



HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE.
ADMISSIONS
INFORMATION
2020/21.

Since 1893

WELCOME TO HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE

**“A culture of high achievement
pervades the school.”**

ISI Inspection Report

We believe that joining a new school should be exciting and engaging for pupils and as stress-free as possible for parents. We don't select pupils based solely on academic attainment, despite our excellent GCSE and A Level results, but we do look for girls who are passionate about joining our school and who have the potential to contribute to our vibrant and diverse community.

As a member of the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) our admissions process is in line with the GSA admissions code of conduct.

ETHOS AND AIMS

We aim to develop a deep passion for learning and a love of life in all of our pupils. This ethos underpins everything we do and is at the heart of our school community.

We are a Christian foundation and our pupils are challenged to be the best that they can be, both inside and outside the classroom.

ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 (UPPER 3)

Our biggest intake into College is in Year 7, (or Upper 3 as we know it). Girls join us from a wide range of prep and junior schools across Harrogate, Yorkshire, the UK and the world. Throughout the application process, pupils and parents have the opportunity to get to know the school, the teachers and the other families looking to join our community.

Year 7 Entrance Process:

- > **Registration:** Girls can be registered at any time, however, we recommend registering by the beginning of the Autumn Term in Year 6.
- > **Taster Day:** Most girls attend our Taster Day in the Autumn Term of Year 6. Girls in Year 5 are also welcome to join us. Our 2020 Taster Day is on **Saturday 17 October 2020**. For further information and to book on-line please visit www.hlc.org.uk/tasterday.
- > **Application:** The next step is to complete our Application Form, the deadline for which is **Friday 4 December 2020**.
- > **Assessment:** Once we have received your Application Form, your daughter will be invited to join us for Scholarship Assessments on **Thursday 14 or Friday 15 January 2021** and Entrance Exams are on **Saturday 16 January 2021**. Our Entrance Exams include Maths, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning papers, as well as an interview with either the Principal or one of our senior members of staff – we know that might all sound a bit daunting, but the girls always leave with smiles on their faces and have usually made some new friends along the way. (Sample papers for Maths and English are available on request prior to assessment). We will also ask your daughter's current school to provide a reference at this point.
- > **Offer:** We aim to confirm whether applications have been successful and issue offers in writing by the beginning of February in Year 6.
- > **Acceptance:** Once you have received an offer you will be asked to confirm your acceptance and return your deposit by **Monday 1 March 2021**.
- > **Transition:** We have a whole programme of events, activities and communication that take place once offers have been accepted to ensure that you and your daughter are prepared, excited and part of our school community by the time you join us in September.

We understand that sometimes circumstances change, and so we do also accept applications for entry into Year 7 outside of these timescales, subject to availability of places.

ENTRY INTO OTHER YEARS

While our largest intake into College is in Year 7, we also accept applications for entry into all other year groups including 13+ and 16+ entry, subject to availability. The process for application into other year groups is as follows:

- > **Registration:** Once you have visited us, we will ask you to complete a Registration Form to confirm that you would like to proceed with an application.
- > **Assessment:** Applicants will typically be asked to complete entrance papers in Maths and English appropriate for their age group. These can be completed at College or at your daughter's current school. We also like to see copies of your most recent school report at this stage.
- > **Interview:** Once papers have been completed your daughter will be invited for an interview with our Principal. (This can be conducted via Skype where appropriate). We will also request a reference from your daughter's current school at this point.
- > **Offer:** If successful, we will aim to issue an offer as soon as possible after interview, typically within a week.
- > **Acceptance:** Once you have received an offer, we will ask you to complete an Acceptance Form and pay a deposit to confirm that you would like to accept the place.

We hope that the process of applying to join Harrogate Ladies' College is as straight forward as possible, however, if you have any questions please do contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045 or email admissions@hlc.org.uk.

Fees for 2020/21

Day Fees: £5,670 per term

Our Day Fees include the following:

- > Tuition.
- > Access to school from 7.30am to 9.00pm.
- > Breakfast, lunch and supper, plus mid-morning and afternoon snacks.
- > Supervised after school homework sessions until 6.30pm.
- > 2 nights free boarding per term (subject to availability).
- > Most text books.
- > Medical services provided by our dedicated Health Centre.
- > An extensive extra-curricular programme.

Full Boarding Fees: £10,575 per term

Our boarding fees include the following:

- > Tuition.
- > Accommodation (during term time).
- > All meals including breakfast, lunch, supper plus mid-morning and afternoon snacks.
- > Full laundry service.
- > Supervised after school homework.
- > Most text books.
- > Medical provision from the College Health Centre.
- > Extensive extra-curricular programme.

Open Mornings

Friday 25 September 2020

Friday 26 February 2021

Monday 3 May 2021

Weekly, Flexi and Occasional Boarding

We adopt a flexible approach to boarding to meet a wide range of individual family and student needs. As well as the standard termly boarding we also offer Weekly, Flexi and Occasional boarding.

All boarders have full access to the same facilities, share the same houses and receive the same levels of support from the whole family of boarding staff.

These boarding options are charged as an addition to the standard day fees as follows:

- > Weekly Boarding (4 or 5 nights a week) **£170 per week**
- > Flexi-Boarding (3 nights a week) **£120 per week**
- > Occasional Boarding **£50 per night**

Fees listed are applicable to EU domiciled families. For details of Non-EU fees please contact our Admissions Team on 01423 537045. Fees are invoiced termly and are payable before the start of each term or in 9 monthly instalments if paying by direct debit.

Fee Discounts

- > 15% discount on all College fees is applied for the children of serving members of the regular UK Armed Forces.
- > Daughters and grand-daughters of former pupils are eligible for a 10% fee reduction.
- > A discount of 5% is available for any girl who has a younger sibling in College.

Parents are entitled to benefit from one of the above concessions only. This will be the highest percentage concession.

Scholarships

Each year we award a small number of scholarships to girls joining College who demonstrate an exceptional talent or potential in a particular field including Academics, Sport, Music, Drama, Textiles, Choral and Art. Scholarships carry a 5% discount on standard College Day fees.

In addition to standard scholarships, the College Scholar Programme is a means tested scholarship for pupils with exceptional academic potential and is worth up to 110% of day fees.

For entry in September 2021, Scholarship Applications should be submitted by **Friday 4 December 2020**. Scholarship Assessments for entry into Year 7 will take place on **Thursday 14 January and Friday 15 January 2021**. Scholarship Assessments for other year groups will be arranged on an individual basis.

Financial Assistance

We are committed to widening access to our schools to families who might not otherwise be able to fund a place. In line with this, we can provide financial assistance to a small number of families each year in the form of means tested bursaries up to 100%. We also offer a direct debit scheme enabling families to spread the cost of fees over 9 monthly instalments.

For a confidential discussion about means tested financial assistance, please contact our Director of Finance, Rebecca Henriksen, in the first instance on 01423 504543 or email rebecca.henriksen@hlc.org.uk.

Registration Fee and Deposit

There is a non-refundable Registration Fee of £75 for all applications. Once you receive an offer from College, you'll also be asked to pay a deposit of £500 for day pupils and £1,000 for boarding pupils in order to secure your place.

Music Lessons

Pre-arranged instrument and singing lessons are available on a weekly basis. Individual lessons lasting 35 minutes cost £26.50 per lesson.

For beginners in string, woodwind or brass, a school instrument is available for hire for the first year at a cost of £50 per term.

School Transport

We welcome day pupils from a wide range of locations across Yorkshire. To help parents juggle busy family lives, we operate 5 daily bus services to and from our school. Our bus services are operated by our own members of staff and are available on a flexible basis (subject to availability). Our current routes include:

- > **South of Harrogate to Leeds (route 1)**
Burn Bridge, Harewood, Moortown, Weetwood and Headingley.
- > **South of Harrogate to Leeds (route 2)**
Beckwithshaw, Pool-in-Wharfedale, Leeds Bradford Airport, Bramhope, Adel, Weetwood, Moortown and Kirkstall.
- > **West of Harrogate towards Skipton**
Pool-in-Wharfedale, Otley, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, Addingham and Bolton Abbey.
- > **North of Harrogate to Ripon**
Hampsthwaite, Kettleasing, Darley, Summerbridge, Shaw Mills, Markington, Burton Leonard, Bishop Monkton and Ripon.
- > **South East of Harrogate to Wetherby**
Pannal, Follifoot, Spofforth, Linton, Sicklinghall, Wetherby, Boston Spa, Clifford, Bramham and Thorney.

Our school transport routes are designed to meet the needs of our pupils and their families and we are always happy to consider new or customised routes where possible.

Bank Transfer Information

Fees, deposits and registration fees can be paid directly to Harrogate Ladies' College by electronic bank transfer. Please quote your daughter's full name as a reference when making a payment.

Bank Details:

Barclays Bank plc
Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX16 8PS

Account Details:

Sort Code: **20-03-50**
Account: **Harrogate Ladies' College fees a/c**
Account No: **30489506**
IBAN code: **GB63 BARC 2003 5030 4895 06**
BIC code: **BARCGB22**

Curriculum 2020/21

Key Stage 3 - Years 7, 8 and 9	GCSE - Years 10 and 11	A LEVEL - Years 12 and 13
Art	Advance Mathematics	Art and Design
Biology (Years 8&9)	Art and Design	Art and Design - Textiles
Chemistry (Years 8&9)	Art and Design - Textiles	Biology
Computing	Biology	Business Studies
Drama	Chemistry	Chemistry
English	Computer Science	Economics
French	Double Award Science	English Literature
Games	Drama	French
German	Economics	German (Year 13 only)
Geography	English Literature	Geography
History	English Language	History
Food Technology	Food and Nutrition	Mathematics
Latin	French	Further Mathematics
Mathematics	German	Music
Music	Geography	Photography
PE	History	Physics
Philosophy (Year 9)	Latin	Psychology
Physics (Years 8&9)	Mathematics	Spanish
PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)	Music	Theatre Studies (Year 13 only)
Religious Studies	Physical Education	
Science (Year 7)	Physics	
Spanish (Years 8&9)	Religious Studies	
Swimming	Spanish	
Textiles		

In Year 8 the girls choose to study two Modern Foreign Languages and will continue to study these subjects in Year 9.

Other Examination Options

LAMDA (Speech and Drama)

Music Examinations - Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM)

Music Diplomas - ABRSM and Trinity Guildhall

IELTS

EPQ

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SPORTS

Aerobics	Golf	Self Defence
Athletics	Gymnastics	Squash
Ballet	Horse Riding	Street Dance
Badminton	Indoor Hockey	Swimming
Basketball	Lacrosse	Tennis
Cricket	Netball	Trampolining
Dance	Outdoor Pursuits	Volley Ball
Fitness Training	Rounders	
Football	Running	

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Art	Duke of Edinburgh	Mural Workshop
Astronomy	Eco Committee	Order of Athena
Baking Club	Junior Drama	Overseas University Club
Book Clubs	Group Speaking	Oxbridge Preparation
Business Breakfast	HLC Apprentice	Prep Support
Charity Committee	HLC Magazine	Recreational Swimming
Chemistry Olympiad	House Drama	School Productions
Chess Club	Italian Club	Sisterhood of Freedom Writers
Creative Writing	Language Olympiad	STEM Club
Debating and Public Speaking	Latin Myths	So you want to be a Vet or Doctor?
Diction	LEAP (Young Enterprise)	Target 2.0 - Economics in Action
Digital Leaders Club	Mathematics Club	

MUSIC - Individual Music (lessons in all Instruments and Voice)

Band Skills	Lower School Music Theory Club	String Ensemble
Chapel Choir	Music Theory Club	Vocal Ensemble
Gallery Choir	Orchestra	Wind Ensemble
House Music	Recorder Ensemble	

ISI Inspection - Excellent in All Areas (2-18 years)

The independent ISI inspectors spent 3 days undertaking a detailed inspection of Harrogate Ladies' College and our associated prep school and pre-school. The inspectors awarded us the highest possible rating of Excellent in All Areas from 2 to 18 years. Here are some of the key findings of our Education Quality Inspection:

The quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is EXCELLENT.

- > A culture of high achievement pervades the school.
- > Academic Standards across the school are high.
- > Results at GCSE and iGCSE are above the national average for maintained schools and demonstrate consistent progress in relation to the pupils' starting points.
- > Senior school pupils are articulate and confident speakers.
- > Those in the senior school who are more able have opportunities to excel.
- > Pupils achieve excellent standards and successes in group activities and individually in music, public speaking and sports.

The quality of the pupils' personal development is EXCELLENT.

- > All members of the school community respect different faiths and cultures.
- > Pupils develop excellent personal skills and enjoy working collaboratively.
- > Pupils learn to mix with all age groups relishing the many opportunities to work together in both house and school activities.
- > Pupils contribute very strongly to the school and wider community and are sensitive to the needs of others.

2020/21 Term Dates:

Autumn Term 2020

New Boarders Travel Day	Thursday 3 September
New Pupil Induction Day	Friday 4 September
First Teaching Day	Monday 7 September
Half Term Begins	Wednesday 21 October at 13:00
Boarders' Travel Day	Wednesday 21 October at 13:00
Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 1 November
School Resumes	Monday 2 November
Term Ends	Friday 11 December
Boarders' Travel Day	Saturday 12 December

Spring Term 2021

Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 3 January
First Teaching Day	Monday 4 January
Half Term Begins	Friday 12 February
Boarders' Travel Day	Saturday 13 February
Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 21 February
School Resumes	Monday 22 February
Term Ends	Friday 26 March
Boarders' Travel Day	Saturday 27 March

Summer Term 2021

Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 18 April
First Teaching Day	Monday 19 April
Bank Holiday (open for College)	Monday 3 May
Half Term Begins	Friday 28 May
Boarders' Travel Day	Saturday 29 May
Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 6 June
School Resumes	Monday 7 June
Term Ends	Saturday 3 July
Boarders' Travel Day	Sunday 4 July

Contact Us Today:

If you are interested in applying for a place at Harrogate Ladies' College, please contact our Admissions Team in the first instance. The Admissions Team work closely with families to help make the process as smooth and as simple as possible.

Contact:

Admissions Team

Email: admissions@hlc.org.uk

Tel: 01423 537045

Governance

Our Chair of Governors, Francine Holroyd, and our Principal, Sylvia Brett, can be contacted via Harrogate Ladies' College, Clarence Drive, Harrogate, HG1 2QG.

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