

Assessment Process for 16+ Candidates



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A limited number of places are open to girls wishing to join Wycombe Abbey in the Sixth Form. We welcome candidates with sporting or creative interests and other talents.

To be considered for a place at Wycombe Abbey, a pupil must be registered by 1 June in the calendar year prior to entry (end of Year 10, or equivalent). At this stage there is no fee to register.

General Guidance

The Sixth Form course options can be viewed [here](#).

Entry to our Sixth Form is highly competitive. Candidates should expect to achieve the equivalent of at least six GCSE/IGCSE/GCE (or their equivalent) passes at grade A*/A/9/8/7 and A*/9/8 in each of her chosen A Level subjects. Most candidates will achieve in excess of this.

Stage 1

Once registered, all candidates, home and international, should arrange to sit a UKiset assessment for Wycombe Abbey. The UK Independent Schools' Entry Test is an adaptive cognitive online test taken in English and assesses a pupil's underlying academic ability through Verbal, Non-Verbal and Numerical Tests along with a creative writing exercise and an English Placement Test. The test takes two and a half hours. For more information, please visit: www.ukiset.com.

A valid test should be submitted between January and July (in Year 10, or equivalent).

Once you have registered for the test, the UKiset team will be in touch to arrange the assessment. The UKiset tests can be sat at one of the approved test centres in the UK and **only** at British Council Offices internationally. If required, the tests can be taken at Wycombe Abbey. If you wish to take the test at Wycombe Abbey please do not register directly with UKiset, instead email registrar@wycombeabbey.com.

Stage 2

The candidate's Summer Term report and a summary of co-curricular interests must be submitted by 31 July.

The UKiset scores and school report will be reviewed by the Deputy Head (Academic) and Director of Admissions and all applicants will be notified in September whether they are through to Stage 3.

Candidates wishing to proceed will now be charged a registration fee.

Stage 3

Girls who have met our required standard will be invited to take our Sixth Form Entrance examinations at Wycombe Abbey in the November* prior to entry (Year 11, or equivalent). A confidential report and a request for predicted GCSE/IGCSE/GCE grades from the candidate's current school will also be requested at this stage.

During the day, applicants will also have an interview with a senior member of staff, lasting twenty minutes.

Girls will sit papers in the four subjects they are proposing to study at A Level and the examinations are based on the GCSE/IGCSE/GCE level syllabuses. Candidates wishing to take Further Maths at A Level will sit the one Maths Paper. The Art exam will be a practical assessment and candidates will be asked to bring their portfolio.

Candidates choosing a subject they have not studied at GCSE/IGCSE/GCE (or equivalent) will still be required to sit the relevant paper. The papers are designed to test a candidate's aptitude for the subject and will be marked accordingly. Specimen papers are not available.

Firm offers are made on the basis of performance in the Entrance examinations on or around 1 December. Acceptance forms and the deposit are due on 8 December.

Process summary:

1. Complete and return a registration form by 1 June (Year 10) – do not pay the registration fee
2. Sit a UKiset (between 1 January and 31 July)
3. Submit Summer Term report and summary of co-curricular interests by 31 July (Year 10)
4. Wycombe Abbey reviews UKiset scores and Summer Term report in August / September
5. Candidates accepted for Stage 3 and who wish to proceed, now pay a registration fee
6. Entrance exams and interview at Wycombe Abbey in November (Year 11)
7. Conditional Offers made in first week in December (Year 11)
8. Acceptance form to be returned and deposit to be paid by second week in December (Year 11)

The following publications may also be useful:

[Sixth Form Curriculum](#)

[Results brochure](#)

[Boarding at Wycombe](#)

[Day Boarding at Wycombe](#)

**In the exceptional circumstance that the November examinations clash with a recognised external examination such as a GCSE/IGCSE, alternative arrangements may be made at the discretion of the School. The Admissions team must be informed well in advance and written evidence provided.*