



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 see for yourself what makes St Albans School such an exciting place to learn. We offer four Open Mornings a year and daytime tours during the week with one of our prefects.
- I would like to attend an Open Morning, do I need to book?
Yes, we normally hold four Open Mornings each year and as they are very oversubscribed so we ask that you book your place via our website. Please visit the Open Morning section of the website for details of the next event we will run.
- I came to an Open Morning, can I come back and visit the School again?
You may attend a further Open Morning or you can book a daytime tour during the working week by emailing the Admissions Office on admissions@st-albans.herts.sch.uk. These take place three times per week with one of our prefects.
- How much are the fees per term?
The current fees for 2021/22 are £6,630 per term or £19,890 per year. These are subject to review in Summer 2022.
- 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 (5% to 25%).
- 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 should my son be registered by and how do I do this?
*For 11+ he should be registered by 30 November of Year 6.
For 12+ by the end of the Spring Term in Year 7.
For 13+ by 30 November of Year 8.
For 16+ There is no deadline, however Scholarship candidates must register by 30 October of Year 11.
Registration is done electronically via our website.*



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My son is registered, what's next?

- I've completed the registration form, when will I hear from the School again?
Exam day information for 11+ and 13+ is sent to parents in November via email.
- When is the 11+ entrance examination?
The main exam day is usually on the first or 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 Monday in January.
- What 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 bespoke 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?
All boys will have a short interview 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. Music Scholarships are available to apply for and application forms will be sent out to all those who have expressed an interest in this Scholarship, at the end of November. The fee remission is between 5% and 15%.
- What are St Albans 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% 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.



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After the exams:

- When will we find out if my son has been invited to the second round call back sessions?
Boys successful in the first stage of our assessments will be notified by the first 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 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 4.00pm. Boys who are staying for one of the many evening clubs or clinics may use the late coach service which departs at 6.00pm.

Date Timeline for 11+;

- Registration – Any time before the 30 November of Year 6
- Exam Day Information – sent out via email in November
- Bursary applications – paperwork returned by mid-December
- Exam Day – second Saturday in January
- Notification of Second Round– One week after the initial assessment
- Second Round Call Backs – Two weeks after the initial assessment
- Offers Posted – Friday before February Half Term.

Date Timeline for 13+;

- Registration – Any time before the 30 November of Year 8.
- If St Albans School is your first choice of school you can sit our 12+ in June of Year 7.
- 12+ Offers are for a place in Year 9 the following September.
- Exam Day Information – sent out via email in November.
- Bursary applications – paperwork returned by mid-December.
- Exam Week – Last week in January
- Offers Posted – Friday before February Half term.

Date Timeline for 16+;

- Registration – At any time in Year 11 unless applying for Scholarships, which is by the end of October.
- Bursary applications – paperwork returned by mid-December.
- Once an application is made a reference and predicted grades are sought from the child's current school. If entry requirements are met, they will be invited for interview. If successful, a conditional offer will be made dependent on GCSE grades awarded.