



Lancing College

Senior School & Sixth Form



**Joining Lancing College
in Year 9**

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Joining Lancing in Year 9

Every year Lancing welcomes over 100 new pupils to the College in Year 9 (13+). Our Admissions Team is very aware that choosing a school is one of the most important decisions a parent will make, and that the process is different for every family.

Year 9 (Third Form) is very much a foundation for the following four years at Lancing. An all-important transition year when pupils are supported and guided to settle into a bigger school. It is a time when new friendships are made, and new ways of learning are introduced. From the moment of arrival your child will become part of a warm and encouraging community. Whether day or boarding, they all benefit from the all-inclusive care and support of the Lancing ethos. Our aim is for all new pupils to make the most of the space afforded in this year and to be ready to start Year 10 with confidence.

Our website will give you some real insights into Lancing. However, we feel that nothing can replace a personal visit. It is an opportunity to get under the skin of Lancing and really hear and see for yourself how we would bring out the best in your child as an all-round talented individual.

Every personal visit includes a meeting with the Head Master, House staff and some of our amazing pupils, to help you experience the special atmosphere that is Lancing.



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Routes to Year 9 Entry

Pupils join Lancing from many different schools; the most common routes are from UK preparatory schools and international schools. We welcome pupils from all schools. Should you find that the routes described in the following pages do not apply to your circumstances, please get in touch with the Admissions Office and they will be happy to guide you through the most suitable application process.

The ideal time to start considering a choice of senior school is when your child is in Year 5. This will give you plenty of time to think about all your options and decide what is best for your child and your circumstances.

The Advance (Pre-Test) Programme is an early entry route for UK pupils and is designed to let us get to know prospective pupils in the round. We want to gauge their strengths in academic, sporting and other fields and to give them a real chance to shine as individuals.

Lancing is a popular choice of school and we have seen and expect to continue to see increased demand for entry via this route. Demand has been such that we now strongly recommend UK parents use the Advance Programme route to gain a firm place at Lancing College.

The number of places remaining open for entry at the Year 7 stage or later will be small and inevitably more competitive than via the Advance Programme route. Parents applying within 18 months of the start of Year 9 risk their child only being offered a place on our waiting list.

HOW PUPILS ARE ASSESSED

Lancing recognises that children and young people develop and learn as individuals, and we therefore make every effort to ensure that all our application and assessment processes stem from a broad base of information.

Our objective is to attract pupils with a broad range of skills, who are willing to contribute to a vibrant and strong community and possessing an appetite to learn and to excel.

Lancing has a holistic, forward thinking and coherent view of what education is about and how the various elements of an education at Lancing combine.

Overall, we are looking to attract pupils who will flourish at Lancing, making the most of all the opportunities and develop into self-confident and well-adjusted young adults, ready to take their place in the world.

FOR REFERENCE : SCHOOL YEAR TO PUPIL'S AGE	
■ Year 4	■ Age 8–9
■ Year 5	■ Age 9–10
■ Year 6	■ Age 10–11
■ Year 7	■ Age 11–12
■ Year 8	■ Age 12–13
■ Year 9 (Third Form at Lancing College)	■ Age 13–14



FOR ENTRY APPLICATION IN YEAR 6 (UK)**ADVANCE (PRE-TEST) PROGRAMME****YEAR 4/5**

Discuss options with your current school's Head.
Visit Lancing College.

YEAR 5/6

Register for the Advance (Pre-Test) Programme.
Registration deadline will be publicised on the College website.

YEAR 6 (ADVENT/AUTUMN TERM)

ISEB (optional).

YEAR 6 (LENT/SPRING TERM)

Attend Experience Day at the College. This is a day of enjoyment and participation, with a written exercise and a range of individual and group activities with other pupils hoping to come to Lancing.

YEAR 6 (LENT/SPRING TERM)

Offer of a place.

YEAR 6/7/8

Opportunities to keep in touch, including events at the College for future pupils and their parents.

THE YEAR BEFORE YOUR CHILD JOINS**LANCING (your child will be in Year 8)****BY NOVEMBER**

Application for scholarships and bursaries.
A wide range of scholarships is available, including Academic, Music, Art, Sport and Drama. The Ken Shearwood Award is designed to reward all-round achievements.

LENT/SPRING TERM

Scholarship assessments and bursary decisions.

BY MAY

You will receive a detailed Joining Instructions pack, containing information on the first weeks at Lancing and various forms to be completed before your child arrives.

JUNE

New Pupils' Day at Lancing. House staff and a pupil buddy are in touch over the summer to make the initial connections.

DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

Pupils receive a reading list from the College, the House Handbook and a message from their Lancing buddy who will be on hand to guide them on arrival.

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SEPTEMBER – ADVENT/AUTUMN TERM YEAR 9

Start Year 9 at Lancing College
Arrive at school, welcome to House, meetings for parents.



FOR ENTRY APPLICATION IN YEAR 7 (UK)

YEAR 7 (ADVENT/AUTUMN TERM)

Visit Lancing, register by October Half Term.

YEAR 7 (ADVENT/AUTUMN TERM)

Attend Assessment Day at the College. This is a day of enjoyment and participation, with a written exercise and a range of individual and group activities with other pupils hoping to come to Lancing.

YEAR 7 (ADVENT/AUTUMN TERM)

Offer of a place.

YEAR 7/8

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INTERNATIONAL PUPILS STUDYING OUTSIDE THE UK

Lancing College welcomes pupils from all over the world. Currently over 40 different nationalities are represented in the school.

YEAR 5

Research future schools and discuss options with your agent (if using one).

YEAR 6–YEAR 8

- Register your child.
- Lancing's Admissions Office will arrange assessments and ask you to submit reports.
- Interview with the Director of Admissions (in person or via Zoom).
- Offer of a place.

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Boarding/Day Provision

Lancing Houses play a vital role within the school community. Each House has pupils across all year groups. Older pupils mentor the younger ones and guide them through the first few weeks at the school; House Captains look after a year group, keep a close eye on new pupils and organise social events.

From the beginning of term, the Houses' calendars are quickly filled up with barbecues, games, movie nights, sleepovers, bake-offs, and many other activities to facilitate socialising within the House. Deep friendships and memories are made in Houses. For those pupils who might be struggling with homesickness or anxiety, the Housemaster/ Housemistress and other House staff, the Chaplain, and nurses in the school's Health Centre are always on hand to support every individual; the solution might be as simple as a good sleep and a chat, or a referral to our School Counsellors. The Peer Supporters are also around for a chat; they are pupils in the Sixth Form who are specifically trained to provide support and advice to their fellow students.

Pupils remain within the same House across their time at Lancing and their House is the primary focus for their pastoral care, for friendships and for a sense of community.

Lancing offers the following provision:

■ Full Boarding

Every year we welcome over 120 new boarding pupils to our seven Boarding Houses. Boarders can elect to stay for the full 7-day week or go home on some weekends once school commitments have been completed.

Around 300 pupils choose to stay in school at the weekend, enjoying a full programme of trips, visits and other school and House activities.

■ Flexi-Boarding (three nights per week)

A limited number of flexi-boarding spaces are available. Additional nights will be granted by exception only and with the agreement of the Head Master.

■ Day

Day Houses are open between 7.30am and 9pm, enabling pupils to participate in the wider life at Lancing and go home after supper and evening school if they wish to do so. Day pupils may occasionally board if space is available in a Boarding House.



Your Child's First Year

Memories of a first term, a first year and friendships made can form an important part of a child's educational journey. Whether day, flexi or boarding, they all benefit from our outstanding wraparound care and support, and being part of the Lancing community. Our aim is for new pupils to make the most of the opportunities offered in their first year, and be ready to start Year 10 with confidence.

In the Third Form, all pupils follow a tailored programme of study which is aimed at ensuring they can develop their study skills, explore their interests, all whilst gaining a core understanding in all their subjects, ready to have informed discussions about GCSE choices.

ACROSS THE YEAR

- Broad and balanced academic programme.
- ICT and research skills are embedded.
- Dedicated Metacognition programme.
- Year Group Co-ordinator provides support alongside Housemasters/Housemistresses.
- Opportunities to join wider school groups, for example Green Group, Choir, Scouts and many more.

ADVENT TERM

- The programme for the start of term is vital to offer the initial encouragement and support needed, to get to know the school and make friends.
- Third Formers start a day before all other year groups return, in order to settle in and explore.
- During the induction week, the focus is on group activities and social opportunities. The first days include orientation, music, drama, sport, and a workshop with the School Prefects who answer questions about College life.
- Co-curricular Carousel begins.
- All pupils take part in our annual Malawi Walk across the South Downs.
- Opportunities to get involved in auditions for the school musical, concerts and plays.

AFTER HALF TERM ...

- Adjustments to sets are made where necessary.
- First exams.
- House and year group Christmas celebrations.

LENT TERM

- Co-curricular Carousel continues.
- Charities Term and opportunities to be involved in House fundraising.

SUMMER TERM

- Discussions about GCSE choices start.
- The Third Form Challenge rounds off the year with offsite activities.



First Year for Parents/Guardians

Working in partnership with parents for the benefit of their children can be a vital part of what makes pupils' time at Lancing so successful.

The triangle of pupil, parent and staff lies at the heart of education, and we strive to make the communication and relationship between each point of this triangle as strong as possible. Pupils remain in the same House during their time at Lancing and the relationship with your child's Housemaster/Housemistress is fundamental to a positive start to life at Lancing. Housemasters/Housemistresses are the first port of call for all day-to-day communications and can assist with settling in concerns.

We are always keen to keep communication open with all our parents. Regular communications to parents from the school include grades (once each half term) and reports (usually at the end of every term); information on forthcoming meetings and events; a twice-termly e-newsletter with news from the school and forthcoming events; and *The Quad*, a termly magazine about Lancing events, achievements, activities and news.

When your child is in Year 9 (and beyond) you can look forward to:

Malawi Walk / Hog Roast on first weekend of school

Access to Parent Portal and Parents' Evenings

Third Form & Parents' Year Group Supper

Chapel Services, Concerts and Plays, Annual Founder's Day & Prize-giving

PSHE for Parents Programme on Saturday mornings

Introduction to GCSE Selection

Events in Houses



What our Parents say ...

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My daughter felt very welcomed by everyone and settled in very quickly. She quickly adapted to life at Lancing College, embracing all opportunities given to her.

The Housemaster made every effort to make our son's transition as smooth as possible. All staff are evidently aware of the importance of putting newcomers at ease and handled moments of homesickness with great kindness and sensitivity. This is essential and I believe perfectly demonstrates the Lancing ethos.

Lancing is wonderful and has given my children such a positive start to their lives.

I cannot praise my son's Housemaster enough for the support he offers to both the young men in his care and their parents!

We love the sense of broad learning and encouraging the pupils to think differently/independently.

We are all delighted with how our children have settled in and we feel 100 percent certain that Lancing is the right place for them, even after only a term.





Be inspired
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Be you

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