George Heriot's School
Founded 1628

# Information Booklet 2027/28



Curiosity
Perseverance
Challenges
Kindness
Community
Respect
Inclusivity
Empathy
Individuality
Integrity
Confidence
Creativity
Resilience
Discovery
Inspiration
Exploring
Opportunity
Leadership
Growth
Innovation
Wellbeing
Equality
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Trust
Reflection
Confidence
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Progress

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# Visiting the School



The best way to get a feel for Heriot's is to visit us and find out for yourself. There are a number of ways that prospective families can do this.

### Individual visits

Families are encouraged to arrange individual visits to see the school on a normal school day. Visits are available during term time and can be arranged by contacting the Admissions Office.

### Open Morning

Open Morning is held on the last Saturday in September each year. In 2026 our Open Morning will take place on Saturday 26 September and in 2027, it will take place on Saturday 25 September. The day consists of a presentation in the School Hall, pupil or self-led tours of the campus and a wide range of activities, experiments and displays happening throughout the morning.

### Heriot's in Action Events

In addition to our Open Morning, we hold a number of smaller events throughout the year. Each one is focused on either the Junior or Senior School. Senior staff members will take small groups around the school, providing an opportunity to see classes in action. At the end of the tour, the Admissions team and Senior staff members will be on hand to answer any queries you have whilst you enjoy some refreshments.

### Book your visit

Events & Visits – George Heriots School

### Contact the Admissions Office

Email – admissions@george-heriots.com
Phone – 0131 221 6709

# Entry Procedures

We admit children from the ages of 4 to 18. Whilst the majority of new pupils to the School have no direct connection with Heriot's, priority is understandably given to Foundationers and siblings. Our Nursery caters for children in their preschool year.

Applications are accepted for all year groups, with the exception of Senior Four (S4) for curricular reasons. Our main intake stages are Nursery, Primary One, Primary Six, Primary Seven and Senior One, but we are delighted to consider applications for a number of places in other years.

A brief overview of the deadlines and process for entry to each year group are outlined below.



**Nursery** – places are allocated on a first come first served basis, with some sibling priority. Applications are logged in the order they are received and places are allocated in the September of the year before entry. Early application is recommended.

**Primary One** – application deadline 1 December of the year prior to entry. Entrance assessment held in the following January.

**Primary Two** – application deadline 1 December of the year prior to entry. Entrance assessments arranged individually in the following January.

**Primary Three to Seven** – application deadline 15 November of the year prior to entry. Entrance assessments held on a number of dates during November.

**Senior One** – application deadline 1 December of the year prior to entry. Entrance assessment held in the following January.

**Senior Two – Five** – application deadline 1 December of the year prior to entry. Entrance assessments held in December.

**Senior Six** – application deadline flexible. Entry by interview with the Head of Senior School and Head of Senior Six.

Late applications will be accepted provided there are vacancies – please contact the Admissions Office prior to submitting an application after these dates.

**For full details visit:**
Joining Heriot's – George Heriots School

# Important Dates for August 2027 Entry

Edinburgh independent schools have an agreement in respect to the date of sending offers and the acceptance deadline. The table below outlines our dates of assessment, the agreed offer dates and the acceptance deadline for entry for session 2027/28.

| Year group | Assessment date | Offer dates | | Acceptance deadline |
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| | | By post | By email | Thursday 25 February 2027 |
| **P1** | Saturday 16 January 2027 | Monday 1 February 2027 | Tuesday 2 February 2027 | |
| **P2** | By arrangement in January 2027 | Following the assessment | | |
| **P3-P7** | 10–12 & 17–19 November 2026 | w/c 7 December 2026 | The day after posting | |
| **S1** | Wednesday 13 January 2027 | Thursday 4 February 2027 | Friday 5 February 2027 | |
| **S2–S5** | Friday 11 December 2026 | Thursday 4 February 2027 | Friday 5 February 2027 | |
| **S6** | By arrangement following application from January 2027 onwards | Following the interview | | |

Please note, the dates listed are relevant to the main entrance assessment period. For those applying after these dates, alternative arrangements will be made for assessments.

**For full details and application forms visit:**
Application Process and Forms – George Heriot's School

# Fees for session 2026/27



Fees for session 2026/27 are outlined below and are including VAT where applicable. For further information including fee payment options, please visit our website.

### Registration Fee

| | |
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| P1–S6 | £90 |
| Nursery | £75 |

### Acceptance Fee

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| P1–S6 | £360 |
| Nursery | £300 |

### School Fees

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| Pre-school Nursery | £11,620 per annum |
| Junior School P1 & P2 | £13,944 per annum |
| Junior School P3 to P7 | £16,930 per annum |
| Senior School | £20,911 per annum |

**For full details including information on fee remission for siblings visit:**
Fees – George Heriots School

# Assistance with fees

### The Foundation

The Foundation lies at the heart of Heriot's and provides support to children of widows and widowers, including pastoral and financial assistance. Foundation support is available to pupils joining the school from Primary 6 upwards; existing Heriot's pupils are eligible to apply to the Foundation in the event of the death of a parent.

**For full details about the history of the Foundation and its impact visit:**
Foundation – George Heriots School

### Heriot Bursaries

Financial assistance towards payment of school fees can be given to pupils of families meeting the qualifying financial criteria who have fulfilled the School's academic entrance requirements. Heriot's Bursaries are primarily given to pupils entering the Senior School however pupils entering Primary Six or Primary Seven may be considered.

### Qualifying Criteria

To qualify for financial awards, total gross household income must not exceed the relevant limit set by the Governors.

For session 2027/28, the qualifying limits are:

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| Foundation Applicants | No Qualifying Limit |
| Bursary Applicants | £72,000 per annum |

The value of capital assets is also considered.

**For full details on Foundation and bursaries visit:**
Scholarships, Foundation & Bursaries – George Heriots School





# Scholarships



A number of scholarships are awarded to existing and new pupils each session.

**Academic Scholarships** – 50% fee remission is awarded to the top performer in the Senior One entrance assessment and the Dux of the Junior School.

**Expressive Arts Awards** – New pupils applying to Senior School can apply for an Expressive Arts Award in Art & Design, Drama or Music. Successful candidates will be awarded a 10% fee remission. The qualifying criteria to apply for these awards can be obtained from the Admissions Office.

**For full details on available scholarships visit:**
Scholarships, Foundation & Bursaries – George Heriots School

# Heriot's Curriculum

From Nursery to S6, pupils follow a curriculum shaped by a shared educational vision across the whole school.

## Junior School Curriculum

### A Learning Journey Designed for the Future

At George Heriot's, we believe education should do more than prepare children for the next stage of school. It should prepare them for life.

Our Junior School is organised into four stages: Nursery, Lower Primary (P1–P3), Middle Primary (P4-P6) and P7. Across each stage, pupils experience a carefully sequenced curriculum that develops knowledge, skills and independence.

Alongside strong academic foundations, we place equal emphasis on communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and resilience. Through inquiry-based learning, pupils are encouraged to ask questions, solve problems and take ownership of their learning. As a Gold Rights Respecting School, pupil voice, inclusion and respect are central to our culture.

### Nursery

Our Nursery provides a nurturing and stimulating introduction to school life. Through purposeful play, exploration and outdoor learning, children develop confidence, curiosity and a love of learning. Early foundations in literacy and numeracy sit alongside opportunities to grow in creativity, communication, physical development and social skills. Specialist teaching in Music, Physical Education and Learning Enhancement enriches the curriculum.

### Lower Primary (P1–P3)

The Lower Primary years establish secure foundations in literacy, numeracy and positive learning habits. Learning is active, engaging and inquiry-based, encouraging children to make connections and develop confidence as learners.



Specialist teaching broadens pupils' experiences, while our distinctive Learning Enhancement programme develops learning skills, philosophy, resilience, diversity and wellbeing, helping pupils understand how they learn and build the habits needed for future success.

### Middle Primary (P4–P6)

As pupils move through Middle Primary, they become increasingly independent, reflective and responsible learners. Specialist teaching expands to include Art, Drama, Cultural Awareness and Modern Languages, while inquiry-based learning develops creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving.

From P4, Mathematics is taught in sets, allowing appropriate pace and challenge for every learner. Learning extends beyond the classroom through residential experiences, beginning with York in P4 and continuing with outdoor adventure experiences in P5 and P6 that foster resilience, teamwork and leadership.



### P7: Leadership and Transition

P7 is a year of leadership, challenge and preparation for Senior School. Pupils take on positions of responsibility, including House Captains, Prefects, School Council Representatives, Digital Ambassadors and Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Academic challenge increases through debate, research, presentations and project-based learning, supported by specialist teaching across a broad curriculum. A highlight of the year is the residential visit to The Netherlands, which broadens horizons, strengthens friendships and develops independence ahead of the transition to Senior School.

### More Than a Curriculum

From the curiosity of Nursery to the leadership of P7, we aim to develop young people who are knowledgeable, adaptable and compassionate; young people who think critically, act responsibly and approach the future with confidence.

**Read more about the Junior School:**
Junior School – George Heriot's School

## Senior School Curriculum

Heriot's is known for its academic standards. Our pupils sit Qualifications Scotland exams at National 5 in S4, Higher in S5 and Advanced Higher in S6. These qualifications are internationally accepted for university entrance, including by world-leading institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge universities.

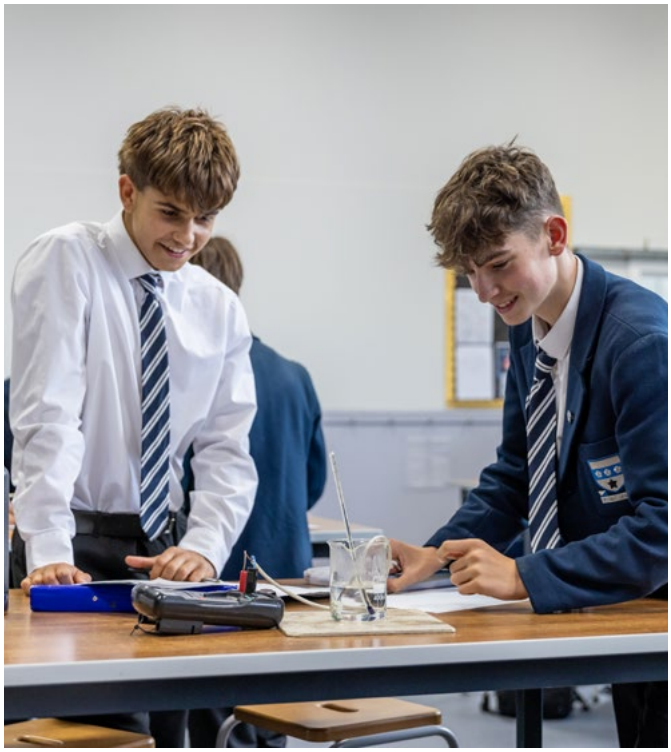
Pupils start in S1 and S2 with a deliberately broad curriculum designed to show them what the world of academic study is all about, giving them the opportunity to find their passions. In S3 and S4 pupils study eight subjects at National 5, sitting their exams at the end of S4.

The process of specialisation continues in S5 and S6. Higher and Advanced Highers are studied over one year each, as is typical. We ask pupils to view S5 and S6 as a coherent programme of study that should meet their aims for further study or work after Heriot's. Most S5 pupils take five Highers. Pupils can often choose subjects not studied at National 5 level as 'fresh start' Highers.

Heriot's has a unique approach to S6, with a flexible curriculum that lets pupils study a wide range of subjects at a variety of levels. Most Sixth Years study two or three Advanced Higher courses – we strongly encourage all to attempt at least one. Pupils supplement their academic studies with a selection from a very wide range of Interest courses. We also expect and support Sixth Year pupils to participate in Voluntary Service.

**Read more about the Senior School:**
Senior School – George Heriot's School





# Exam results and Destinations

## 2026 Exam Results

S4 National 5 Exam Results:
· 97.3 % A-C passes
· 82.6 % of entries achieved an A grade
· 103 pupils (57.5 %) achieved straight As (8+ As)

S5 Higher Exam Results:
· 98.3 % A-C passes
· 79.6 % of entries achieved an A grade
· 112 pupils (58.0 %) achieved straight As (5+ As)

S6 Advanced Higher Exam Results:
· 95.4 % A-C passes
· 68.9 % of entries achieved an A grade
· 54 pupils (31.0 %) achieved straight As (3+ As)

## 2026 Leavers Destinations

· 100 % of UCAS applicants received an offer
· 96 % secured a place at their first-choice university
· 100 % medical applicants received a medical place.
· 100 % law applicants received a law place.
· 100 % (6) Oxbridge offer holders achieved their conditions
· 95 different course titles applied to, including horticulture, computer games development, outdoor leadership and education, forensic anthropology, and ethical hacking.

**For full details on our Exam results and Destinations:**
Achievement – George Heriots School

# Useful Links on our website

**Arrange a visit**
Events & Visits – George Heriots School

**Pastoral care**
Junior School Wellbeing – George Heriots School
Senior School Wellbeing – George Heriots School

**Curricular games and extra-curricular activities**
Co-curricular – George Heriots School

**Physical Education and Sport**
Sport – George Heriots School

**Wrap Around Care**
Wrap around care – George Heriots School

**How to find us**
Location – George Heriots School

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