on the curriculum the pupil is intending to follow for Sixth Form. The GCSE grades 9 – 1 will be counted at face value. For further information please contact the Admissions Office.
For an English as an Additional Language candidate, their level of English will be certified by an English language test using Password. Candidates should ideally be CEFR B2 level.

Admissions Procedure

Before submitting an application, candidates may wish to attend one of our Information Afternoons held early in the Autumn Term. Registration forms should be completed and returned with a £300 (Incl VAT) application fee by the dates published each year. A full

report from the candidate's current school, together with predicted GCSE grades where relevant should be provided. Upon registration, a Head's Reference will be sought from the current school.

All (IB, CTEC and A Level) applicants for standard entry will be expected to pass the GL Assessments CAT4 tests. Candidates can apply to attend an Assessment and Interview Day in November when they will undergo assessments and will be interviewed by an Admissions Tutor and other members of academic staff.

Academic Scholarship candidates will normally be tested in three of the subjects they intend to study in the Sixth Form, in addition to sitting a general English paper, a general Maths paper and an Abilities Test. Sport, Design and Technology, Performing Art, Art and Music Scholarship candidates will undergo specific assessments, in addition to sitting a CAT4 test. All scholarship candidates will be interviewed by an Admissions Tutor and other members of academic staff.

Scholarship & Bursary
We are committed to broadening access and helping children who aspire to an education at Bryanston. 16+ Scholarships are awarded in competition and on merit in the following categories:

Academic	Udall (sport)
Art	Music
Performing Arts	Design and Technology

Details of scholarships can be found on the website or are available from the Admissions Office. Bursaries are means-tested and are available, normally in addition, to support scholarship. Further details can be found on our website.

Offers of a Place
Initial offers of places are made early in December in the year prior to joining. Suitable applicants who are not included in this first round of offers may, if they wish, be put onto a Waiting List. The number of places for entry into the Sixth Form is not fixed, but is dependent on various factors, and may vary considerably both from year to year and during the course of any one year.

Acceptance of Offer
To accept and confirm an offer of a place, a deposit of £2,200 will be required. For international pupils, a one term's deposit will also be required. If a Child Student Visa is required, an International Compliance Fee of £600 is requested at the time of acceptance. The payment terms are outlined in the offer letter.

Bryanston School – Senior School entry into Year 10 and 11

Visiting the School

Most prospective parents arrange to visit the School either by attending a group visit or an individual visit which includes meeting the Head where possible, a member of the admissions team, a member of the Teaching staff and have a tour of the school with a pupil.

Registration

A non-refundable registration fee of £300 (incl. VAT) is charged and on receipt the child's name is added to the Registration List, but registration does not in itself guarantee a place at the School. We accept registrations for a place any time during the year but spaces into Years 10 and 11 are not guaranteed and parents are advised to consult with the Admissinos team before registering. Once registered, we communicate regularly with parents and with the child's current school to ensure that Bryanston is able to offer an educational environment in which each child can thrive.

Selection

Admission is dependent upon a candidate providing a satisfactory performance when sitting GL Assessments CAT4. Additionally, a satisfactory reference from their current school will be sought and this will form an important element of the overview of each child.

An entrance interview will be scheduled and held by an Admissions Tutor or Director of Admissions when we look for effort, potential and willingness to engage in busy school life. We can offer further advice and assessment for borderline candidates if there are further opportunities, and an application is early enough to allow for this.

Firm Offers will be made assuming a candidate has passed all elements of the admissions process and a request for the full non-refundable deposit of £2200 will be made in order to formally secure the place.
For international pupils, a one term's deposit will also be required. If a Child Student Visa is required, an International Compliance Fee of £600 is requested at the time of acceptance. The payment terms are outlined in the offer letter.

International Applicants

As a general rule, we look for CEFR B1 or 2 as a minimum entry level. All international applicants will sit the CAT4 Assessments alongside sitting a CEFR test using the Password online testing platform and have an interview.