



Rastrick Independent School

Application for Scholarship

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and return together with the examination fee.

Pupil details

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth	<input type="text" value="Day"/> / <input type="text" value="Month"/> / <input type="text" value="Year"/>		
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>

Present school

School	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
Year Group	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>		
Date of entry	<input type="text" value="Day"/> / <input type="text" value="Month"/> / <input type="text" value="Year"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>

Parent/carer details

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Signed	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

Please return this form for the attention of the Headteacher to the address below together with the examination fee.

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The Scholarship Scheme for Gifted and Talented children



Rastrick Independent School is proud to announce the launch of our Scholarship Scheme for Gifted and Talented Children.

We have secured a benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, which will enable us to offer a limited number of places on scholarship for 5 – 16 year olds. These will be children of exceptional ability, and limited places will be awarded based on assessment testing and parental means testing.

About our school

The School educates children from birth to the age of 18. Phoenix House Nursery (0-2 years), Close Lea House Pre-Preparatory (3-4 years), The Preparatory School (5-11 years), The Grammar School (11-16 years) and The Tutorial College (16-18 and beyond). The school is now able to offer opportunities to the wider community and to gifted and talented children with special educational needs of their own.

The DfE is increasingly recognising the importance of special provision for gifted and talented children. Rastrick has always recognised this need, and we have also provided excellent facilities for ALL children.

Expertise for your child and our specialist skills

As a non-selective school, Rastrick cares, nurtures and educates children of all abilities. At 11+ we operate a diagnostic entrance test. Bursaries can be applied for at this stage. We help children of average and below average ability with individual education programmes and specialist help. Rastrick works closely with the 3D Centre in Calderdale, and is proud to have one of their excellent specialist Dyslexia teachers on the staff. Dyslexia support is therefore an automatic provision. Children with special educational needs are welcome to enter the school. There have been many children who have arrived and parents have been distraught that their child might have ADHD, Dyspraxia, Aspergers etc. Immediately on entry to Rastrick the child's needs are met.

Not one child in the twenty years of operation, has not settled, not had their needs met, or parents or child not been happy. This involves much expertise for leadership and staff. We are a large family – there is so much love in the school – recognised by all who cross the threshold. We can't invent that – it has to exist and be prevalent all day and every day. Children need to enjoy their childhood.

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented children require as much consideration as other children with special educational needs. Lack of suitably challenging stimulation can lead to demoralisation, poor performance and even discipline or behaviour problems. Gifted and Talented children have therefore to be identified. Parents initially recognise this 'difference' and teachers professional judgement is often sought. DfES guidelines state '*gifted and talented children are those who have one or more abilities developed to a level significantly ahead of their peers (or have the potential to develop these abilities)*'.

The usual expectation that this would be the top 5% - 10% of ability.

'Gifted' has referred to academic achievement, 'Talented' has indicated physical ability or prowess in the arts. Both gifted and talented abilities are linked together at Rastrick. Academic excellence is taught by highly qualified, experienced and talented professional graduate teachers. These teachers provide enrichment in 'different' work not 'more' work and differentiate learning to ensure their children remain inspired, Special 'CHI' (children with High Intelligence) classes in Latin, Russian, French, Mathematics and Science are offered. 'Talents' of each child's ability is developed by both curricular and extra-curricular activities, and also the support of those activities which many of these children are involved in out of school.

Provision for Gifted and Talented is therefore very much in the forefront at Rastrick. We are not an elitist school – all children are provided for. The CHI, programme, however does help to raise and maintain standards throughout the school. Our academic excellence proves this.

We have an 18 year 100% pass rate to Grammar Schools and excellent Ofsted and ISA Inspection reports. Annually our children excel in competitions and challenges: in Speech and Drama, Dance, Singing, Music, Sports, The Mathematical Challenge and The World Class Tests are to name but a few. Examinations are taken in most extra- curricular activities, and the school does recognise and rejoice in those activities which children enjoy at home.

Rastrick is the Northern Centre for CHI (Children of High Intelligence) the support society for children of High Intelligence. CHI was set up to cater for the top 2%-5% of the ability range by providing advice and support for children and parents. Rastrick operates CHI classes as part of its educational programme. Children with showing promise and ability are 'CHI' tested at the School.

There are other organisations with which the School works: NAGC – the National Association for gifted children (aimed to cater for the top 10% ability group; and MENSA (MFGL) – The Foundation for Gifted Children, aimed at the top 2% of the ability range.

Rastrick offers educational excellence, therefore, for all children, and providing specialist help for children in top 5-10% ability range.

Quote from Susan Vaughey, Headteacher and Owner of the school who is also the Special Education Needs and Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator.

“I had a dream and a vision when we created the school. We aim at Rastrick to enable children to reach their own potential, whatever their background. This is expertly achieved by creating a stimulating exciting environment where learning is natural, is fun and is achievable. We do not ‘hot-house’ children – we allow them to enjoy their childhood. We have a proven track record. The first dream is now realised.

This is the time when the second dream and vision is about to become a reality. I wanted also to create opportunities for gifted children whose parents could not necessarily afford a school which caters for their child’s giftedness - in this case a fee paying local school with expertise. I sought long and hard for a sponsor to enable us to do this. We are a private company and not a charity, therefore, sponsorships was essential. Our benefactor wishes to remain anonymous. I am externally grateful and proud and delighted that our benefactor will enable us to offer a limited number of places on Scholarship for 5-14 year olds.

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