



ST ALBANS
SCHOOL

Admissions FAQs

I am interested in finding out a little more about St Albans School:

- I'm interested in a St Albans School education for my son, where do I start?
The best place to start is to come in and experience what makes St Albans School such a special and exciting place to learn. You can book a place at one of our Open Mornings or a daytime tour at your convenience on our website.
- I would like to attend an Open Morning, do I need to book?
Yes! We hold four Open Mornings each year and as they are very oversubscribed, we ask that you book your place as soon as possible - please visit the Open Morning section of the website for details of the next event.
- I came to an Open Morning, can I come back and visit the School again?
You can! You can book a daytime tour during a regular school week by emailing the Admissions Office at admissions@st-albans.herts.sch.uk. Daytime tours take place three times per week with one of our prefects.
- How much are the fees per term?
The current fees for 2018/19 are £6,200 per term or £18,600 per year.
- What is the difference between a bursary and a scholarship?
A Bursary is means-tested funding provided by the School to assist pupils in obtaining a place at St Albans School when it wouldn't otherwise be accessible. A scholarship is awarded for outstanding performance or potential and carries a small amount of financial remission.
- I am interested in applying for a bursary, what do I need to do?
You can indicate within your online registration form that you would like to be considered for a bursary. The Admissions team will then be in touch to discuss the next steps. The level of funding award is usually between 40-100%.
- When does my son need to be registered by and how do I do this?
He should be registered by the end of November of Year 6. Registration is done electronically via our website.

My son is registered, what's next?

- I've completed the registration form, when will I hear from the School again?
Exam day information is sent to parents in November via email.
- When is the 11+ entrance examination?
The main exam day is usually on the second Saturday in January. We offer an alternative exam day for boys who cannot attend the main day or for boys with any learning support requirements which takes place the following Tuesday in January.
- Which papers will the boys sit at 11+ and can I have copies of past papers?
Boys will sit papers in English (80 minutes), Maths (60 minutes) and Verbal Reasoning (60 minutes). Practice papers in English and Maths can be downloaded from our website but not a Verbal Reasoning paper, as this is specific to the School.
- What should I do to prepare my son for the assessments?
Exam practice to improve time management is always useful for boys, particularly for Verbal Reasoning, however we don't encourage intensive tutoring as this can disguise a boy's true academic ability.
- Will my son have an interview?
Yes. We believe it is important to meet all boys who sit the entrance exam, so that we have a full picture of their potential. All boys will have two short interviews within the main examination day and no preparation is required.
- How many boys will sit the exam and what are my son's chances of being offered a place?
We usually have around 300 boys entered for the 11+ assessments, with 72 places available; although a few additional places may be awarded at the Headmaster's discretion if the cohort is academically strong. Approximately 50% of applicants will be invited to the second round call back sessions.

- How do I apply for a scholarship at 11+?
All boys are automatically eligible to be considered for an academic scholarship as they are awarded to the top performing boys. Choral scholarship application forms will be sent out to all those registered in November. The fee remission is usually in the region of 10%.
- Who are St Albans School's main feeder schools?
We receive applications from boys across Hertfordshire and North London, with no main feeder school. Applications are made up of around 50% coming from local primary schools and 50% from independent schools.
- What is the pass mark?
We don't release any of our pass marks or pupils' results, however individual feedback may be sought following the assessments from the Registrar.

After the exams:

- When will we find out if my son has been invited to the second round call back sessions?
Boys who have been successful in the first stage of our assessments will be notified by the Friday following the assessments.
- What happens during the call back sessions?
During the call back sessions, boys will be invited to take part in two trial lessons with a group of other boys. During this time, parents will be invited to stay with us for a tour and a few short presentations.
- When and how will we find out if my son has been offered a place?
In accordance with the North London Consortium, offers will be posted on the Thursday before February Half Term, and followed up with an email on the Friday morning.
- What does a typical day at St Albans School look like?
Boys arrive each morning for registration at 8.35am and will visit Abbey twice per week at the start of the School day. There are six 50-minute lessons per day and academic lessons finish at 4pm. Boys who are staying for one of the many evening clubs or clinics may use the late coach service which departs at 6pm.

Timeline

