

Admissions Journey

Every student is different and the process before joining Bloxham School can vary from child to child. Our main entry points are at 11, 13 and 16 years, though we will accept students at other times, providing there is space. We have outlined here what a typical admissions journey might be, to give prospective families an idea of the different steps they might follow before becoming a part of the Bloxham School community.

Come and visit!

We hold a number of open events across the school year, including events tailored towards those entering the Lower School at 11 or the Sixth Form at 16. Dates and more information can be found on the school website. We would also encourage you to book a personal tour, during which you will have an opportunity to meet our Headmaster, Paul Sanderson.

Register your child

If you think Bloxham is the right school for your child, you will be asked to register them by completing a simple form and paying the registration fee of £240. This will reserve a provisional place for them, which will be confirmed if they achieve the grades required in the entry exams.

11+

If your child is joining Bloxham at 11 they will sit our entrance exams in the November before their expected year of entry. Should they meet the necessary standard, they will be offered a place. On accepting the place, you will be asked to pay a fee of £1,740 (which includes a refundable deposit of £300 and a lifetime membership to the Old Bloxhamist Society at £360).

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If your child is joining Bloxham in Third Form a combination of a child's CAT4 or MidYIS scores, school reference and interview performance will be used to determine who is offered a place.

From September 2025 for Third Form 2027 entry, we will request a report from their current school and details of the child's CAT4 or MidYIS scores in the first half of the Michaelmas Term of their Year 7. For those wishing to join Bloxham from Third Form 2028 onwards candidates will be assessed in the first half of the Lent Term of their Year 6.

All candidates will be invited to an assessment morning where we will interview each applicant and run a group exercise. We will additionally require candidates to complete an extended piece of writing, a 20-minute test to assess fluidity of writing, use of language, and spelling and grammar. This will be a written response to stimulus material crossing a number of curriculum areas.

16+

The process for students joining us at 16 is a little different. Your child will be asked to complete our A/B form, part of which should be filled out by their current school, and will then be interviewed by the Headmaster or another senior member of staff. Providing both are satisfactory, we will then make a provisional offer, based on your child achieving the required GCSE grades for entry to Bloxham.

Accepting a place

On accepting the place, you will be asked to pay a fee of £1,740 (which includes a refundable deposit of £300 and a lifetime membership to the Old Bloxhamist Society at £360). For those candidates applying for Sixth Form entry, offers are provisional and confirmed following satisfactory performance in GCSE examinations.

Welcome and induction

Once your child's place is confirmed you will be sent a joining pack in the term before they start which includes a wealth of information to help you prepare for their start at Bloxham School. In addition, we hold a variety of social events and induction days to help the whole family settle into our community.

Our Admissions Team are always happy to answer questions or provide further guidance. Please do not hesitate to send them an email (admissions@bloxhamschool.com) or call them on 01295 724301.

