



WESTMINSTER  
UNDER SCHOOL

11+

ADMISSION  
INFORMATION PACK



## KEY DATES

### OPEN DAYS AT WESTMINSTER UNDER SCHOOL AND WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

**Saturday 28th June 2025**

**Saturday 20th September 2025**

This year you will have the opportunity to visit both schools on the same day

### ISEB COMMON PRE-TESTS

**Monday 24th November 2025**

At Westminster Under School or these can also be taken at your child's current school, but must be done by Monday 8th December 2025

### AUDITIONS FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

**Week Commencing  
19th & 26th January 2026**

### BURSARY HOME VISITS

**Week commencing  
Monday 3rd February 2026**

### OFFER HOLDER TOURS

**Week Commencing  
Monday 23rd February 2026**

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Tuesday 30th September 2025**

Including any submission of SEND reports, initial bursary forms and music scholarship applications

### ADDITIONAL WRITTEN PAPERS

**Saturday 10th January 2026**

Invitations will be sent by Friday 11th December 2025

### INTERVIEW AND CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday 28th January  
& Monday 2nd February**

Invitations will be sent by the end of the day on Friday 16th January 2026

### OFFERS SENT

**By the end of the day on  
Friday 13th February 2026**

### ACCEPTANCES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL

**By 12.00pm on  
Wednesday 4th March 2026**

# ENTRY AT 11+ TO WESTMINSTER

## OPEN DAYS

[westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/open-days](https://westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/open-days)



Parents and children, who are eligible to apply for 11+ entry in September 2026 are invited to visit the School for a combined tour, to learn more about us and about Westminster School.

The tour will begin at Westminster Under School where you will be met by pupils of Westminster School, who will walk you via Vincent Square and our Sports Centre up to Little Dean's Yard, for a tour of Westminster School. The entire tour will last around two-and-a-half hours.

## REGISTRATION

[westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/11-entry](https://westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/11-entry)



Parents who wish to register their child for entry in Year 7 (11+) should complete the online registration form, which can be found in the Admissions' section of the School website: [www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions](https://www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions). The deadline for September 2026 entry is **Tuesday 30th September 2025**, including fully completed SEND reports, music scholarship and bursary applications. In line with our Admissions Policy, late applications cannot be accepted.

## 11+ ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS

### ISEB COMMON PRE-TESTS

[iseb.eva.tech/guardian](https://iseb.eva.tech/guardian)



Due to the increasing number of children applying for 11+ entry, in line with other schools, we now make use of electronic assessment in the admissions process. These are set by the ISEB (Independent Schools Examination Board) and are called the Common Pre-Tests. They are used by many senior schools.

Children who have registered will be invited to the School to sit these electronic assessments on Monday 24th November at Westminster Under School or at your child's present school at any point until Monday 8th December 2025. The tests will consist of papers in mathematics, English, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning

and can only be taken once for all schools you are applying for.

Tests can be taken at the child's current school or another authorised venue.

**Parents will need to confirm this with them directly and where possible should contact our Registrar, Alycia Lee ([wusregistrar@westminster.org.uk](mailto:wusregistrar@westminster.org.uk)), to inform her of this arrangement.**

Parents must now register their child directly with the ISEB at <https://iseb.eva.tech/guardian/applicants>. For more information please visit the ISEB website at <https://www.iseb.co.uk/families-hub/>.

## WRITTEN PAPERS

[westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/11-entry](https://westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/11-entry)



Approximately 100 children are selected for the next stage in the admissions process. They will be invited back to the School on Saturday 10th January 2026 to take additional written papers in mathematics and English. These papers can only be taken at Westminster Under School.

### Mathematics

We expect all children sitting the 11+ mathematics test to have completed the standard programme of study contained within the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2, or its equivalent. We would also expect that these children are able to achieve very strong Level 5 in their Key Stage 2 SATs or their equivalent. We are particularly interested in the children's ability to apply the mathematics they have learnt in the context of problem solving.

### English

Children will be tested on their reading and writing skills, though the precise nature of these assessments will vary from year to year. Examples might include comprehension, descriptive writing activities, short reviews and invitations to continue a passage in the voice of the author. We are particularly interested in children with a history of wide-ranging and ambitious reading – in particular those with a developing awareness of *how* great writers use language for effect. Children will be expected to demonstrate a skilful use of a wide vocabulary and show that they are able to write both fluently and accurately.

## INTERVIEW AND PLACE OFFERS

Based on the results of the written papers, we will invite approximately 60 children back for interview, on either the afternoon of Wednesday 28th January or Monday 2nd February 2026.

The children will have lunch with us followed by various classroom activities, with our existing teachers whom your child will be taught by if they come to the School and an interview with members of staff from both Westminster Under School and Westminster School.

## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) ADMISSIONS

Parents should inform the Admissions Department about a candidate's particular needs, providing any reports from suitably qualified professionals. The School is happy to make reasonable adjustments to the admissions process to enable SEND pupils to participate fully and to the best of their abilities. Extra time will be given if a relevant report states this is recommended. The Head of Learning Development (SENDCo) works closely with the Admissions' team to make decisions about any access arrangements requested for entrance exams. The regulations set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) are used to determine whether or not a prospective pupil should be allowed any concessions in the entrance exams.

## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

The School accepts pupils whose first language is not English, and indeed many children speak two or three languages fluently, but lessons move at a fast pace and a pupil who does not speak good English could struggle. Proficiency in English will be assessed to ensure an applicant has the minimum necessary skills.

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

[www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries/](http://www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries/)



A number of awards of up to 10% remission of current academic tuition fees with free instrumental tuition are offered annually for children at 11 years of age who show outstanding potential in at least one instrument.

The standard expected of candidates will be from Grade 5 onwards and, though not essential, some skill on a second instrument should be encouraged. Orchestral instruments are preferred. Award holders will be expected to play a full and lively part in the musical life of the School.

Candidates will be required to play two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument and one piece on their second, to read at sight and to attempt a few ear tests. Choristers are also invited to sing. An accompanist will be provided by the School, so we ask that candidates do not bring their own. Plenty of time is allocated for rehearsal.

Candidates for music awards must sit the School's entrance examinations in January. Instrumental auditions will also be held in January whilst choral auditions will be held upon commencement at the Under School in September. The closing date for entries to these awards is Friday 12th December 2025 but the Director of Music will be pleased to meet prospective candidates beforehand by arrangement.

## OUR FUTURE

[www.westminsterunder.org.uk/co-education-and-pre-prep](http://www.westminsterunder.org.uk/co-education-and-pre-prep)



2026 will see Westminster Under School open co-educational Reception classes and admit girls at 7+ and 11+ for the first time, something we are extremely excited about. Westminster School will admit girls into Year 9 in September 2028, with both schools being full co-educational in September 2030.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

[www.westminsterunder.org.uk/about/building-for-the-future](http://www.westminsterunder.org.uk/about/building-for-the-future)



We have also acquired a new building in Chapter Street, which is currently being renovated and will be light, bright and state of the art.

We will move into this building in October 2025. Adrian House will then be renovated and will be ready for pupils in 2026.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

[westminsterunder.org.uk/extra-curricular](http://westminsterunder.org.uk/extra-curricular)



These clubs include, among others, activities such as fencing, judo, karate, bridge, chess, table tennis, LAMDA, clay making and film making.

Clubs finish between 4.45 and 5.45 pm.

## GAMES

[westminsterunder.org.uk/extra-curricular/sport](http://westminsterunder.org.uk/extra-curricular/sport)



Our main sports during Games will include netball, football, hockey, and cricket, with additional opportunities to represent the school

in swimming, Eton Fives, basketball, table tennis, tennis, handball, rugby, and ultimate. Recreational choices during Games feature badminton, rowing, climbing, parkour, dance, and yoga. All these options are available to boys and girls, with both single-sex and co-ed teams. Games take place twice a week, while PE occurs once a week at Vincent Square or at the sports centre.

## SCHOOL FEES

[westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/school-fees](http://westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/school-fees)



The School fees for the academic year 2024-2025 are:

### Years 7 & 8

£10,609 per term

### Years 8 - 11

Day pupils - £14,749

### Years 8 - 11

Boarding Pupils - £20,995

Fees for 2025-2026 are published around June 2025.

## SCHOOL HOURS

[westminsterunder.org.uk/school-life/the-school-day](http://westminsterunder.org.uk/school-life/the-school-day)



The School gates open at 8.00 am. Children are expected to arrive at the side gate in Douglas Street, between 8.00 and 8.15 am. Registration is at 8.20 am.

Year 7 and 8 children finish at 4.30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays after games and at 4.00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## HOMEWORK

Years 7 and 8: between 60 to 90 minutes per night (two or three subjects).

## TRANSPORT

We are developing a School bus service and hope to begin this in September 2025. We will be able to give further information in the Election term.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Pimlico Tube Station, on the Victoria Line, is less than 5 minutes walk away. Victoria and St James's Park, on the District and Circle Lines are approximately a 10 minute walk away.

Buses and mainline trains at Victoria and Vauxhall are within easy walking distance

# ACADEMIC BURSARIES

[www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries/](http://www.westminsterunder.org.uk/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries/)



The purpose of a bursary is to give financial support to a child who has the academic ability to benefit from a Westminster education but whose parents would not be able to afford the fees either wholly or in part without unacceptable hardship.

Only children applying for entry into Year 7 are eligible to apply for bursaries. The School does not provide financial support for children entering into Year 3 or Year 4.

Every child who enters Westminster Under School must win their place on academic merit. This is determined by examination and interview.

Bursaries are available where the parents and children fall into one of the following categories:

- British citizens in possession of a British passport (The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) **at the time of applying for a bursary;**
- Citizens of the EEA or Switzerland, as defined by the UKVI, in possession of an EEA or Swiss passport or ID, who live in London. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/eu-eea-commonwealth>

Parents should consult the UKVI website for a detailed explanation of the criteria established by the United Kingdom. These criteria are used by the School. Parents who qualify under the above criteria must also live within the M25 orbital. The expectation is that their child will commute from home to School each day, with a maximum journey time of one hour door-to-door.

- Bursaries are not available to children of parents who are in the UK on a visa (general, student, child, business, special, or medical) or entering the UK under Tier 2 or Tier 4 of the UKVI Points Based System.
- Bursaries are not available to children of parents who live outside the M25 orbital and beyond daily commuting range to School, defined as a maximum journey time of one hour door-to-door.

There are no exact financial criteria for bursaries but in judging a family's needs, all income, essential expenditure, and all assets in savings, investments and property will be assessed. Where, for example, a home is considered to be too large, in an expensive area or where excess equity could be released, a family may be expected to downsize or remortgage as necessary to release funds. Parents who own a second home do not qualify as they would be expected to release equity in order to meet fees. It is also expected that savings in shares, ISAs, and other investments will be released. The School will then assess what level of bursary (between 10% and 100% of the fees) is needed. If in doubt of eligibility for a bursary, parents are encouraged to apply.

## THE BURSARY PROCESS

There are three stages to the bursary assessments:

### 1 Parents' passports

Photocopies or scans of both parents' passports must be provided as evidence of eligibility to apply for a bursary on grounds of nationality. If eligible, the next stage is Part A. **This must be completed by the September deadline.**

### 2 Initial Assessment

The purpose of the initial assessment is for parents to provide a brief summary of their financial circumstances so that the School can establish whether a bursary is likely to be needed. It is essential that the Part A Form is completed by the 30th September deadline, as late applications cannot be accepted. Any relevant background information should be included in the 'Additional Comments' section of the Part A Form.

For applications from single parents, the following information regarding the child's circumstances must be provided:

- a Where is the other parent now?
- b Has the child's other parent remained in contact?
- c If not, when did their contact cease?
- d Does the child's other parent contribute financially for the child?
- e If not, when did they cease contributing?

### 3 Part B (In Depth Assessment)

If your child is called back to the second round of tests, you will receive an email which will include a link for the Part B Forms. All information will need to be uploaded electronically by the date given. The intention of the School is to make a full assessment of a family's financial circumstances and needs. Part B will ask for several pieces of information and supporting evidence. It is essential that the Part B Form is completed in full and that copies of all supporting documents required are provided.

For a full list of the documents needed, please visit our website:

[www.westminster.org.uk/admissions/bursaries](http://www.westminster.org.uk/admissions/bursaries)

All bursary awards are decided by the Master of the Under School and the Head Master of Westminster School on the advice of the Bursar. It is not possible to give a forecast of the level of any bursary award in advance.

## SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

For more in-depth information, please visit our website: [www.westminster.org.uk/admissions/bursaries](http://www.westminster.org.uk/admissions/bursaries) or contact the Bursar at [bursar@westminster.org.uk](mailto:bursar@westminster.org.uk) or on 020 7963 1028.



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| 1 Westminster Under School       | 5 Dean's Yard                                       |
| 2 Vincent Square Playing Fields  | 6 Westminster School                                |
| 3 Sports Centre, Greycoat Street | 7 Millicent Fawcett Hall - Westminster School Drama |
| 4 St Stephen's Church            |   |