



**MERCHANT
TAYLORS'
SCHOOLS**

For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

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Admissions Procedure for Overseas Students

It is envisaged that the majority of non-EEA* Overseas Student enquiries will be post-16 students entering the Sixth Form. Applications will be considered for non-EEA pupils aged 4-16, provided they have entered the UK as dependents of their parents or legal guardians.

For Sixth Form Entry

1. Prospectus

Following an initial enquiry, the Schools' prospectus, registration form and related information will be posted to parents.

2. Registration

The Overseas Registration Form should be completed by parents, with the personal statement completed by the applicant where applicable, and returned to the appropriate Admissions Officer with a non-refundable registration fee of UK Sterling £250.

3. Fees

For payment by Internet Banking to Merchant Taylors' Schools, please enter student name as a Reference.

Account Name: Merchant Taylors' Fees Account Account No: 83185168

Sort Code: 20-10-92

IBAN: GB52 BARC 2010 9283 1851 68 SWIFT: BARCGB22

4. A-Level Choices for Sixth Form admission

An A-level subject options form should also be completed and returned to the Admissions Team.

5. UK Guardian

For an overseas student who will not be living with his/her parents in the UK, it is essential that they have a legal guardian with whom they live in the UK, and who is responsible for the student's welfare. Merchant Taylors' Schools are day schools, and do not offer boarding facilities, accommodation or guardianships.

* EEA = European Economic Area

Entry Criteria for Sixth Form

The academic year begins in September

- a) Overseas sixth form applicants should attain the equivalent of 7 x UK GCSEs at Grade 6, with Grade 7/8/9 in their chosen A Level subjects. This is often difficult to equate to overseas examination results.

Confirmation of overseas examination results should be emailed to Merchant Taylors' Schools by the student's current school as soon as they are known.

The Headteachers have discretion to relax these requirements if it is believed that a particular student would benefit from the education offered at Merchant Taylors' Schools' Sixth Form.

- b) A well-presented personal statement, hand-written in English by the applicant, 1000-1500 words, which might include:
- Your interests and why you enjoy them so much.
 - What achievements you have had. Have you held any special positions in or out of your present school?
 - Do you have artistic, sporting, musical or other cultural interests and talents?
 - What are your plans for the future? What do you see yourself doing in your adult life? What ambitions do you have?
 - Explain why you want to join Merchant Taylors' Schools and tell us what you would bring to the community here.
- c) A favourable academic reference from the applicant's current school.
- d) English Language Tests**

Sixth Form applicants who are aged 16/17 years, applying for Tier 4 Child Student visa, must achieve IELTS Overall Score 5 or above. After joining the School, all overseas students must show progression in their English fluency.

In December of the first academic year, all overseas students must sit an IELTS test and must achieve Score

5.5 or above in all components – Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking. If this is not achieved, students will continue the academic year at Sixth Form Foundation Level and begin the 2-year A-level course in September of the next academic year. The course length for students on Foundation Level will be 3 years.

Sixth Form applicants who are over the age of 18 must achieve IELTS [Overall Score 5] to satisfy Home Office Tier 4 General Student Visa conditions.

It is important to establish that the applicant has a good command of the English Language and will be able to cope with the challenge of learning in this high-achieving School where all lessons are delivered in English. We recommend applicants visit www.ielts.org for further information with a view to gaining an appropriate level for UK university entry which may follow Sixth Form study. Many universities request IELTS Level 6, 6.5 or 7.

Merchant Taylors' Schools provide compulsory 'English as an Additional Language' lessons [EAL] for all overseas students joining the Sixth Form, at a cost of £2,000 per student per year.

Offer of a place

- i. Following a successful application, an offer letter will be presented to the parents of the applicant, who, if they wish to accept the offer, should complete and return the Acceptance Form with the required Advance Deposit & Advance Fees to secure the place.
- ii. On receipt of a completed Acceptance Form and Advance Fees, the Schools act as a 'sponsor' for the applicant. A Confirmation of Application for Studies (CAS) will be issued to the student which will allow him/her to apply to the Authorities to gain entry into the

UK, via the Home Office UK Border Agency Tier 4 Child Student (or Tier 4 General Student) Points Based System.

School Fees 2018/19

All amounts shown are in UK Sterling. All payments to the School should be paid by Bank Transfer as shown in the offer letter:

Senior Schools and Sixth Form

Advance Deposit	£3,798
Advance Annual Tuition Fees	£11,394
Advance Annual EAL lessons [compulsory for most students]	£2,000
Advance Annual Dinner Fees	£606

Infant and Junior Schools

Advance Deposit	£2,701/2,783
Advance Annual Tuition Fees	£8,265/£8,517
Advance Annual Dinner Fees	£531/£606

Any fee increase for the next academic year is announced in June when this policy will be updated.