



Tettenhall College

Guide to Admissions

Entrance Assessments, Scholarships & Bursaries
at Tettenhall College



Welcome to Tettenhall College

The information contained in this booklet is designed to make our admissions process clear and easy to navigate. Our College is a place where we strive to achieve excellence for all of our pupils, wherever their talents may lie, and we do this whilst delivering the very highest levels of pastoral support and care.

We understand that choosing a school for your child is both an important and difficult decision. There are many factors for you to consider to ensure you pick the school that is right for your child. We look forward to making this process easier for you by offering a personal, friendly and flexible approach to your admissions journey, so that you can be sure Tettenhall College is the school where your child will be happy, flourish and succeed.

Children normally join us at the start of the academic year in September, however we recognise that sometimes circumstances arise that prevent this from happening, therefore if we have a space available we are happy to consider admissions at other times during the year.

Tettenhall College offers a remarkable opportunity for your child's education, providing an exceptional learning environment for boys and girls aged between two and eighteen years. We aim to inspire and nurture our pupils, encouraging them to achieve their full potential with an emphasis on an education that develops the whole person both in and beyond the classroom. The opportunity to board from Year 5 onwards opens a wealth of exciting experiences that they can choose to experience, whether on a flexible, weekly or full time basis.



We look forward to meeting you

Our Open Days are a perfect way to come and see the School and our facilities as well as meet our staff and pupils. You will be shown around the School by our pupils and there is plenty of opportunity for you and your child to interact with members of staff and to find out more about the subjects and the extra-curricular activities that we offer.

Details of the next Open events can be found on the College website.

Individual Tours

We encourage everyone to come in and see Tettenhall College first-hand and we are delighted to arrange individual tours for families during the School day. Wherever possible, the Headmaster will be pleased to have an informal meeting with you and your child. An individual tour is a wonderful way to experience the happy and welcoming atmosphere at Tettenhall College and to meet our expert teachers and wonderful pupils.

Taster Days

The next step on the admissions journey is for your child to join us for a Taster Day. This gives them the opportunity to experience a typical day at Tettenhall College, take part in lessons and meet the other children in their year group. For those little ones looking to start their learning journey in our Nursery, we arrange a Welcome Session where a 'play date' allows them to come and join us whilst their parents spend time with the experienced team who will be looking after their child.



The Admissions Process

After visiting the school either at an Open Day or for a personal tour, the next step in the Admissions process is to complete a Registration form and return this to the Admissions Department along with the Registration Fee (£90 for UK students, £120 for overseas students), a copy of your child's passport and their most recent school report.

Preparatory School: Nursery to Year 6

In Preparatory School, a child's suitability is assessed during their taster day or taster session in Nursery/ Pre-School. Children looking to join in our Reception class or above will complete a number of informal assessments during the course of the day. Teachers will also provide feedback to the Head of the Preparatory School at the end of the day and this, along with their most recent school report will be used to determine if a place can be offered.

Senior School: Years 7 - 11

Children wishing to join the Senior School at Tettenhall College into Years 7, 8 and 9 will be invited to attend the College Entrance Assessment in the January prior to entry the following September.

For pupils joining the College from outside the UK, please speak with the Admissions Team who will be happy to explain how we complete these assessments remotely.

It is essential that any child wishing to sit the Entrance Assessment is registered well in advance. We strongly recommend that you secure your place by the end of the preceding Autumn term, as places will be capped.

The Entrance Assessment is a full morning of activities, including the formal academic assessments which are run in conjunction with Cambridge CEM. These include Numeracy, Literacy and Non-Verbal Reasoning. A series of additional assessment activities will also take place during the morning including a handwritten Creative Writing Task, team participation exercises and other interactive sessions. Once the assessments have been marked, individual offers will then be made.

For pupils wishing to be considered for a Scholarship, these awards will be assessed either on the day of the Entrance Assessment or in the week before this. Academic Scholarships will be assessed via the Entrance Assessment, with the very highest performing pupils being invited for an interview with the Headmaster, prior to any award decisions being made.

For those pupils wishing to apply for a Sport, Art, Music or Performing Arts scholarship, individual assessments will take place during the week before the Entrance Assessment.

Tettenhall College is ambitiously inclusive and we are very proud of the high quality provision offered to children with SEN requirements. For a personal chat with our Head of Learning Support (Preparatory) or Head of Academic Support (Senior), please contact the Admissions Team.

Applicants for Year 10 should contact the Admissions Team to discuss the assessment process for entry at this point.

Sixth Form: Years 12 + 13

Entry to Year 12 is determined by GCSE results (or equivalent), an academic assessment, school reports, and a successful interview with the Headmaster.

All applicants to the Sixth Form will be invited to take an Assessment which will take place during the Spring term prior to a student joining the following September.

Scholarship Assessments will also be completed at this time. More information about the scholarship programmes available can be found later in this booklet.

Students will have a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects at Level 5 (grade C) or above, whilst the following subjects also have additional requirements:

- Further Mathematics: Level 7 in GCSE Mathematics
- Science subjects: Level 6 in GCSE Mathematics
- P.E: Club-level participation in at least one sport
- Music: Proficiency in an instrument/voice to at least grade 5 level and GCSE music
- Art and Design: A strong portfolio of work, if GCSE has not been studied previously

All pupils joining Tettenhall College will be offered the opportunity to take part in an Induction Day, when they will meet with their new teachers, fellow classmates and spend time experiencing all that is to come.

EXCELLENCE at Tettenhall College

Applying for an Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarship is a way for learners to expand their knowledge of specific subjects and the world at large. It is a preparation for further study and a future career. All Academic Scholars will follow the Scholars Programme; a series of subject specific extension tasks with a minimum of one per half term to be completed. Students who are not Academic Scholars are also warmly encouraged to complete these extension tasks if they wish.

Age 11–13: for entry into Years 7, 8 & 9

All students applying to join the College at age 11–13 must sit an Entrance Assessment which is usually held at the end of January. The highest performing candidates in the Entrance Assessment will be invited back and interviewed for the Scholarship Programme.

Age 16: for entry into Year 12

Those students wishing to apply for an Academic Sixth Form Scholarship must initially demonstrate an outstanding academic track record along with strong predicted GCSE results. Offers are conditional and are based on excellent GCSE predictions and a Tettenhall College academic assessment that will be sat in the Autumn or Spring term prior to entry. The Scholarship is confirmed upon receipt of the candidate's GCSE results. A meeting with the Headmaster will also form part of this process.

The College reserves the right to award Scholarships to exceptional students at other entry times



MUSIC at Tettenhall College

Applying for a Music Scholarship

Music is an integral part of life at Tettenhall College. The department has an established reputation, with an exciting annual performance programme and significant success in local and national festivals. There is a strong emphasis on performing, with a very large proportion of College pupils participating in a musical ensemble or choir, and academic and practical examination results are consistently excellent. Each year we offer a small number of Music Scholarships to exceptional candidates. To those students given one of these prestigious awards, the College makes the following commitments:

- **Academic:**
 - A Level and GCSE music with specialist staff.
 - Scholars' Handbook projects provide a range of additional projects for each year group.
 - Composition encouraged with a view to live performances.
 - Termly lunches for Music Scholars, each with a different focus.
 - Discussions regarding conservatories, universities and careers will feature.
- **Performing:**
 - Exceptional specialist teachers.
 - Regular solo performances in concerts.
 - Extensive range of singing and instrumental ensembles directed by specialist staff.
 - Support in preparing for local and national festivals, competitions and auditions.
 - Organ lessons for advanced pianists.
 - Access to a variety of musical genres including classical, musical theatre and jazz.
 - Preparation and accompaniment for ABRSM, Rock School and Musical Theatre exams.
 - Concert tours in the UK and abroad.
- **Musicianship**
 - Composition in specialist music studio with software packages including Sibelius.
 - Aural and Music Theory classes to advanced level.

Applying for a Music Scholarship:

Ideally, candidates should be able to offer two instruments, or one with singing. On their main instrument, candidates normally need to have passed grade 2 for 11+, grade 5 for 13+ and grade 7 for 16+ (or be playing at the equivalent level) by the application deadline. There is no minimum standard required for the second instrument.

Music Scholarship Assessment Day:

The Assessment Day is usually held at the end of January in the year of entry. The Director of Music will spend time with each individual candidate and the format of the assessment will be similar to that of a music grade exam. Music Scholarship candidates will be asked to perform one piece on each instrument and a song of their choice. For all candidates there will also be a series of tests, as well as an interview. Successful applicants are expected to make a major contribution to extra-curricular music activities.

SPORT at Tettenhall College

Applying for a Sport Scholarship

At Tettenhall College we have a long tradition of sporting excellence. Our staff are extremely committed to Sport and a large number are actively involved in the coaching and taking of sporting teams to fixtures. In addition to the in-house expertise, we also employ a number of specialist coaches to assist with the delivery of sport and to run our specialist Sport Academies. The quality of coaching provision is what sets us apart.

The College is committed to helping each and every student achieve and realise their potential through offering a broad sporting curriculum. Every student participates in the sporting programme, which offers a variety of activities and opportunities. All students from the age of 11 through to 18 have compulsory PE and Games. However, for those students who have shown and continue to demonstrate exceptional potential in their chosen sport(s), we are able to consider one of a small number of Scholarships if entering years 7, 9 or 12. Sporting performance is then developed alongside their academic education.

Tettenhall College is proud to provide:

- Professional specialist coaching
- Access to training facilities
- A single point of contact for both the parents and scholar
- Strength and conditioning support
- Mentoring / Lifestyle support
- Personal development opportunities, including leadership skills
- Termly Sports Scholar lunches with inspirational guest speakers

Applying for a Sports Scholarship:

Sport Scholars are generally training and playing at County, Regional or International standard in their chosen sport.

The Sport Scholarship Assessment Day at the end of January will take into account a student's overall fitness, competitiveness and ability to play well within a team and the skills they are able to demonstrate. There will also be an interview with a member of the Sports Team to discuss the candidates understanding of what it means to be a Sport Scholar.

To apply, please email our Admissions Department: admissions@tettcoll.co.uk

Once your child is registered with us you will be provided with a Sports Scholarship Application form and further details as their assessment date approaches.

The deadline for Sports Scholarship applications is the last day of the Autumn term before the year of entry.

PERFORMANCE at Tettenhall College

Applying for a Performing Arts Scholarship

With a beautiful original Victorian theatre in the heart of the College, there is a longstanding tradition of high quality drama and theatre at Tettenhall College. Each year the College delivers a wonderful programme of productions, ranging from established and newly produced plays, through to popular musical theatre productions.

From our youngest learners in the College Nursery, to our senior students preparing for a career in an area of the performing arts, there are countless opportunities for performance, public speaking, solo and ensemble pieces. There are also many back-stage opportunities with the chance to learn about Theatre Technology, set and costume design, producing and directing.

For those pupils who are able to demonstrate a strong track record in the Performing Arts, whether this be in Drama or Musical Theatre, a small number of Performing Arts Scholarships are available each year if entering years 7, 9 or 12.

Scholars will work closely with the Head of English and Drama, and our Director of Music, to develop a broad and ambitious range of skills. We offer LAMDA and other qualifications as part of this process and also the opportunity to perform a wide range of genres. We expect Performing Art Scholars in the Senior School to take GCSE Drama, whilst our Sixth Form scholars are warmly encouraged to consider our specialist BTEC in Performing Arts as one of their options.

Performing Arts Scholars are expected to take an active, regular and enthusiastic role in the Performance life of the School. The College has a strong and proud history of students going on to study at some of the very best theatre schools including RADA.



ART at Tettenhall College

Applying for an Art Scholarship

The Creative and Expressive Arts are very much at the heart of life here at Tettenhall College. Our outstanding Art department is a place where creativity and expression come together with the development of skills in a broad range of mediums.

As well as Fine Art and Painting, our extensive Art programme also includes Textiles, Ceramics, Photography, Graphic Design and elements of Fashion.

For those pupils who can demonstrate a developed portfolio of Art, ideally in a range of styles, we offer the opportunity to apply for one of the Colleges' annual Art Scholarship Awards. As an Art Scholar, a pupil will have the chance to work closely with our team of specialist Art Teachers and also take part in a range of workshops with visiting artists such as sculptors, designers and textile makers.

A pupil applying for entry in Years 7, 9 or 12 may be put forward for an assessment for an Art Scholarship Award. This will take place towards the end of January, prior to a September start.

We will ask for a portfolio of work to be submitted and also for a specified Art task to be completed at home. Candidates will then be invited to join us at the College for a personal appointment with our Head of Art when they will discuss what it means to be an Art Scholar, before then completing a timed exercise. The decision as to who will be made an Award will involve the skills demonstrated, the potential shown and the demonstration of a clear interest and love for Art.



Fees

The Governors of Tettenhall College seek to maintain affordable fees for all pupils.

Our latest fee information can be found by downloading our fees information from the College website.

An acceptance deposit of £500 per pupil for Day Pupils in all year groups and £1,000 for Boarders is payable upon confirmation of a place. (Non UK pupils are required to pay the first term's fee in addition).

This is returnable when the pupil leaves the College and upon settlement of their final bill. Fees are usually reviewed for the beginning of each academic year at the discretion of the Governors, and parents are given as much notice as possible of any changes.

Bursaries & Family Support

As registered charity, Tettenhall College is committed to ensuring that high quality, independent education is available to as many deserving children as possible.

Each year the College offers a number of means-tested bursary awards, with a guideline being a family household income of less than £60,000 per annum. A bursary application must be made well in advance of the proposed start date at the College. All information provided is kept in the strictest confidence. A bursary award may result in a fee reduction, however the family will also be expected to contribute to the termly school fees.

A bursary may be awarded in addition to a scholarship award. In both cases, a percentage fee remission is offered, but the total of one or both awards would still require the family to significantly contribute to the termly fees.

SIBLING DISCOUNTS

A sibling discount of 10% is granted to families with more than one child in the school and is applied on the younger child's account. A 15% discount is offered to a third child, increasing to 20% for the fourth.

(Terms apply where a scholarship or bursary has been awarded).

OLD TETTENHALLIAN DISCOUNT

On request, Old Tettenhallians are eligible for a 10% reduction in fees for their children.



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