



International Applicants

Welcome

Wycombe Abbey is delighted to receive applications from pupils from all over the world. Our current pupils come from 26 different countries.

UK Visa and Immigration

We are a Tier 4 Sponsor Licence holder and can sponsor pupils who require a Tier 4 (Child) visa to study in the UK, as long as admissions and UKVI requirements are satisfied. Should your child receive an offer from us, you will be contacted in the Summer Term prior to the September of entry to be guided through the visa process.

Visiting us

You are welcome to join us at one of our Open Mornings and can register for one of these via the Admissions pages of the website: <https://www.wycombeabbey.com/admissions/#openmornings>. We can also arrange a private visit during term time, Monday to Friday. Girls should be accompanied to Open Mornings and visits by a family member, guardian or agent. We are also able to provide lists of hotels in the local area and directions from main UK entry ports.

Registering

You can download a current form from our website. British and International candidates complete the same form and pay the same registration fee.

Boarding vs Day Boarding

In general, Tier 4 pupils are expected to be Boarders. Other passport and visa holders can apply for either Boarding or Day Boarding.

Educational Agents (non EU)

Wycombe Abbey is happy to engage with Agents should you wish to appoint one to represent and support you and your child through the admissions process. The Agent's details must be added to the Agent section on the registration form as this grants us permission to include them on all correspondence.

If you do decide to appoint an Agent, please note that Wycombe Abbey will not enter into a formal relationship with the Agent, issue contracts or pay commission. Any charges incurred by appointing an Agent are not the responsibility of Wycombe Abbey.

11+, 13+ and 16+ process

The admissions process is the same for all pupils. You can download the process for each entry point on our website.

Assessment and exams

All prospective pupils must visit the School at least once. For 11+ and 13+ it is a requirement to attend the Assessment Day in September or October in the year before entry. Sixth Form candidates must attend the 16+ entrance exams in November of the year before entry. Dates will be provided in advance to help with travel plans to the UK.

Scholarships

Our Music Scholarships (11+, 13+ and 16+) and our Academic Scholarships (11+ and 13+) are open to all applicants. More information can be found on our website.

Bursaries

Bursaries are only available to families permanently resident in the UK.

Offers and Deposits

If an offer is made there is an Additional Deposit required to secure a place for non UK residents.

Right to study

If a pupil receives a Firm Offer to study with us, we will ask for further information to ensure they have the right to study in the UK.

- EU / EEA passport holders will be required to provide a copy of their passport and birth certificate and evidence that they have registered with the UK government (this will be subject to change, depending on Brexit negotiations)
- Existing visa holders (Indefinite Leave to remain, Indefinite Leave to enter, Tier 1 and Tier 2 etc.) will be required to provide a copy of their passport, their visa and the parental visa/s for which they are a dependant
- Non UK, EU/EEA Residents who require a Tier 4 visa will be guided through the application process by the Admissions Department in the Summer Term prior to joining the School
- Parents must ensure that their child has the right to reside and study in the UK and that passports and visas are up to date. These should be checked carefully each holiday and any changes should be communicated to the School, which will also make regular checks
- It is essential that we have notice in writing of all travel details and the precise address at which pupils will reside for the duration of the holidays and all Leaves.

Induction

We often host sleepovers and induction events in the lead-up to pupils joining us and once an offer has been made. These are optional and we understand if you are not able to attend. We will always be available to speak to you over the phone or arrange a private visit when you are in the UK.

Uniform fitting

Uniform fittings take place from the start of the Summer Term onwards. If you are not able to travel to the UK before the start of term in September we will be able to arrange some essential uniform items to be ordered in time for your child's arrival with a uniform appointment taking place in the first week of term.

Health Centre

All pupils are required to have an appointment at the Health Centre for a check-up. This usually takes place at the same time as the uniform fitting. Again, this can be arranged in the first week of term if you are not in the UK between the Summer Term and the start of the academic year.

Welcome Guide

A comprehensive Welcome Guide will be sent to the families of new pupils at the end of the Spring Term prior to the start of term in September. This will include a section dedicated to our international pupils and provide further advice and guidance on visas, passports and guardians, along with general information about the School, term dates and fees etc.

Guardians

It is the responsibility of parents who live or spend considerable time overseas to appoint a suitable Guardian who should be over 25 years of age, resident in the UK and live within a 50-mile radius of the School. It is essential that the Guardian, as well as parents, understand the commitments and responsibilities required (set out in the Welcome Guide) in undertaking the role.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Department: registrar@wycombeabbey.com