



DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

1. Dauntsey's is a co-educational independent school for pupils from ages 11 to 18. The School community is lively, creative and caring and has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Prospective parents are informed about the ethos, aims and organisation of the school through the prospectus, the website: www.dauntseys.org and through a visit to Dauntsey's.

Visiting Dauntsey's

2. Prospective parents are most welcome to visit Dauntsey's and meet with the Registrar, the Headmaster and pupils during a normal school day. Less formal visits are offered through Open Days which are held twice yearly in May and October and small group tours which take place on either a Tuesday afternoon or a Saturday morning throughout the school year. Details of these can be found on the website: www.dauntseys.org. Open Days and small group tours offer an opportunity to hear the Head Master speak about life at Dauntsey's, tour the school and boarding houses with pupils, and meet teaching and admissions staff.

3. Please contact the Admissions Office (01380 814506) to arrange a visit or to book into a small group tour or an Open day.

Printed Information about Dauntsey's

4. A copy of our In Focus magazine which serves as an alternative to a conventional prospectus, is available on request. Prospective parents may request a copy either via the website, by completing and submitting the on-line enquiry form, or by email: admissions@dauntseys.org or telephone, +44 (0) 1380 814500.

Entry Procedure

5. The Registrar supervises the admission procedure. If parents decide to place their child's name on the entry list, they must complete and return the Registration Form, available on the

website, accompanied by a non-refundable registration fee of £100. Receipt of the Registration Form and fee is acknowledged by the Admissions Office, and the child is placed on the entry lists. Parents are contacted at the appropriate time with details of the relevant entry procedure.

6. Dauntsey's is a selective school and the selection process includes an entry examination, an interview and references from the current school. Our selection process is designed to identify pupils who are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education, and who will make a positive contribution to the life of our School community.

7. Points of entry are at First Form (Year 7), Third Form (Year 9), and Lower Sixth Form (Year 12). Entry to the Third Form (Year 9) is restricted to boarding places only; day places are available at both 11+ entry and 16+ entry. Some boarding places may also be available at Second Form (Year 8) and Fourth Form (Year 10). Queries concerning availability should be directed to the Registrar.

8. The aim of the selection process is to identify potential. The School looks for well-rounded pupils with a genuine interest in education in the broadest sense of the word. Dauntsey's has strong traditions in adventure, music, drama, art, community activities and sport and seeks to encourage pupils with interests that stretch beyond the confines of the academic curriculum.

9. Candidates for entry at 11+ need no specific preparation for the entrance tests. All candidates start on an equal footing, with identical opportunities to display their academic aptitude and extra-curricular skills. Sample papers are available on request, and candidates are invited to Dauntsey's in mid January of the year of entry to sit papers in: English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning. All candidates are interviewed.

10. Candidates for 13+ entry, who are at prep schools, will take the Common Pre-Test early in the Spring Term of their Year 7. These consist of on-line tests in: Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Maths and English. All applicants are interviewed at Dauntsey's during a "Taster Day", held in early March. Places are offered at the end of the Spring Term of the pupil's Year 7. Those at prep schools take the Common Entrance at their current school in June of Year 8, and the completed papers are sent for marking to the senior school where a pupil has accepted a place. For those pupils who have accepted a place at Dauntsey's to start in Year 9, once papers are marked, results are sent to parents and prep schools and used for initial setting purposes.

11. Candidates not prepared for Common Entrance will take Dauntsey's own tests in English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning in the Spring Term of their Year 7 or, for "late place" applicants, during the late Autumn Term of their Year 8.

12. For entry at 16+, a report, references and predicted I/GCSE grades are requested from the applicant's current school. Following an interview, places are offered at the beginning of December in a pupil's Year 11. Entry requirements for the Sixth Form for external candidates are a minimum

of six I/GCSE's, three at Level 7 and three at Level 6, with Level 7 or above expected for those subjects a candidate wishes to study at A Level (where appropriate). For those not taking I/GCSE's, candidates take Dauntsey's own 16+ entry papers in; English, Maths and a General Paper and have an interview, either in person, or via Skype with the Deputy Head, Academic.

13. Full details of all entry procedures are published on the School Website together with specific applications dates for each school year.

Equal Treatment

14. The School encourages applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. This enriches our community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world. Dauntsey's is also committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of a candidate's sex, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or social background.

Learning Support and Special Needs

15. The School does not unlawfully discriminate in any way regarding entry. The School welcomes pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities, providing that we can offer them the support that they require, cater for any additional needs and that our site can accommodate them. We strongly advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical or mental disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the Registrar before he/she sits the entrance exam so that we can advise on our learning support provision in the first instance and make adequate provision for the entrance examinations. Parents should provide to the Registrar, a copy of an educational psychologist's report, as well as any additional information from a medical practitioner or specialist teacher.

16. The School will discuss thoroughly with parents (and their medical advisers if appropriate) the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the School.

Sibling Policy

17. Dauntsey's welcomes and encourages siblings to attend the School. In most instances we will endeavour to offer a place to a sibling. However, admission is not automatic, and there may be occasions where the School judges that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Scholarships and Awards

18. Scholarships are intended to reward excellence and to celebrate exceptional talent. In recognition of this achievement, the scholar is offered a non-means tested reduction in the fees of up to 10% for the duration of their education at Dauntsey's, provided that the conditions of the scholarship continue to met satisfactorily. Scholarship terms and conditions are provided separately. In cases of financial need, parents of scholars may apply for a means-tested scholarship supplement through the Bursar.

19. Dauntsey's offers scholarships at all main entry points and awards are only made to pupils who have been offered a place at Dauntsey's. Scholarships and awards have a maximum financial benefit of 10%. Music awards may also offer free tuition in musical instrument(s). Details of the arrangements are available on the website. If required, additional funding is available through a Scholarship Supplement which is subject to means testing. Full details of available awards are published on the School website and are summarised as follows:

- 11+ entry: Academic, Sport, Music, Head Master's Awards,
- 13+ entry: Academic, Science, Sport, Performing Arts, (Music, Drama, Dance), *Jolie Brise* Boarding All-Rounder, Head Masters Awards for Art, Design Technology
- 16+ entry: Academic, Sports, Performing Arts, (Music, Drama, Dance), Boarding Awards

Boarding Awards may also be offered at all points of entry for those who will contribute significantly to the boarding community.

Bursaries

20. The School operates a 100% Bursary Scheme providing for up to three fully-funded boarding or day places annually. The Bursary Policy is available on the website, and the scheme is administered by the Bursar. Basic eligibility for consideration of a 100% bursary requires that parents are unable to consider private education on the basis that they can afford to make no contribution to the fees. Full details and application forms are available on the website.

Overseas Applicants

21. We welcome overseas pupils who can study at Dauntsey's as a boarder provided that he/she has a relative or responsible adult living in the UK with whom he/she can stay when required more details of which are contained in the School's Terms and Conditions.

Fluency in English

22. In order to cope with the high academic and social demands of Dauntsey's, pupils must be fluent English speakers. Ability in spoken and written English is judged through interview and written paper for those whose first language is not English. Tuition in English as an Additional Language (EAL) is provided and included in the international tuition fees.

Religious Beliefs

23. Dauntsey's School welcomes applications from prospective pupils of all faiths and of no faith. Although Dauntsey's has Christian roots, the School does not select for entry on the basis of religious belief, and it offers the opportunity for all to practise their own faiths. However, parents should be aware that there is compulsory Saturday morning school and that all pupils are expected to attend services held at the School and conducted by our Chaplain.

Contractual Terms and Conditions

24. Copies of the detailed Terms and Conditions are available on request, and on the School website. Personal copies of the contractual Terms and Conditions are provided to all parents as part of the Admissions process and acceptance of a place at Dauntsey's requires parents or guardians to read, agree and sign the terms and conditions.

COMPLAINTS

The School hopes that parents and pupils do not have any complaints about our admissions process. However, any prospective parent who wishes to complain about any aspect of the admission process should in the first instance raise the matter with the Registrar. Matters unresolved by the Registrar may subsequently be raised with the Head Master whose decision in relation to a complaint about admissions will be final.

Mrs J. H. Sagers
Registrar

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