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Admissions Journey and Supporting Information

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Nursery (age 3 to 5 years)

Your Admissions Journey



Step into our Nursery

Give us a call on 01382 306222 to arrange a personal tour.



Registration

Apply using our [Nursery Online Application Form](#). *No registration fee required. NB We have local council Partnership Provider status.*



Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your application and will be in touch around 6-8 weeks before your preferred start date to confirm sessions.



Stay in Touch

Sign up for our regular newsletters to keep in touch until your little one starts.



Summer sessions

For children joining in August, this is the perfect opportunity to come along for a 'stay and play' session while you finalise any paperwork with the Nursery Manager.



Settling in sessions

The Nursery Manager can arrange any settling in sessions that you feel your little one might need ahead of their first days.

Mid-year entry

For entry mid-year, once we have received your application form we can arrange a few transition visits and a 'stay & play' while you finalise any paperwork with the Nursery Manager.

L1/Primary 1 (age 4.5–5.5 years)

Your Admissions Journey



Visit Us

Give us a call on 01382 306205 to arrange a personal tour on a school day or sign up for one of our Open Days across the year.

Registration

Apply using our online [Application Form](#), ideally before 5th December, to ensure you are included in all our transition activities from January to August. *There is a registration fee required and you will need to upload a copy of your child's passport page or birth certificate.*

Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your application and will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's Readiness for School Journey.

Getting to Know Your Child

To help us in preparing for your child's first visit we will send out a short Getting to Know Your Child survey to you, and another to your child's current Nursery.

Readiness for School Visit

This is a short 20 minute visit comprising a very gentle set of activities designed to see how your child engages in tasks, interacts and communicates. This visit usually takes place in January.

Group Visits to L1 class

This visit, which usually takes place in February, allows us to see your child interacting with a small group of our current L1's in class. If your child is currently used to a nursery or playgroup environment they should enjoy being part of this small grouping.

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Early Years Transition Practitioner

Unique to HSD, our Early Years Transition Practitioner moves down from our Nursery to spend the first 6 months with the L1 children in the classroom, out in the playground and in the lunch hall.

L1/Primary 1 (age 4.5 years)

Your Admissions Journey continued



Readiness Feedback and Offer Stage

Following the Readiness for School and Group Visit, our Deputy Rector (Junior Years) will be in touch to share our feedback and make any offer of a place for L1.



Transition Visits

If you accept our offer of a place we will arrange further transition visits in late Spring/early Summer. These usually comprise 2 short familiarisation visits but more can be arranged if necessary.



Meet My Teacher Session

Again, building on familiarisation, this session which takes place in June, allows your child to meet their new teacher and get to know other children in the class. During this visit, Parents will be invited to attend a short information session.



Orientation Visit

This is a short visit in August, usually the day before your child's first day at school to remind them where their new class will be, their new teacher and classmates.

Mid-year entry

For entry mid-year, once we have received your application form and Getting to Know You survey, your child will have the readiness for school visit and may be encouraged to join in a few 'taster sessions' to build familiarisation ahead of their first full day in school.

L2-L7/P2-7 (age 5.5 to 11 years)

Your Admissions Journey



Visit Us & Taster Days

Give us a call on 01382 306205 to arrange a personal tour on a school day or sign up for one of our Open Days across the year. We would encourage your child to pop in for a taster day too.

Registration

Apply using our online [Application Form](#), ideally before 31st October, to ensure you are included in all our transition activities from January to August. *There is a registration fee required and you will need to upload a copy of your child's passport page or birth certificate and latest school report.*

Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your application and will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment day. With your permission, we will contact your child's current school to ask that they complete our reference form.

Entrance Assessment Visit

We will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment visit which usually takes place as part of a taster day. Children applying to join L2-L5 complete a maths and language activity, and children applying to join L6 or L7 complete a Cognitive Ability Test.

Meet My Teacher Session

To build familiarisation, this session which takes place in June, allows your child to meet their new teacher and get to know other children in the class. During this visit, Parents will be invited to attend a short information session.

Mid-year entry

For entry mid-year, once we have received your application form, we will arrange for your child's entrance assessment (usually as part of a taster day), request a reference from their current school and discuss any additional transition visits you feel your child may need ahead of their first full day in school.

F1/S1 (age 11.5 years)

Your Admissions Journey



Visit Us & Taster Days

Give us a call on 01382 306205 to arrange a personal tour on a school day or sign up for one of our Open Days across the year. We would encourage your child to pop in for a taster day too.

Registration

Apply using our online [Senior Years Application Form](#), ideally before 31st October, to ensure you are included in all our transition activities from January to August. *There is a registration fee required and you will need to upload a copy of your child's passport page or birth certificate and latest school report.*

Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your application and will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment day. With your permission, we will contact your child's current school to ask that they complete our reference form.

Entrance Assessment Days

Assessment for entry into F1 is in two parts: there is an online Cognitive Ability Test completed at the School and short written task followed by a taster experience in class and a short chat with one of our Senior staff.

Offer of a place

Following successful assessment, you should receive a formal offer of a place for your child.

Information Evening 1 - *primarily for Parents*

The first of two information evenings - this event provides an overview of the Form 1 transition and general information about the Form 1 experience from a curricular, co-curricular and pastoral care & support perspective .

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F1/S1 (age 11.5 years)

Your Admissions Journey continued



Information Evening 2 - for Parents and Children

The second information evening is designed to provide you and your child with essential information to prepare for their first days. You will hear from current Senior pupils, staff and parents and have an opportunity to chat to parents and children in your year group.

Essential Information

A list of essential information which includes a Q & A, uniform list, booklist, stationery list and iPad requirements will be sent to you in May.

Transition Day 1

To build familiarisation, these 2 days take place in May/June.

Transition Day 2

To build familiarisation, these 2 days take place in May/June. Parents will also be invited to a welcome coffee morning on the second day to meet members of the Pastoral Care & Support Team and cover any questions.

Orientation Visit

This is an optional short visit in August, to allow your child to find where their new classes will be, meet their Pastoral Care and Support Teacher, and ask any other questions they may have in advance of their first day.

Settling In & Team Building Experience

Your child's Pastoral Care & Support Teacher will arrange a settling-in interview in September followed by a full team building experience for all of Form 1 followed by a parent check-in.

Mid-year entry

For entry mid-year, once we have received your application form, we will arrange for your child's entrance assessment (usually as part of a taster day), request a reference from their current school and discuss any additional transition visits you feel your child may need ahead of their first full day in school.

F2-6/S2-6 (age 12.5 – 18years)

Your Admissions Journey



Visit Us & Taster Days

Give us a call on 01382 306205 to arrange a personal tour on a school day or sign up for one of our Open Days across the year. We would encourage your child to pop in for a taster day too.

Registration

Apply using our online [Application Form](#), ideally before 31st October, to ensure you are included in all our transition activities from January to August. *There is a registration fee required and you will need to upload a copy of your child's passport page or birth certificate and latest school report.*

Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your application and will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment day. With your permission, we will contact your child's current school to ask that they complete our reference form.

Entrance Assessment Days

We will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment visit which usually takes place as part of a taster day. For pupils applying to join F3-F6, we will also look to arrange chats with our Heads of Department of your child's chosen subjects.*

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*Direct Entry into Form 4

We do accept applications to join Form 4, but it may depend on how far your child has progressed with the subjects they are hoping to choose as our pupils complete their National 5 studies across Form 3 and Form 4. As such, our pupils are part way through their National 5 courses by the beginning of Form 4. Please have a chat with our admissions team, who will be able to discuss the best path forward for your child.

F2-6/S2-6 (age 12.5 – 18years)

Your Admissions Journey continued



Offer of a place

Following successful assessment, you should receive a formal offer of a place for your child.



Essential Information

A list of essential information which includes a Q & A, uniform list, booklist, stationery list and iPad requirements will be sent to you in May.



Orientation Visit

This is an optional short visit in August, to allow your child to find where their new classes will be, meet their Pastoral Care and Support Teacher, and ask any other questions they may have in advance of their first day.

Mid-year entry

For entry mid-year, once we have received your application form, we will arrange for your child's entrance assessment (usually as part of a taster day), request a reference from their current school and discuss any additional transition visits you feel your child may need ahead of their first full day in school.

Bursary Support

Our bursary support awards can range from 10% to 100% of the tuition fees, though successful bursary support applicants are most often offered an awarded in the range of 20% to 60%.

The majority of bursary support awards are made to pupils in Senior Years, from Form 1 to Form 6, with a limited amount available to pupils applying to join L6 and L7. We aim for this support to be as invisible as possible, and it is kept in strict confidence.

Whether an award of Bursary Support is granted, and the amount awarded is assessed on the basis of two main criteria - the academic aptitude of the applicant and the financial need of the family applying.

Academic aptitude is assessed using the CAT-4 Cognitive Ability Test. This test uses a series of logic puzzles to gauge verbal, non-verbal-quantitative, and spatial reasoning, and is completed by all applicants, regardless of whether or not they have applied for bursary support.

Should bursary support applicants perform well in the CAT-4, their household will be asked to submit further details on their financial background to our Chief Operating Officer . As a guide, households with a combined income in excess of £80,000 are unlikely to receive support but this figure may vary if you have a number of dependents and other commitments in your family.

Our COO will then submit a report to our awards committee, who will then decide which applicants are to offered an award of bursary support, and to what amount.

If you have any queries about our bursary support process, do get in touch with our helpful admissions team:

Email: admissions@highschoolofdundee.org.uk

Phone: 01382 306205

Bursary Pathway (L6–F6/P6–S6)

Bursary Awards take into account both your child's academic potential and your family's financial need. We look closely and sensitively at each family's circumstances to work out whether a full or partial award is the right fit. Bursaries are only available to families of children entering L6 to F6, and are typically only awarded to those with a gross annual household income of less than £80k. If you are eligible to apply, you must do so **before 31st October** in the year before your anticipated August entry.



Registration

To be considered for financial support you must first complete our online [Junior or Senior Years Application Form](#), **before 31st October** and select '**considered for financial support**' under the question on fee type. You will be asked to pay the usual registration fee and you will need to upload a copy of your child's passport page or birth certificate, and latest school report.

Acknowledgement and Next Steps

We will acknowledge receipt of your bursary request as part of your application and will be in touch to confirm arrangements for your child's entrance assessment visit which will take place by mid-November. With your permission, we will contact your child's current school to ask that they complete our reference form.

Entrance Assessment

As with all those applying to join L6 and above, bursary applicants complete a Cognitive Ability Test and your child may be required to have a short chat with a member of our Senior staff.

Offer of a Place and/or Progression of Bursary Application

If your child performs very strongly in the assessment you will be asked to complete a detailed Bursary Application about your financial circumstances **no later than 30th November** and be put forward to the Bursary Awards Committee for consideration. However, if your child performs well but is not in the top academic band, we will offer you a full fee-paying place.

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Bursary Pathway (L6–F6/P6–S6)

Bursary Pathway continued



Awards Committee

The Awards Committee meet in February to decide which applicants are to receive bursary support, and to what amount. We then aim to share the outcome of the Award Committee's decision by March and will ask you be asked to sign our Parent Contract contract at that stage.

Transition Programme

Your Child will then follow the same transition programme

Mid-year entry

We receive a substantial volume of requests for financial support each year. We therefore encourage applications for financial support to be submitted by our 31st October deadline.

Only if funds allow will we be able to consider requests for financial support beyond that date.

Nursery Sessions & Rates

As our Nursery has partnership provider status with Dundee City Council, funding towards your child's place may be available.

Childcare vouchers (eg Edenred, KiddiVouchers) are accepted towards payment of fees.

Nursery Sessions & Rates for 2026/27	All Year Round	Term-time Only
	Session Rate	Session Rate
8am - 6pm	£87.00	£94.00
8am to 1pm	£43.50	£47.00
1pm to 6pm	£43.50	£47.00

Tuition Fees – Junior & Senior Years

Tuition Fees for the 26/27 Session (inclusive of 20% VAT):

Year Group	Per Year	Per Term	Per Month (Over 10 Months)	Per Month (Over 12 Months)
L1-L3	£15,030	£5010	£1503	£1252.50
L4-L5	£15,750	£5250	£1575	£1312.50
L6-L7	£17,892	£5964	£1789.20	£1491.60
F1-F6	£21,326.40	£7108.80	£2132.64	£1777.20

Tuition Fees – what's included

Our Junior & Senior Years Tuition Fees include:

Curricular tuition from L1 to Form 6

The majority of co-curricular and enrichment activities

Most local trips and excursions

Junior Years Learning Support from L1 to L7

Senior Years Learning Support from F1 to Form 6

Senior Years dedicated Pastoral Care and Support (PCS) Teacher

Senior Years Wellbeing Hub with dedicated PCS Co-ordinator and Counsellor

Free transport to fixtures

Optional Saturday Sport

Two 30 minute music lessons per week for those taking National
5/Higher/Advanced Higher Music

Fees for QS exams (National 5, Higher, Advanced Higher)

Senior Years UCAS tutoring

Senior Years Insights profile

Supplementary Charges and Additional Expenses

Supplementary Charges for the 26/27 Session (Inclusive of 20% VAT, where applicable):

Item	Charge	Frequency
Pre-booked School Lunches (L1-L3)	£695.40	Annually
Casual School Lunches (L1-L3)	£3.90	As required
Pre-booked School Lunches (L4-F6)	£887.55	Annually
Casual School Lunches (L4-F6)	£4.95	As required
Sunrise Club	£5.70	As Required
Sunset Club	£11.50	As Required
Individual Music Lessons (30 Minutes)	£30.42	Per Lesson
National 5 Home Economics Surcharge	£150	Annually
Dedicated Bus Services	See overleaf	See overleaf

Other costs to consider

In addition to the supplementary charges listed above, families should also take into account the cost of purchasing school uniform, an iPad from L6 upwards, as well as text books and stationery for Senior Years.

Typically, pupils have to replace their iPad once during their time with us.

The School also operates a thrift shop with the aim of providing discounted items of pre-owned uniform to new and current families.

Dedicated Bus Service

Route/Stage	Annual One Way Charge	Annual Return Charge
Perth Route - Perth	£1254.80	2036.90
Perth Route - Errol	£1010.30	1613.40
Perth Route - Longforgan	£782.15	1270.55
Blairgowrie Route - Blairgowrie	£1026.75	1646.00
Blairgowrie Route - Auchterhouse	£749.85	1205.95
Forfar Route - Forfar/Friockheim	£1010.30	1613.40
Forfar Route - Arbroath	£1059.40	1694.75
Forfar Route - Carnoustie	£765.95	1238.55
Forfar Route - Monifieth	£635.65	1010.45
Glenrothes Route - Glenrothes	£1415.60	2265.00
Glenrothes Route - Freuchie	£1254.80	2036.90
Glenrothes Route - Ladybank	£1059.40	1694.75
Glenrothes Route - Cupar & Dairsie	£1010.30	1613.40
Glenrothes Route - Guardbridge	£907.20	1559.25
Glenrothes Route - Drumoig	£635.65	1010.45

The costs above apply to the stop listed and subsequent minor stops for that stage. Our dedicated bus service can be booked on either a termly or annual basis. For further information on pick-up and drop off times, and a full list of pick up locations, please get in touch with our admissions team:

Email: admissions@highschoolofdundee.org.uk

Phone: 01382 306205

Co-Curricular Activities

See some examples of our 80+ Co-curricular Clubs below:

Music:

Symphony Orchestra
Pipe Band
Wind & Brass Ensembles
Choirs and Vocal ensembles
Percussion and Guitar Ensembles
Jazz and Rock Bands

Other Co-Curricular Clubs:

Chess Club
Craft Club
Classics Club
Euroasia Club
Debating Club
Warhammer Club
Board Games Club
Creative Writing Club
'Futurechef' Competition
'Columns' Pupil-led Magazine
Community Outreach & Charities
Physics Olympiad
History Film Club
School Musical
Minecraft Club
Enterprise Club
Eco Schools
Table Tennis
Drama
Puzzle
Godtalk

Sports:

Training and competitive fixtures for
Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Athletics,
Cricket, Tennis, and Football
Strength and Conditioning
Access to Fitness Suite
Fencing Practice
Triathlon/Running Club
Futsal

Outdoor Education:

Duke of Edinburgh Award
Winter Skills
Climbing Club
John Muir Hillwalking Club
Combined Cadet Force

Local, National & International Trips

See some examples of our previous and upcoming local, national and international trips below:

Local & National:

L3 Blair Drummond Safari Park
L4 Crannog Centre
L5 Willowgate
L6 Dalguise
L7 London
F2 Rugby Tour
F2 Hockey Tour
F1/F2 Rum & Canna
F3 Holderness
Pipe Band Championships
Hebrides Sailing Expedition
Various Sports Fixtures
Rep Theatre
V&A
McManus Gallery
DCA
Barry Budden & Wales CCF Camps

International:

F2/F3 Spanish Language Trip
F4/F5 Rugby Tour
F4/F5 Hockey Tour
New York Arts Trip
Tokyo STEM Trip
China Cultural Trip
European Ski Trips
Iceland Geography Trip
Andalucia Spanish Language Trip
Paris French Language Trip
Berlin History Trip

Session Dates 2026–27

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts:	Wednesday 19 August
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 12 October
Term Restarts:	Monday 26 October
Term Ends:	Friday 18 December (12 pm)

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts:	Wednesday 6 January
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 15 February
Term Restarts:	Monday 22 February
Term Ends:	Friday 26 March (12 pm)

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts:	Monday 12 April
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 24 May
Term Restarts:	Thursday 27 May
Term Ends:	Wednesday 30 June (4pm)

Session Dates 2027–28

Autumn Term 2027

Term Starts:	Wednesday 18 August
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 11 October
Term Restarts:	Tuesday 26 October
Term Ends:	Friday 17 December (12 pm)

Spring Term 2028

Term Starts:	Wednesday 5 January
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 14 February
Term Restarts:	Monday 21 February
Term Ends:	Friday 31 March (12 pm)

Summer Term 2028

Term Starts:	Monday 17 April
Mid-term Holiday Starts:	Monday 29 May
Term Restarts:	Thursday 1 June
Term Ends:	Thurs 29 June (4pm)