



*We provide boys and girls aged 3 to 18 with an excellent standard of teaching and individual care, offering them a broad range of opportunities to develop every aspect of their potential. The Hereford Cathedral School culture produces well-balanced, confident and considerate young adults ready for the wider world.*

## Admissions Policy

Hereford Cathedral School is an academically selective school. Pupils are admitted on the basis of ability as determined by written assessment, interview and the Headmaster's discretion.

At 11+ pupils sit the Senior School Entrance Exam in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Either the Headmaster or a member of the Senior Management Team/Head of House or a Year 7 Tutor interviews pupils prior to the day of the Entrance Exam. In adopting this assessment pattern the School aims to put pupils at ease and, in doing so, increases the prospect that an applicant's true potential is reflected in their written assessment. Pupils with diagnosed conditions requiring additional time or other special measures are treated in accordance with the School's policy on disability and SEN. In addition to considering pupils' interview and assessment performance, the admissions selection panel will, take notice of all references provided in support of a pupil's application.

At 13+ pupils do not sit the Common Entrance. Instead they sit the School's own tests in English, Maths, and Verbal Reasoning. All pupils are interviewed by the Headmaster. Pupils with diagnosed conditions requiring additional time or other special measures are treated in accordance with the School's policy on disability and SEN. In addition to considering pupils' interview and assessment performance, the admissions selection panel will, take notice of all references provided in support of a pupil's application.

At 16+ pupils are made conditional offers based on GCSEs following interviews by the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form.

At intermediate points of entry, a selection of the above methods is used in accordance with individual circumstances.

The School operates a deferred entry programme for 13+ pupils. Candidates for entry at 13 are able to sit the Senior School Entrance Exam at 11 and, subject to performance, may be offered a place at 13+. This enables such pupils to complete their education at their Prep schools, safe in the knowledge that they have a guaranteed place in Year 9. The deferred entry programme at Hereford Cathedral School conforms to Headmasters Conference guidelines on Admissions.

The School's Policies are available on the website: [www.herefordcs.com](http://www.herefordcs.com)