

SENIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Join Northwest London's leading co-educational all-through 3 to 18 independent school.



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ABOUT US

Located in a charming and unique setting in Harrow-on-the-Hill, Northwest London, John Lyon is an ambitious and leading co-educational day school. We are forward-thinking and dynamic in our approach, all whilst staying true to our proud heritage, ethos and culture. Our eight core values (Ambition, Community, Creativity, Enquiry, Excellence, Heritage, Innovation, Resolve) guide us in all we do and are embedded into School life.

Together with John Lyon Prep School, Quainton Hall, we proudly serve families on the Hill itself, around Harrow and further afield by offering a world-class all-through school experience to girls and boys between 3 and 18 years old. John Lyon is a happy and thriving community that embraces technology and puts it at the forefront of all that we do. In fact, we recently became a 'Microsoft Showcase School'. We are one of only 50 other schools and colleges in the UK to be recognised by Microsoft.

At John Lyon, we believe that every student has unique talents and strengths. We pride ourselves on providing an enriching, supportive, and challenging environment for every pupil, while promoting a culture of academic excellence, personal responsibility, and respect for others.

Academic work is just the beginning, and we firmly believe that the additional opportunities we provide through our extra-curricular, co-curricular and Excellence programmes are equally important, playing a vital role in equipping our pupils with the skills and experiences they will need to help them succeed in life at school and beyond. Typically joining John Lyon in Years 7, 9 and 12, largely from a Northwest London catchment area, pupils find that our vibrant and inclusive co-ed classrooms create a diverse learning community in which all can thrive.

We are not your typical school. We are part of something much bigger. John Lyon School sits within John Lyon Foundation and alongside the Harrow Family of Schools, which includes Harrow School itself and Harrow International Schools around the globe. Pupils benefit from these close links and regularly take part in cross-school events in the UK and abroad.

Learn more about the Harrow Family of Schools by visiting www.johnlyon.org/ harrow-family-of-schools

We invite you to explore our website and visit our school in person to learn more about John Lyon School.

PUPILS AND COACH SERVICE

Pupils typically join John Lyon in Years 7, 9 and 12, largely from a Northwest London catchment area including Harrow, Wembley, Stanmore, Pinner, Watford, Rickmansworth, Northwood, Ruislip, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Ickenham, Northolt, Southall, Ealing, Acton, Edgware, Brent Cross, Finchley, Barnet, Camden, Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, as well as other parts of Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

We offer an extensive coach service, details of which can be found at **www.johnlyon.org/information/school-coach-service**



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care at John Lyon focuses on our pupils' emotional, physical and mental wellbeing. We pride ourselves in creating a secure, nurturing environment and prioritise personal attention and individual support to ensure pupils flourish in all areas of school life.

Tutor system

Peer mentoring programme

At the core of our pastoral care is the tutor system. Form Tutors have regular contact with their tutees through a daily 20-minute period, during which they get to know and build positive relationships. This is so pupils feel valued. We develop in them a sense of belonging, so they can fulfil their potential and thrive in school.

Each team of tutors is overseen by a Head of Year, responsible for the pastoral care of the pupils in the year group. These year groups meet weekly for an assembly and have regular Personal, Social, Citizenship, Health and Economic Education (PSCHE) sessions delivered by topic experts, which vary as pupils move up through the years. We run a successful peer mentoring programme, offering older students the valuable opportunity to support younger members of our School community. Sixth Formers are trained to be successful mentors, with focus on listening, communication skills, values, boundaries, confidentiality and keeping safe.

Delivered to small groups of pupils by members of the pastoral team, our programme works to develop character in our pupils. The mentoring element complements our valuesbased PSCHE programme, and is individualised, exploring in depth key issues related to pupil personal development, such as emotional intelligence, resilience and mindset.

Medical Provision

Our pastoral care is complemented by excellent medical provision. Our Medical Centre, staffed throughout the day by our full-time School Nurses, plays an important role in preventative care, parental liaison and general health and safety.





We combine high academic standards with a broad, varied and inclusive extracurricular programme to ensure that every student can explore their own interests and pursue their goals.

Activities take place before, during and after school with over 120 activities on offer each week in Sport, Music, Art and Drama as well as STEAM, debating, sustainability and much more besides. Pupils are encouraged to attend at least two extra-curricular activities per week to broaden their horizons and develop skills including soft skills – that will help them in the classroom and beyond.

We place huge emphasis on the importance of activities outside of the classroom because they benefit pupils in so many ways. As well as providing a platform to develop character and resilience, they help pupils make friends, experience new learning and discover their individual passions in life. We firmly believe that learning to balance extra-curricular commitments against academic work will stand our pupils in good stead for the future.

Alongside the weekly activity schedule, we have recently introduced an exciting Outdoor Pursuits programme throughout the academic year, which allows pupils to step outside their comfort zones and experience exciting outdoor challenges – activities include skiing, sailing and BMX biking. Full details of Extra-Curricular and Outdoor Pursuit schedules can be found on our website www.johnlyon.org/school-life/ extra-curricular-programme.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

On Friday afternoons, John Lyon pupils put down their books to take part in the Co-Curricular Programme, which is themed around the School's eight core values and seeks to give pupils a sense of achievement, wellbeing and enjoyment while learning practical skills. It is an integral part of a John Lyon education, designed to complement student learning by introducing pupils to new things and activities that help develop beneficial life skills.

Year 7 and 8 take part in a carousel of activities that includes cooking, golf, handicraft, archery, kayaking, mindfulness and dance. By the end of the academic year, all Year 7 pupils will have performed a drama piece on stage and Year 8 will have completed their Bronze CREST award.

Year 9 work alongside pupils in the Upper School and choose from activities including sports leadership, chess, architecture, photography, origami and yoga. They will also be introduced to the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) programme, with which they will either continue into Year 10 or move on to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In the Sixth Form, we place greater emphasis on leadership, offering students the opportunity to plan and deliver their own activities alongside members of staff, or to volunteer within the local community. Currently, 85% of the Sixth Form take part in volunteering activities.

More information on our Co-Curricular Programme can be found at **www.johnlyon. org/school-life/co-curricular-programme**.





II+ ENTRY

applicants each year.

at www.johnlyon.org/admissions/ **register**. This requires you to provide www.johnlyon.org/admissions.

registration closing date, you will www.johnlyon.org/admissions.

Examination Day

As part of the entrance examinations great value on potential - we therefore

Children from primary and prep schools can apply to join us at 11+.We admit between 80 and 100 pupils into Year 7, depending on the level of

for 11+ candidates to discuss. As part of invited to ask questions of their own.

School Reference

before the February half term and invite before the 11+ acceptance closing

For further advice and information, the Admissions team at admissions@johnlyon.org

I3+ ENTRY

We also welcome applications from pupils for entry into Year 9.

The admissions process begins by completing the School's online registration form on our website. The registration form will require you pupil's chance to tell us more about to provide details about your child, upload a copy of their passport and a recent school report and pay the registration fee. Fees and registration deadline dates can be found on our website at www.johnlyon.org/ admissions.

Shortly before or just after the registration closing date, you will receive an invitation for your child to come to the School to sit their entrance examinations, which take place at John Lyon School in the autumn term (November/December) We will send 13+ offers by email in the year preceding entry, when your child is in Year 8.

Examination Day

Your child will sit four examination papers in Mathematics (1 hour), English (1½ hours), Science (45 minutes) and French or Spanish (45 minutes). There is also an optional Latin paper for candidates who wish to continue with Latin at GCSE.

As part of the examination day, all applicants will take part in a group

discussion about a specific topic, which may be academic, based on current affairs or similar. This is a their interests and aspirations and to ask us questions – and it should be an enjoyable experience for candidates. There is no need for any specific preparation for these interviews, which, in our experience, many pupils enjoy and leave us smiling.

School Reference

We will contact your child's current school to request a confidential reference.

in February and invite successful candidates and their parents to attend one of our offer-holder tours before the 13+ acceptance closing date. We do ask parents to confirm their acceptance of the place by completing a Confirmation of Acceptance form and paying a deposit.

For further advice and information, please email the Admissions team at admissions@johnlyon.org



SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic, Art, Music, STEAM, Drama and Sport Scholarships are available to pupils joining John Lyon at 11+ and 13+.

All candidates who sit the 11+ and 13+ examinations are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship.

We also offer scholarships in Music, Drama, Sport, Art and STEAM at 11+ and 13+ to talented and committed applicants - in this case a seperate application form needs to be completed. This is available on our website. The number and value of scholarship awards varies from year to year. Typically, they involve a 5% remission of tuition fees.

Unlike bursaries, scholarships are not means-tested or based on a pupil's financial background; instead they are awarded to pupils on merit in recognition of their talent and potential in a particular field. In general, we expect scholars to make a very strong contribution to the academic, sporting or creative life of the School throughout their time at John Lyon.

Please note that in order to apply for a scholarship, you will need to have completed a full 11+ or 13+ registration form on our website.

For eligibility criteria and more information on scholarships, please visit our website: www.johnlyon.org/scholarships.



BURSARIES

John Lyon takes great pride in being able to offer financial assistance to the families of talented children who otherwise could not afford private education and, each year, the School makes available a number of means-tested bursaries to pupils who demonstrate exceptional talent and potential.

Bursaries are means-tested or needs-based financial awards, which require full details of income and capital resources and provide parents with a percentage reduction in the School fees awarded. Since each family's circumstances may change, we reassess the level of support on an annual basis.

Awards range from a 10% to 100% reduction in fees and they may also include assistance with other School related costs. Bursaries are available to pupils joining the School at 11+ and 13+ who are successful in our entrance assessments and who will benefit from a John Lyon education including involvement in the wider, co-curricular life of the School.

Please note that in order to apply for a bursary, you will need to have completed a full 11+ or 13+ registration form on our website as well as a Bursary form.

To find out more about bursaries and the eligibility criteria, please visit our website: www.johnlyon.org/bursaries.



School fees are available on our website: www.johnlyon.org/admissions/fees.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How has the co-ed move worked out?

The move has been very positive, for all of our pupils and entire community. Pleasingly, from an academic perspective, girls and boys are thriving in our co-ed environment. They are also flourishing in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities such as Sports, Drama and Music. Our concerts and drama productions now have a wider variety of participants, which has been enriching, and we are also able to enter a number of Sports fixtures as we have boys-only, girlsonly and mixed co-ed teams. Higher education, the workplace and indeed life is diverse and rich. We believe that school should be the same and we are preparing children to succeed here and beyond their studies.

Can I apply for both scholarship and bursary?

Yes, you can apply for both at the time of registering your child.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes, please see scholarship application forms for criteria.

When will 11+ and 13+ examinations take place?

For 11+, candidates are assessed in the autumn term, when they are in Year 6.

For 13+, candidates are assessed in the autumn term, when they are in Year 8.

What are your selection criteria?

11+ selection is based upon performance in our entrance examinations, school reports, school reference, group discussion and group activity.
13+ selection is based upon performance in our entrance examinations, school reports, school reference and group discussion/interview.

When will I hear about results/offers?

We will email the results to you in the second week of February.

Is lunch included in the school fees?

Yes, unlike most other schools in the area, we do not charge extra for lunch.

If my child is unsuccessful in securing a place at 11+, can they reapply at 13+? Yes, we encourage families to try again at 13+.

Do you offer deferred entry? No.

If my child is unsuccessful in their scholarship assessment, will there be another opportunity for them to apply?

Yes, once they become a pupil, teachers can recommend them for the scholarship.

Do the candidates get assessed in verbal and non-verbal skills?

No.

How do I get access to sample papers?

Sample papers are available on our website at www.johnlyon.org/admissions/entrance-examinations/sample-papers/

Do you offer a coach service?

We offer a comprehensive coach service, which is heavily subsidised by the School and takes pressure off families at drop-off and pick-ups. We encourage use of our coaches for not only your convenience and ease, but also for our collective sustainability efforts. www.johnlyon.org/ information/school-coach-service



COME AND MEET US

Our School in Action open mornings are an excellent way for you and your child to find out more about life as a Lyonian at John Lyon School.

The I hour and I5-minute open morning includes a tour of the campus led by pupils and a short talk from the Head or a member of our Senior Leadership Team. The event concludes with refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions to our staff – including our friendly and helpful Admissions team.

Scan the QR code to book your School in Action tickets.



We look forward to welcoming you to John Lyon School.





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