

ADMISSION POLICY – WHOLE SCHOOL including EYFS DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL

This policy should be read in conjunction with: SEND Policy, the Equal Opportunities Policy

Durham High School is a girls' independent school educating girls aged 3-18, for the most part of average and above average ability. It aims to provide a challenging academic education together with a curriculum which helps to develop its pupils morally, spiritually and creatively.

The School is a Church of England Foundation firmly based on Christian principles and warmly welcomes pupils of all faiths or none.

Durham High School is a fee-paying independent school, but seeks to be as accessible as possible to all able girls in line with the Equal Opportunities Policy, regardless of their parents' ability to pay, by the provision of as many scholarships and bursaries as possible.

The key criterion for admission, in addition to the availability of places, is the girl's ability to access the curriculum of the School. The Headmistress/Head of Junior House reserves the right to consider each application on individual merit.

Admission to Senior House is through examination, interview and school reference.
Admission to Junior House is by appropriate assessment and school reference.
Admission to EYFS: children may join Nursery after their third birthday; children may join Reception in the academic year in which they become five years old.

Girls are regularly admitted at all ages.

The School offers support to girls who prove to have mild specific learning difficulties and also seeks to be as accessible as possible to those with physical disabilities (see SEND Policy).

Further details of the admission procedures at each stage and of the scholarships and bursaries on offer are available in the School prospectus.

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