

Year 7 Sports Aptitude Admissions Scheme

Purpose

- The Fulham Boys School believes in the central importance of sport to school life and to life beyond, recognising the cross-curricular benefits of developing teamwork skills and leadership skills at both an elite and 'sport for all' level. The school has excellent provision for nurturing and developing sporting talent. The Sports Aptitude Admissions scheme will allow the school to attract high aptitude sporting talent by enabling a limited number of boys who would not otherwise be prioritised within the school's oversubscription criteria to apply for a sports ambassador place.

Applications

- Applicants will need to apply to FBS through the normal local authority admissions process, and in common with all applicants, complete the FBS Additional Information Form.
- They will additionally need to fill out the separate sports aptitude scheme form and submit this to the school by the 1st October.
- Application can be made for any of the school's four core sports – football, rugby, cricket or rowing - for sport as a whole or for another sport in which the school is already committed to supporting pupils.

Allocation of places

- A maximum of 8 pupils each year may be awarded a sports aptitude place. The number will be determined by the scores within each year of applicants
- All successful pupils, and their parents, will have to sign a declaration that they will put their commitment to the school before any other clubs or sporting entities.

Assessment

- The sports aptitude test will run over two days in October with parents notified by email a week in advance.
- No prior sporting prowess will be taken into consideration. The aptitude tests will be based on the Skill Related Fitness Tests and the Health Related Fitness Tests used by professional bodies, clubs and organisations
- All test results will be published for review by anyone who wishes to view them.
- All scores from the tests will receive a standardized ranking, in line with established practice used by the RFU for talent spotting individuals. The rankings will be used to produce an overall score for each pupil.
- Height, weight and maturation will also be taken into consideration; if the pupils are more or less physically developed (height and weight) then the times and measurements that they score will be factored into the selection process.

Benefits to successful applicants

- Priority in the school's oversubscription criteria
- Free sports kit for those who request it.
- Free annual membership for one of the clubs identified in the FBS Sports 4 Year Plan.

Benefits to the school

- The scheme will be reviewed annually to ensure it is supporting the inclusive ethos of the school.