



IPSWICH SCHOOL

Co-Educational Day and Boarding School

Headmaster: Nicholas Weaver MA

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Dear Parents,

Ipswich School is holding its Open Morning for families of potential Year 7 pupils on **Saturday 30 September 2017 from 9.30 am until 12 noon.**

Each department will have a specialist display and parents and children will have the opportunity to look round the school and to talk to staff and pupils. Your son or daughter might like to join the Maths Treasure Hunt, experiment in the Chemistry Lab or solve a History mystery. There will be plenty to see and do.

I will give a brief welcoming address at 10.15 am and again at 11.30 am in Great School. A crèche will be available in the Prep for younger brothers and sisters and there will be refreshments throughout the morning. Our aim is to give you and, of course, your son or daughter a chance to meet us in an informal way and to give you the opportunity to ask questions about the education we offer. Parking will be available in the school grounds via Henley Road (please see map attached). Traffic attendants will direct you on the day. Pedestrian access is via the large blue gates on Ivry Street.

It may be of interest to you to know that, in addition to full fee-paying places, we offer academic, art, music and sporting scholarships. We also offer a number of means-tested bursaries each year to pupils whose parents could not otherwise afford the fees. These are linked to income and assets on a sliding scale up to 100% of full fees. Our Bursar will be at the Open Morning to discuss any financial questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Weaver
Headmaster



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THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEANS-TESTED BURSARIES FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ENTERING YEAR 7

QUEEN'S SCHOLARSHIPS (Academic Scholarships)

These are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and all candidates taking the Entrance Examination to the Senior School are considered automatically. Those who perform sufficiently well in the Examination are invited to attend Scholarship interviews shortly after the papers have been marked and the results are communicated to parents at the same time as the offers of full fee-paying places. An invitation for a Scholarship interview does not guarantee an award. Queen's Scholarships are offered at values ranging from 10% to 50%. Scholarships are held throughout a pupil's time at Ipswich School, subject to good effort, behaviour and progress.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

Any candidate who is of a high standard musically may be considered for one of these Awards. Candidates who offer piano or singing as their musical contribution will ideally offer an orchestral instrument as their second instrument. Potential music scholars should contact the Director of Admissions at the Senior School and they will be sent a musical experience form which should be completed and returned by **Friday 5 January 2018**. Auditions will be held week commencing **Monday 15 January 2018**. This will consist of the performance of:

- one piece or two short contrasting pieces on the candidate's main instrument
- one piece on a second instrument or, alternatively, a candidate may prepare a short song to perform
- sight reading tests on the main instrument
- aural tests of the type used in Associated Board examinations
- questions on musical knowledge and interests.

Candidates must reach the usual pass standard in the Entrance Examination.

Candidates will normally have reached approximately Grade 4 on their main instrument. Any parent wondering whether their son or daughter is of a sufficiently high standard to be entered for a Music Scholarship is very welcome to discuss this with the Director of Music, Mr Sion Parry, and an informal audition can be arranged.

Music Scholarships and Exhibitions are held throughout a pupil's time at Ipswich School, subject to satisfactory effort (including involvement in the school's musical activities) and progress. There is no obligation on those who hold Music Awards to study the subject at GCSE or A level.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

The Art Department at Ipswich School is looking for students who have a passion for Art, have artistic talent and show creativity in a range of materials. It should be stressed that we are looking for a student with both a genuine interest in the Arts and a high level of potential.

Candidates will be asked to present a portfolio containing a variety of subject matter. Work should cover a wide range of media, such as print, paint, pastels, digital media and collage. At least one sustained drawing and a working sketchbook that shows their passion for art must be included. Three dimensional pieces should be photographed and moving imagery provided on a memory stick.

The portfolio needs to be delivered to Ipswich School by **Friday 5 January 2018**. At this stage, a few students will be selected to discuss work and complete a drawing task with Mr Richard Parkin, the Director of Art and Design at the Senior School on **Thursday 18 January 2018**.

Candidates must reach the usual pass standard in the Entrance Examination. Any parent wondering whether their son or daughter is of a sufficiently high standard to be entered for an Art Scholarship is very welcome to discuss this with Mr Parkin.

Art Scholarships and Exhibitions are held throughout a pupil's time at Ipswich School, subject to satisfactory work in the school's Art Studio. Art scholars are expected to study Art to GCSE level.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year Sports Scholarships are available for girls and boys entering Year 7. Applicants for the Scholarships will be expected to show exceptional potential and achievement in one or more sports, in particular the Focus Sports which are undertaken most competitively at Ipswich School such as netball, rugby, hockey (boys and girls) and cricket. An outstanding gymnast, footballer, tennis player, athlete etc. could qualify if he or she would also contribute significantly to the school's Focus Sports. Please contact the Director of Admissions if you would like to discuss an application further.

The selection process will consist of the submission of a Sport Scholarship Application form, which includes a short personal statement in addition to testimonials from sports coaches. Those candidates shortlisted will be invited for an assessment at Ipswich School on **Monday 27 November 2017**. The award of the scholarships will be subject to the school's usual academic requirements. The closing date for applications is **Friday 10 November 2017** but earlier application is encouraged.

MEANS-TESTED BURSARIES: financial assistance for those on low incomes.

Several means-tested Bursaries are available. These offer up to 100% fee remission on a sliding scale that takes into account parental income and assets. Parents wishing to apply for a Bursary are asked to fill in a Statement of Financial Circumstances Form which is available from the Director of Admissions on request. This form should be completed and returned by **Friday 5 January 2018**.