

## Policy and Arrangements for Admissions

Lucton School welcomes pupils to the school from all backgrounds and all walks of life, including pupils of all faiths and none. The criteria for admission to the school are applied equally and fairly to all applicants. The final decision as to whether a pupil is accepted for entry rests with the Headmistress and the Governors.

The school accepts applications from pupils who are of average or above-average ability who, in the opinion of the Headmistress and the Governors, have the potential to benefit from the kind of education that Lucton School provides. In view of the small class sizes, pupils with mild learning difficulties can be accommodated and there is provision for parents to request one-to-one tuition at extra cost. The school is not able to provide for those with acute learning difficulties.

There are two routes to entry:

- most pupils join the school after an interview with the Headmistress and a taster day or days spent at the school, during which their suitability is informally and formally assessed. Pupils following this route may join the school at any time during the year;
- entrance examinations and interviews are held in January each year for entry into Year 7;
- entrance examinations and interviews are held in January each year for academically able pupils wishing to gain a scholarship. Academic, Music, Art and Sport scholarships worth up to 25% are on offer for Year 7 pupils and also The Pierrepoint Scholarship worth up to 50% (only available to those who live in the “nine favoured parishes” of Lucton, Croft, Yarpole, Bircher, Luston, Eyton, Kingsland, Aymestrey or Shobdon). Other minor exhibitions worth 10% may be available.

Parents of potential pupils must complete an application form and pay the registration fee before entry can be considered. If a place is available, a formal letter of offer is then sent and the application process is completed by the return of the acceptance form.

Some financial support is available in the form of means-tested bursaries. Application forms are available from the Bursar.

The school has a policy of ensuring that pupils are taught for the majority of subjects in classes of no more than 18 pupils.