



JAMES ALLEN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL (JAGS)
(DfE Number 210/6002)

WHOLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY
(Summary Statement)

JAGS is an academically selective, independent, girls' day school, educating some 1090 girls from Reception (age 4) to the Sixth Form (age 18). Our preparatory section, James Allen's Preparatory School, educates the 300 younger pupils, from age 4-7 years in the Pre-Prep and from age 7-11 years in the Middle School.

The main points for entry into the school are at 4+ (Reception), 7+ (Year 3) 11+ (Year 7) and 16+ (Sixth Form). Admission to other year groups is dependent on there being chance vacancies.

Applicants will be considered as candidates for admission to the school once the Registration Form has been completed and returned, along with the non-refundable registration fee, currently £50 (£60 overseas). For entry below the Sixth Form, parents must send in a completed Registration Form by 30 November of the year preceding entry.

Entry to the school is competitive; JAGS has no sibling or family preference policies. Admission is subject to the availability of a place and to the candidate meeting the entry requirements at the time. Places will be offered to those who achieve the best results in the school's own entry tests. Girls attending James Allen's Preparatory School have automatic entry to the Senior School at 11+, subject to their having maintained the required academic standard.

Admission to the school is subject to the Standard Terms and Conditions current at the time and to any reasonable amendments made to them from time to time.

Assessments for 4+ and 7+ take place in the December and January prior to a September admission. Parents can register their daughters as soon as they are born, but should note that entry is competitive. At 4+ girls are invited to an assessment which takes place in two parts. On both occasions the children have time to engage in free play. All assessments are undertaken by qualified Early Years staff through activities which are the norm for nurseries and playgroups and which are designed to assess the child's potential and accommodate all pre-school experiences which the children will have encountered. At 7+ girls are tested in English, Maths and Reasoning. Applicants who have achieved the required academic standard are invited back for a short verbal test and an interview with the Headteacher. A written report is requested from their current school.

The **entrance examination for 11+** takes place in the January prior to a September admission. Parents can register their daughter after her 9th birthday. The examination consists of papers in Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning, and is designed to gauge the girls' intellectual potential, not to test what they have learnt at their junior school.

Candidates are interviewed before the examination where possible and a report is requested from their current school.

Admission to the Sixth Form depends on an entrance examination taken in subjects to be studied at Advanced level, GCSE results, a reference from the previous school and an interview. The examination is held in November.

Academic Scholarships and means-tested Bursaries are available at 11+ and 16+. There are also 11+ and Sixth Form Art and Music Scholarships, 11+ Sports Exhibitions and a Sixth Form Economics Scholarship.

The Acceptance Deposit of £600 is payable when parents return the Acceptance Form to the School. It is refunded (less any outstanding charges) on leaving, or credited if a full term's fee in lieu of notice is paid.

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