A Legal Requirement and an ISI Reporting Standard

References:
A. Education Act 2002,
B. School Standards and Framework Act 1998
C. SI 2003/1910 (as amended).
D. ISI Regulatory Checklist (0907)
E. http://www.isi.net/documentation/docindex.htm
F. http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode/docs/RevisedSchoolAdmissionsCode041208.pdf

Preamble

- Hordle Walhampton School is a co-educational independent school for pupils from ages 2 to 13. The school has 200+ pupils, 30 of whom are boarders. Deciding on the right school for your child is very important, and we believe that a personal visit is invaluable. We very much hope that you and your child will visit HW. We hold an Open Morning each term. Details are published on our web site and advertised in the local press. We are also very happy to welcome prospective parents and their children at other times. Please contact our Registrar on 01590 672013 or email registrar@hordlewalhampton.co.uk to arrange a visit.

Entry Procedure

- Hordle Walhampton is non-selective: candidates are asked to spend a trial day with us and we request a reference from the candidate's previous school. This process is designed to identify pupils who are able to benefit from our balanced and well rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school.
- The usual points of entry are at any age in the Pre-Prep or Years 3, 4 and 6 in the Prep School.
- We may also have occasional places at other ages. Please contact the Registrar for details.

Equal Treatment

- Our aim is to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. This enriches our community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world. We are committed to equal treatment for all, regardless of a candidate's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or social background. Generous bursaries are offered in order to make it possible for as many as possible who meet the school's admission criteria to attend the school. Our provision for bursaries is described below.

Special Needs

- We do not discriminate in any way regarding entry. We welcome pupils with special educational needs, providing that our Learning Support Unit can offer them the support that they require. We welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that our site can cope with them. However, we advise parents of children with special educational needs or physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with us before he or she sits proceeds with the trial day so that we can make adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of an Educational Psychologist's

report or a medical report to support their request, for example for extra time or other special arrangements.

- We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for the child if he/she becomes a pupil at the school.

The Assessment Process

- Following an initial visit (with or without your child) we will invite him or her to spend a trial day with us. No preparation for this day is needed.
- The aim of the day is to identify potential and to ensure that we suit your needs and vice versa.
- We are looking for well-rounded pupils with a genuine interest in education in the broadest sense of the word, with interests that stretch beyond the confines of the academic curriculum. The school has strong traditions in music, drama, art, debating, community activities and sport. There are many extra-curricular activities, all of which are important in developing a well-balanced, confident individual.

Siblings

- Most siblings join us at HW. However, admission is not automatic, and there may be occasions where we judge that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different academic environment.

Scholarships

- Hordle Walhampton offers Burrard scholarships (named after the house's original owners) for academic excellence. Music, artistic and sporting ability may also be taken into account.
- Scholarships are designed to reward excellence and to celebrate exceptional talent. In recognition of this achievement, the scholar is offered a reduction in the fees throughout his/her time at HW.
- Details of the arrangements will be sent to all who express an interest.
- We encourage parents of Scholars who anticipate that they will experience difficulty in meeting the balance of the tuition fees, to apply at the same time for one of the school's means tested bursaries described below, when they register their child.
- Scholarships are held for the duration of a pupil's time at the school, provided his/her conduct is satisfactory.

Bursaries

- Our bursary programme is designed to make it possible for as many children as possible who meet the school's entry criteria to take up a place here. Bursaries are means-tested in accordance with the school's policy, which is available on request from the Bursar.
- Parents / Guardians are required to provide proof of their income and assets. The level of support offered will vary according to the school's assessment of need in the light of this. This will be reviewed annually, with applicants expected to provide fresh declarations and information regarding circumstances each time.

Overseas Applicants

- We welcome overseas pupils, who can study at HW provided that he/she has a relative or legal guardian living in the UK with whom he/she can stay for some weekends. However, parents of overseas pupils should appreciate that HW does not run a short-term study programme, and expects overseas pupils to finish, at least, a term's full tuition.
- In order to cope with the academic and social demands, pupils should have a reasonable knowledge of English. Tuition in English as an Additional Language (EAL) can be arranged at the parent's expense.

Religious Beliefs

- Although Hordle Walhampton has Christian roots, we do not select for entry on the basis of religious belief. However, parents should be aware that that all pupils are expected to attend the daily and weekly services as well as the Carol service held at the end of the autumn term.

School's Contractual Terms and Conditions

- Copies are on the School's web site and will be made available to parents as part of the admissions process.

Complaints

- We hope that you and your child do not have any complaints about our admissions process; but copies of the School's complaints procedure can be sent to you on request.