



ADMISSIONS POLICY

AIM

Thomas's Battersea Square, a coeducational school for students aged 11 to 18, offers a world-class, progressive education that is forward-thinking and outward-looking, with values at its heart. Our aim is to admit a balance of boys and girls regardless of race, religious views, beliefs or physical ability. Our admissions policy and procedures ensure that selected pupils engage in and benefit from the broad curriculum on offer and make a strong contribution to the community, both within school and beyond.

PROCEDURES

Information for Prospective Parents

Parents are informed about the ethos, aims and organisation of the Schools through the website www.thomas-s.co.uk. Information sessions will be held from September 2020 and school visits will be offered from November 2020, to which prospective parents and students are invited. These events will include the opportunity to meet the Head and senior members of staff.

Entry point

The first two cohorts of students will be admitted to Year 7 and Year 9 in September 2021. A further cohort of Year 7 students and one of Year 9 students will be admitted every year thereafter and the school will be full in seven years. In due course entry to the school into other year groups, including the Sixth Form, will depend upon places becoming available.

We will admit up to 24 students per form and up to three forms per year group, thus up to 72 students per year group.

Registration Procedure

The Director of Admissions is responsible for all registrations. A child may be registered on the completion of an online Registration Form (a paper version until mid-August 2020) and the payment of a fee of £150. Pupils in Year 6 and Year 8 at Thomas's Battersea and Thomas's Clapham and in Year 6 at Thomas's Kensington and Thomas's Fulham are entitled to transfer to Thomas's Battersea Square for the remainder of their school career either joining in Year 7 or Year 9, subject only to the entrance procedure below. Their parents will be asked to complete a Registration Form well in advance of this transition.

Applications are welcomed from external candidates from Year 4 onwards for 11+ entry and from Year 5 onwards for 13+ entry but there is no requirement to register earlier than this.

The deadline for registration for all students, is as follows:

Year 7 entry in September 2021	Pupils currently in Year 5	30 th November 2020
Year 7 entry in September 2022	Pupils currently in Year 4	1 st November 2021
Year 7 entry in September 2023	Pupils currently in Year 3	1 st November 2022
Thereafter, students should be registered by, at the latest, 1 st November in Year 6 (the academic year in which they turn 11) for 11+ entry.		
Year 9 entry in September 2021	Pupils currently in Year 7	30 th November 2020
Year 9 entry in September 2022	Pupils currently in Year 6	30 th November 2020
Year 9 entry in September 2023	Pupils currently in Year 5	30 th November 2020
Thereafter, students should be registered by, at the latest, 1 st November in Year 6 (the academic year in which they turn 11) for 13+ entry.		

Entrance Procedure

Current Thomas's pupils are given priority and will be offered a place at Thomas's Battersea Square, at either 11+ or 13+, subject to:

- 1) Attendance at a Discovery Day in January
- 2) A confidential report from the student's current school and
- 3) The unreserved recommendation of their current Head in relation to their conduct, values and progress during their prep school years

Further places, if available, will be offered to external applicants, subject to and ranked in order by:

- 1) Attendance at a Discovery Day in January
- 2) A confidential report from the student's current school
- 4) Performance in an online test
- 3) The unreserved recommendation of their current Head in relation to their conduct, values and progress during their junior school years

Candidates will take part in a Discovery Day, enjoying collaborative and challenging group activities with other candidates. Each pupil will produce a creative writing piece, have an interview with the Head and will interact with and be observed by senior staff. A piece of recent work is requested by the school and a confidential report from the head of the child's current school. Candidates are not required to sit Common Entrance examinations.

Following the Discovery Day, successful candidates will receive offers of places, or places on a Waiting List, by letter in early February. Acceptance should be made for the first cohorts, Year 7 and Year 9, entering the school in September 2021, by 1st March. The deadline for acceptance of a place in Year 7 will thereafter be 1st March in Year 6. The deadline for acceptance of a place in Year 9 will thereafter be 1st September when the student is in Year 8.

Occasionally the school may be obliged to place candidates on a waiting list until the school is sure of how many places in Year 7 and Year 9 will be available. The school will offer places to candidates

on the waiting list if and when they become available and the waiting list is kept open until the school year begins. Parents may then ask for their child to be transferred onto the Occasional Places List in case a space becomes available at a later date. New Year 7 pupils and new Year 9 pupils will be invited to Induction Days during the Summer Term of Year 6 and of Year 8.

Procedures for registration to join Thomas’s Battersea Square in year groups other than Year 7 and Year 9

In due course, once all year groups from Year 9 to Year 13 are filled there may be a possibility of occasional places being available in other year groups, including the Sixth Form. Please contact the Director of Admissions to discuss.

Acceptance of Places

If parents of external applicants choose to accept a place at Thomas’s Battersea Square, they must pay a deposit and provide written acceptance of the School’s Terms and Conditions by a set date. The deposit is returnable when the child leaves the school, providing a full term’s notice is given. Parents of current Thomas’s pupils will be asked to complete an Acceptance Form for their child’s place and assign in writing their child’s deposit to Thomas’s Battersea Square.

Siblings

Siblings take precedence over other external candidates for entry into Thomas’s Battersea Square. On occasions, we do not offer a place if we feel that the school is not the correct educational environment for the child but this will be following discussion between parents and the Head. Reassessment may be offered for entry at 13+ or 16+.

See also: [Equal Opportunities Policy](#), [Inclusion Policy](#), [Pupil Induction Policy](#)

This policy will be reviewed annually		
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