

Life

in detail



norwich school

2011-12 For admission in September 2012



Admissions Process

LOWER SCHOOL*

The deadline for receipt of completed applications for the Lower School is 15th December 2011. Once received, an application will be acknowledged, normally within a few days of receipt.

A fortnight prior to the entrance assessments, an examinations card and further details about the morning will be posted to the named contact on the application form.

Candidates will be assessed during the morning of Saturday, 14th January 2012. Boys and girls will be asked to attend in their current school uniform and will undertake a number of activities where their verbal and practical skills in English, Mathematics and Reasoning are assessed. Please note that we will seek an academic reference from your child's current school unless you have indicated otherwise on the application form. Children who successfully complete the assessments are invited, to interview. We are normally able to advise you of the outcome shortly thereafter.

* L1, F1, F2, F3 (Years 3-6)

SENIOR SCHOOL*

The deadline for receipt of completed applications for the Senior School is 15th December 2011. Once received, an application will be acknowledged, normally within a few days of receipt.

A fortnight prior to the entrance assessments, an examinations card and further details about the morning will be posted to the named contact on the application form.

Candidates will be assessed during the morning of Saturday, 14th January 2012, with interviews taking place from Saturday, 21st January. Boys and girls usually attend in casual clothing. All children undertake papers in Mathematics and English, with a Reasoning paper being taken by 11+, 12+ and 13+ entrants. An academic reference from the child's current school will be sought unless we are requested not to do so. Children who successfully complete the written assessments are invited to interview. We aim to advise you of the outcome as soon as possible thereafter.

* L4, U4, L5, M5, U5 (Years 7-11)

SIXTH FORM*

The deadline for receipt of completed applications for the Sixth Form is 1st November 2011. Once received, an application will be acknowledged, normally within a few days of receipt.

Sixth Form candidates are assessed by interview, testing and academic reference from their current School. Interviews will take place on 19th November 2011.

The deadline for the acceptance of a 6th Form place is 31st December 2011.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms for entry into the Lower School, the Senior School or the Sixth Form can be obtained from the Registrar or by downloading the relevant application form from the School's website.

* L6 and U6 (Years 12-13)

ETHOS

Learning and scholarship are at the heart of the broad education that Norwich School provides. Christian values - notably love and compassion for one another - underpin our activities and relationships.

Curriculum

LOWER SCHOOL

The Lower School curriculum offers an exciting and challenging range of subjects designed to develop a strong foundation of skills and knowledge. Pupils are taught by their form teacher as well as subject specialists.

We aim to nurture a love of learning and give pupils the confidence to be fully involved in all aspects of their education. The following subjects are taught in the Lower School:

English
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
Modern Foreign Languages
(French, Italian, German, and Japanese)
Philosophy
Critical Thinking
Religious Education
Personal, Social and Health Education
Music
Drama
Physical Education
Games
Swimming
Art
Design Technology

Optional tuition is available in Speech & Drama and around twenty different musical instruments.

Classroom activities are complemented by day and residential trips for all pupils - eg a visit to a Victorian workhouse as part of History studies or a residential coastal erosion study in Geography.



AIMS

Norwich School is committed to; producing scholarly, reflective young people who are capable of handling difficult concepts and expressing profound thought; providing a rich, varied and broad education that develops the diverse talents of the boys and girls; and equipping pupils for leadership and service.

SENIOR SCHOOL

L4 (year 7) will study:

English
Mathematics
French
Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics are taught separately)
Geography
History
Latin
Religious Studies
IT
Creatives (Art, Drama, DT, Music taught separately)
Meno
Games / PE

In Lower Four, Meno is a broad course which takes in PSHE issues, study skills and a range of subjects that the pupils may not have experienced before, such as philosophy, exotic languages, relaxation techniques, field studies and organics. Regular trips out for cross-curricular purposes are also a feature of this programme.

L4 pupils can expect homework in 2 subjects per night of approximately 25 minutes each.

In U4 (Year 8), a choice of German or Spanish is added to the above.

At the end of U4 the pupils wishing to study Music or Drama to GCSE opt for these; the remainder do a foundation year in Design and Art. There are opportunities to switch Creatives and to take two to GCSE in consultation with the Director of Studies.

U4 pupils can expect homework in 3 subjects per night of approximately 25 minutes each.

GCSE (years 10 and 11)

The syllabus requires:
English IGCSE (November of U5)
English literature (IGCSE)
Mathematics (IGCSE)
A language (IGCSE French, German or Spanish on four periods per week, or double language option on two periods each)
IGCSE Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics are taught separately for Triple or Dual Award IGCSE. Each science has three periods per week)
Two Options (from Classical Civilisation, Geography, Greek, History, Latin, Religious Studies, Art, 2D design, 3D design, Drama or Music)

A total of 9 or 10 GCSE subjects is studied by each pupil. All subject areas are studied for at least two years (L4-L5) before choices are made. Parents and pupils are consulted at option points. Other subjects, such as PE, IT and Meno, are not examined. Games form part of the curriculum in every year, as do the tutorial provision and assembly time.

The curriculum is complemented by a variety of day and residential trips - eg to Normandy (L4), a Classics trip to St Albans & Colchester (U4) and German, French and Spanish exchange visits (L5).



SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form pupils will usually select four subjects for study from the following:

Ancient/Classical Greek
Art
Art History *
Biology
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation *
3D Design *
2D Design *
Economics *
English
French
Geography *
German
History *
Italian (GCSE)
Latin
Mathematics
Further Mathematics **
Music
Philosophy*
Physics
Politics *
Religious Studies *
Russian (GCSE)
Spanish
Sports Science *
Theatre Studies*

There is an optional Critical Thinking AS level which is taken in addition to the other subjects.

* Subjects which may be studied without previous knowledge, provided that good GCSE grades have been achieved in appropriate complementary subjects.

** Candidates wishing to study Further Mathematics also study Mathematics as part of a ten period allocation.

NB: It may not be possible to provide every permutation of subjects listed here, and confirmation of a combination should be sought from the Director of Studies. The decision as to whether four or five AS subjects are taken will be made in consultation between pupil, parents and teacher and will be made in the light of the agreed best interest of the pupil.



The School Day

LOWER SCHOOL

The school day commences at 8.40am with registration and is followed by assembly. There are two periods before break, followed by a further three periods before lunch. There are three periods in the afternoon along with a break mid afternoon and a form period at the end of the day.

SENIOR SCHOOL

The School day commences at 8.30am with registration followed by assembly in the Cathedral. During the course of the day there are nine periods and two morning breaks along with an hour lunch break. The school day ends at 4pm. Between 4pm and 5pm, Monday to Friday, the Reynolds Library is open for quiet private study. The Homework Club operates from Monday to Thursday inclusive until 5pm and other extra-curricular activities run on various evenings during the week. Normally all pupils would be expected to have left the school site by 5pm.

Pastoral Care

LOWER SCHOOL

In the Lower School, pupils are in the care of their Form Tutor who has a crucial role to play in the provision of pastoral care. Form Tutors provide pupils with a point of daily contact, and act as a channel through which information passes to and from pupils, parents and teachers. The fostering of positive, constructive relationships between home and school is seen as crucial. Boys and girls in the Lower School are encouraged to be fully involved in school life and reach their full potential. All pupils are closely monitored by their Form Tutor and there is time each day for the Form Tutor to offer support and advice when needed.

Every boy or girl is assigned to a House. These are Conisford, Heigham and Magdalen – named after the historic gates of Norwich. There are regular competitions between the Houses as well as a weekly House Star total. The healthy rivalry between Houses develops team spirit and pride from being involved in the success of their House. House Tutors monitor the pupils in the House environment and this dual pastoral approach with

the Form Tutors allows for the caring and comprehensive support of each individual.

The Lower School encourages and initiates regular communication between home and school. All pupils have a prep diary where parents may leave notes for the Form Tutor. Parents may drop into school in the morning to speak with a teacher or telephone the Lower School Secretary to make an appointment. There are also formal reporting times during the year in the form of end of term reports and Parents' Evenings in November and June.



SENIOR SCHOOL

Boys and girls are tutored by a member of staff who is affiliated to the pupil's House. The Tutor plays a key pastoral role seeing the pupil each day for registration and during weekly tutorial periods.

There are eight houses, Brooke, Coke, Seagrim, Nelson, Parker, Repton, School House and Valpy. Like Lower 4 they will see the same member of staff for daily registration and tutor periods each week. There are approximately twelve children per house in each year group, rising to approximately seventeen per house in the Sixth Form. A child's tutor is the first point of contact for any pastoral issues. Each house is led by a housemaster who oversees the pastoral care of all the pupils in his or her house and provides continuity from year to year.

There is a formal parents' evening for each year group, along with half-termly grade cards and a full report produced each year.

The School Chaplain, The Reverend Nic Tivey, supports the spiritual and pastoral needs of pupils and staff.

The whole school comes together for daily assemblies and services.



These are valuable times of reflection and worship. There is a weekly Christian service. In assemblies, notices are given; sporting, academic, and artistic achievements are celebrated. These are followed by a short talk or presentation, mined from an eclectic mix of subjects, controversies and current affairs, delivered by both staff and pupils. A hymn of praise is sung before studies begin. The Christian ethos of the school provides a framework for its spiritual life. Pupils of all faiths are welcomed and it is not the School's intention to proselytize or indoctrinate.

Scholarships & Bursaries

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to pupils with outstanding ability and flair, which the school assesses by examination, interview or audition. The financial value of a scholarship is normally 10% of the annual tuition fee – irrespective of parental means. Scholarships are awarded in four categories: Academic; Music; Sport; and Art, Design & Drama.

Academic scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form entry. Music scholarships are awarded at 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form entry. Sport and Art, Design & Drama scholarships are awarded only at Sixth Form entry.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please indicate your interest on the application form. Pupils may apply for more than one scholarship, although the maximum financial benefit that can be cumulated is 20% of the school fees.

BURSARIES

We set aside generous funds to enable boys and girls to come to Norwich School who would not be able to do so without financial help.

All bursaries are means-tested and can result in a reduction in fees of up to 100%; there is a sliding scale dependent on family income and finances and on the resources of the school.

As a general rule, it is unlikely that a bursary will be awarded when family income is greater than four and a half times the school fees or assets are greater than twenty times school fees. It is possible, indeed not unusual, for a bursary holder to have a scholarship. In such circumstances 10% of fees would be covered by the scholarship; any bursary funding further to this would, of course, be means-tested.

If you wish to be considered for bursarial assistance, please indicate that interest on the application form and the relevant paperwork will be sent to you. A detailed Application for Financial Assistance form – covering all aspects of your family's finances – would need to be filled out and sent to the Bursar, prior to the prospective pupil's assessment. To supplement the School's bursary provision, the Worshipful Company of Dyers, through its charitable trust, is able to give financial support to a pupil with all-round talent at both 11+ and 16+. The criteria for the Dyers'

Bursary Scheme are similar to those outlined above and potential applicants should simply register interest in bursarial assistance on the application form. The Registrar will inform you of eligibility at a later stage.

In addition to the above arrangements, The School has an association with the Ogden Trust which is able to give financial support to selected Sixth Form pupils who join us from the state sector with primary academic strengths in mathematics and applied sciences. The Trust's financial criteria are similar to our own. If you register an interest in general bursarial assistance at 16+ entry, the Registrar will inform you of your eligibility for the Ogden scheme at a later stage.



Tuition Fees 2011/2012

| LOWER SCHOOL | PER ANNUM | PER TERM |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Forms Lower 1, 1, 2 & 3: | £11,088 | £3,696 |
| SENIOR SCHOOL | PER ANNUM | PER TERM |
| Forms Lower 4 upwards: | £12,174 | £4,058 |

A deposit of £295 is payable on acceptance of a place. A sliding scale of deposit operates for pupils awarded bursarial assistance. The sum is held over until the end of the last term and used to pay any extra charges outstanding once the pupil has left the School. Any remaining will be refunded to parents.

The School charges examination fees for public examinations.

LUNCHES

The charge for lunch, which is set at £2.95 per day and varies according to the length of each term, is as follows:

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| Michaelmas (Autumn) Term 2011 | £200.60 |
| Lent (Spring) Term 2012 | £144.55 |
| Trinity (Summer) Term 2012 | £153.40 |

All fees are charged and payable termly, in advance and usually by direct debit.

All matters relating to School fees and their collection are dealt with by:

The Bursar's Office, Norwich School, 71A The Close, Norwich NR1 4DD
Tel: 01603 728436 Fax: 01603 728490 Email: finance@norwich-school.org.uk

Exam Results

GCSE

| Year | A* grade | A*or A grade |
|------|----------|--------------|
| 2011 | 32% | 66% |
| 2010 | 37% | 69% |
| 2009 | 34% | 72% |
| 2008 | 36% | 69% |
| 2007 | 45% | 76% |
| 2006 | 31% | 65% |

ADVANCED LEVEL (A2)

| Year | A* or A grade | A*, A or B grade | Daily Telegraph Position |
|------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2011 | 62% | 86% | 78th |
| 2010 | 61% | 87% | 93rd |
| 2009 | 66% | 89% | 71st |
| 2008 | 61% | 86% | 80th |
| 2007 | 66% | 89% | 55th |
| 2006 | 59% | 85% | 74th |



Extra-curricular Activities

LOWER SCHOOL



The Lower School offers a comprehensive extra-curricular programme of activities and events. All pupils are expected to be involved in some aspect of this provision. Pupils thoroughly enjoy the many different clubs on offer and show great commitment to the music groups, choir, drama productions, sports teams and numerous other activities.

Current and recent activities in the Lower School include:

Badminton, Natural History Club, Tennis, Ceramics, Fencing, German, Orienteering,

8th Norwich Cubs and Scouts, Baseball, Maths, Cricket Nets, Craft, Football, Warhammer, Golf, Desktop Publishing, Summer Games, Board Games, Origami, Music Groups, Cycling Awareness, Choir, Computing, Chapel Choir, Juggling, Performing Arts, Senior Strings, Chess, Junior Strings, Hot Air, Swing Band, Recorders and Guitar Circle.

There is an annual Lower School musical. Recent productions include: Treasure Island, Zoom, The Pied Piper, Guys & Dolls and The Mikado.

SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

The Senior School offers a wide-ranging programme of activities and events outside formal lessons, most of which revolve around the interests of the pupils.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in at least one activity. Senior School pupils have opportunities to become involved with the many and varied music groups – choral, instrumental, formal and recreational – as well as the Appeals Committee, Consultative Committee, drama productions, sports teams, Christian Forum, D of E, Puzzle Club, Art Club, Knitting Club, Sea Scouts, Junior Debating Society, Cricket nets, Chemistry Club, RS Club, Tennis, Chess, Activities Club, Sculling, Amnesty, the Thomas Browne Society, Trogodyte Club, juggling and Writer's Bloc; House Soirées and other House based events, often charitable; School newspaper:

Sport

LOWER SCHOOL

The boys and girls take part in a variety of team and individual sports including hockey, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, rounders and tennis. There is a comprehensive fixtures programme for team sports.

SENIOR SCHOOL

During the Fourth Form and Lower 5 (Years 7-9 inclusive) boys will play Rugby in the Michaelmas Term, Hockey in the Lent Term and Cricket and Athletics in the Trinity Term. Girls will play Hockey in the Michaelmas Term, Netball in the Lent term and Athletics, Rounders and Tennis in the Trinity Term. A 'potted' sports programme is also run for those children who will benefit from developing hand eye co-ordination and other core skills. In Middle and Upper 5, pupils have more choice in the range of sports available.

Sixth formers have a wide choice of sporting options including: Athletics, Badminton, Climbing, Cricket, Cross Country, Cycling, Dance, Fencing, Fitness Suite, Football, Hockey, Netball, Orienteering, Rounders, Rowing, Rugby, Rugby sevens, Sailing, Self defence, Shooting, Squash, Tennis and Yoga.

There is a comprehensive fixtures programme in all major team sports, and in many others.



School Shop

New school uniform can be tried on and ordered via the School's supplier, SchoolBlazer.com from the school shop located at:

71a The Close, Norwich NR1 4DD
Tel: 01603 728440

Email:shop@norwich-school.org.uk

The shop is open Monday to Friday 2.30pm - 4.30pm during term time; additionally on Open Mornings.

The shop is also open during the summer holidays for four weeks in total and further details are available on the School's web site. New pupils are requested to make an appointment for a full fitting by either telephoning or emailing Mrs Mandy Ingham on 01603 728440 or mingham@norwich-school.org.uk

Cathedral Choristers In Norwich School

Boys are normally eligible for entry to the Choir between the age of seven and nine. They must pass the School's entrance examination and the voice test conducted by the Cathedral's Master of the Music. The latter includes some simple aural tests (e.g picking notes out of basic chords and repeating short melodic and rhythmic patterns) and reading aloud a passage of prose. Few candidates at this stage have had much musical training. What is being looked for is musical potential, usually expressed in a clear voice, a quick ear and a lively intelligence. It is an advantage to play an instrument.

Boys stay in the choir until their voices break, usually at about the age of thirteen/fourteen. The date of departure is decided by the Master of the Music. They normally then continue in the School until the end of their school careers.

The life of a chorister is a rigorous one and requires significant commitment from the boy and the support of his family. An indication of the choristers' routine can be found on the School's website.

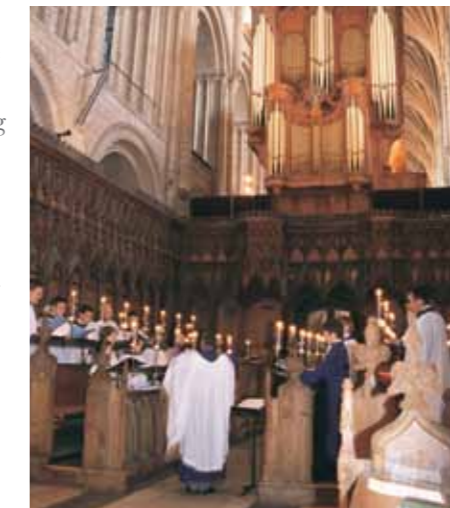
BURSARIES

The Cathedral Choir Endowment Fund, set up by the Dean and Chapter, pays bursaries in respect of each chorister and probationer while he is in the choir. These amount to half of school fees and are paid directly to the School. In cases of special financial need, additional help may be available. The choristers are paid fees in respect of most extra commitments. These are paid directly to the boys themselves.

INFORMATION

The Cathedral's Master of the Music is always ready to discuss with parents the possibility of membership of the choir for their son. Some parents like to bring their sons along for an 'informal' voice trial, without obligation, before making formal application. In such cases, contact should be made sooner rather than later. Mr David Lowe can be contacted on 01603 626589 or dlowe@cathedral.org.uk.

Mr Jim Hawkins is taking up the position of Head Master at Harrow School from September 2011. The Norwich School Governors have chosen as his successor Mr Steffan Griffiths, Deputy Head of Magdalen College School in Oxford. Further details may be found on the Norwich School website.



Growth with Co-education

Girls have thrived at Norwich School since 1994 when the first Sixth Form cohort was welcomed.

In the 2011/12 academic year the School has 1000 pupils from 7 to 18 years old. The boy:girl ratio is approximately 70:30 at present and we predict will move towards 60:40 during the next few years.

All year groups are fully co-educational.

Copies of School's Policies and Terms and Conditions are available to download from the school website or from the Head Master's PA.



Provisional Norwich School Term Dates, 2012-2013

MICHAELMAS (AUTUMN) 2012

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| First Day of Term | Wednesday, 5th September |
| Half-Term | 4pm Wednesday, 24th October to 8.30am Tuesday, 6th November |
| Last Day of Term | Friday, 14th December |

LENT (SPRING) 2013

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| First Day of Term | Tuesday, 8th January |
| Half-Term | 4pm Friday, 15th February to 8.30am Monday, 25th February |
| Last Day of Term | Friday, 22nd March |

TRINITY (SUMMER) 2013

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| First Day of Term | Monday, 15th April |
| Half-Term | 4pm Friday, 24th May to 8.30am Monday, 3rd June |
| Last Day of Term | Friday, 5th July |



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