



Braeside School

Guidance for entry at 11+

Braeside is a privately-owned independent all-through school for girls aged 2½ to 16. The school offers approximately 16 places at age 11 in September each year. They join pupils from the current year 6 class.

Requirements for Entry in September 2020

Candidates should have reached the age of 11 before 1 September 2020. Parents are required to complete a Braeside School registration form and an 11+ registration form and submit them with a registration fee of £50. These forms are available via our website www.braesideschool.co.uk

SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A tour of the school for the family.
- Interview for the parents with the Headmistress to explore the support available at home and any relevant connection with the School.
- Interview for the pupil to explore the candidate's interests, attitude to school, personal qualities, ability to contribute to the school community.
- Entrance Examination with papers in Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.
- A reference from the previous school.



Taster Day

We will hold a Taster Day in June 2020 for candidates who have accepted a place at Braeside. Pupils new to Braeside will join those pupils moving up from our own Year 6 for the day. They will spend the time together as a way of getting to know each other, spending time with their form tutor, sampling some senior lessons and taking part in a team building afternoon.

Entrance Examination

Entry into the Seniors from Year 7 upwards is by formal Entrance Examination, with papers in **Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.**

Mathematics - 1 hour (non-calculator)

Questions will assess numerical skills and reasoning. Questions require arithmetical knowledge such as addition, multiplication and fractions. There are problems to solve in a variety of contexts. We are looking for candidates who demonstrate logical and creative thinking when problem-solving. In the exam, we advise applicants to show all their working.

English - 1 hour 15 Minutes

Questions will assess reading and writing skills. We are looking for evidence that applicants have clearly understood the passage and how it is written. Candidates who do well demonstrate that they can understand layers of meaning and show sensitivity to the writer's use of language. In the extended writing question, we are looking for original and accurate writing with varied vocabulary and structures. Content, structure and the quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking.



Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning - 30 minutes
Verbal reasoning is the ability to understand and logically work through concepts and problems expressed in words, as well as an understanding of the meaning of words.

Non-verbal reasoning is problem-solving using pictures and diagrams. It involves sequences, shapes and patterns which needs quick thinking.

Access Arrangements

Any candidate with a report entitling them to special access arrangements for examinations must send a copy of the relevant current assessments at the time of application, so that the appropriate arrangements can be in place for the 11+.

Scholarships

Several part-scholarships may be awarded annually as a result of the examination and interview process. These are awarded for ability in Art, Drama, Music and Sport as well as for academic achievement. These are awarded up to a maximum of 25% reduction in the fees.

Scholarship candidates will be interviewed. We will require documentary evidence to support your application in the form of a portfolio including, but not limited to: certificates, headed letters of recommendation, examples of work and any other supporting materials. Musicians perform a solo in their instrument to the school's Head of Music. Sports applicants participate in a sport activity.

NORMANHURST SCHOOL

Braeside School and Normanhurst School in North Chingford are both members of The Oak-Tree Group of Schools. **Girls who sit either the 11+ or 13+ Examinations can be considered for a place at both Braeside and Normanhurst School. Please indicate your preference when completing the 11+ or 13+ Registration Form.**

The Next Stage

Candidates will be invited for interview with their parents in the week beginning 27 January 2020.

11+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 • 9.30AM - 1PM

9.30AM CANDIDATES ARRIVE

130 High Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5SD

9.45AM ENGLISH PAPER

11AM REFRESHMENT BREAK

11.15AM MATHS PAPER

Pupils must bring in a set of mathematical equipment including a pen, pencil, protractor, rubber and ruler. Calculators will NOT be allowed.

12.15PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

12.30PM REASONING TEST

1PM CANDIDATES COLLECTED

Parents are asked to collect their children.

Offers will be made following the interviews. The deadline for accepting your offer of a place will be **Friday 6 March 2020.**

If you have notified us that you wish your child to be considered for a scholarship please ensure that you bring with you to the interview the portfolio of documentary evidence to support your application.

Contact Us

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