

# Chavagnes International College

## Admissions procedure

Chavagnes International College exists for the education of boys aged 11 – 18, through the medium of English. The formation offered by the College is inspired by and centred on the teaching of the Catholic Church.

### Admission

Boys are admitted to the school subject to satisfactory references from a teacher and a priest. Parents are also asked to supply samples of the child's written work. We prefer to interview prospective pupils in person, but this is not always necessary, especially for those families from Australia and other countries very far from the College.

There is no deadline for applications, although parents are asked to enquire as early as possible as classes are limited to fifteen pupils. The College year runs from September to June inclusive.

A deposit of £100 (Sterling) or 150 € is payable with the application form. This is a non-refundable deposit, although it will be returned in the event that we are unable to provide a place for your son.

### Age range

For the academic year commencing September 2007 entry is possible at all ages.

### Fees

Fees are payable termly, in advance.

The rates for 2006/2007 are as follows (prices in Euros).

	Years 7 & 8 (10-13 yrs approx.)	Years 9,10,11 (13-16 yrs approx.)	Vllth Form (A-levels) (16-18 yrs approx.)
Full board accommodation	7.500 €	7.500 €	7.500 €
Tuition	6.500 €	7.500 €	9.000 €
Total fees per year	14.000 €	15.000 €	16.500 €

Fees must be paid in Euros, unless alternative arrangements have been made. We welcome payment by debit or credit card. It is possible for parents to make an arrangement for staged payment: several families already pay by monthly standing order in sterling, or by a monthly debit to a charge card.

Scholarships and bursaries are available, at the discretion of the College's Board of Governors, reducing these fees by as much as 50 %, in cases of financial hardship and/or particular intellectual ability. Special choral awards are available. Lower fees apply to families with more than one son at the College.

### **Travel considerations and extra costs**

Parents should bear in mind the following extra costs which will be incurred:

Travel to and from the College at the start and end of each term. There are three terms in the year.

In addition there is a ten-day half-term holiday in the autumn term (in mid October) and another in the middle of the Spring Term. Optional College activities may be offered during these half-term holidays, and during other holidays, but are always modestly priced. The annual pilgrimage and visit to Paris is billed separately at a cost of about 100€. Most boys attend this activity.

The College is prepared to arrange for boys to be collected from the following pick-up points:

The airport at Nantes or the SNCF railway stations at Nantes and Montaigu. There is a small charge for this (20 Euros approx.).

Time of arrival should be planned in consultation with the College, otherwise it may be necessary to make an additional charge. Collection from other locations (such as airports in Paris) may be possible by arrangement.

It is advisable to allow boys 3€ per week pocket money. This can be kept by the "College bank" and allocated weekly, if desired by the parents.

Boys will need to possess the clothing listed in the College *Clothing Regulations*. Parents will be billed for stationery and writing materials. In addition, musical instrument lessons and riding lessons are also an extra cost for those who require them. Other occasional trips or incidental expenditure would not normally add more than about 50 euros to the termly bill.

### **Insurance**

Boys who are citizens of European countries will be entitled to a refund of two thirds of health care expenses. The remaining third may be covered by an inexpensive health insurance policy. Boys from outside the European Union will need additional health insurance. Parents are advised to organise check-ups with a local doctor and dentist during the holidays.

### **College fund**

Parents who can afford to do so are encouraged to donate to the College fund. This fund enables us to provide bursaries for pupils from poorer families. This applies not only to particularly large families or those on low incomes: parents from South Africa, Australia and other countries whose currencies are weak often find European prices beyond their budget.

### **Commitment to the ideals of the College**

Parents and their son should be prepared to commit themselves to the Catholic spirit of the College, to its traditional values and to its standards of discipline. We aim to motivate your son by ensuring that he enjoys his time at the College, but you will need also to encourage him in his work and other activities, and to assist the College's teachers in their vocation with your prayers and support.

**Application for admission to Chavagnes International College**

Full name of boy \_\_\_\_\_

Full name(s) of parent(s) guardians(s), including styles/titles

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\_\_\_\_\_

Family address, to which all correspondence will be sent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/fax/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy's date of birth: Day/Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Existing \_\_\_\_\_ place \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ education:

(Address and telephone number)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list names, sex and age of his brothers and sisters (if any):

Does your son suffer from any medical problems or disabilities? YES/NO (delete as applicable)

If YES, please state here, continuing on a separate sheet of paper if necessary:

Please list your son's special interests and hobbies:

When do you wish your son to start at Chavagnes? (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for admission for my son as detailed above and enclose a deposit of £100 sterling/150\$.

Signature.

Date:

### **Photograph**

Please include a recent photograph of your son, preferably passport size.

### **Letter from priest and teacher**

Please also include a short letter of recommendation from a priest and another from a teacher. If your son is home-schooled, the teacher's letter may be written by a parent or guardian.

The priest should give his view as to your son's general character and attitude towards religious practice, and how he feels your son might benefit from the broad Catholic education on offer at Chavagnes.

The teacher should outline your son's main academic strengths and weaknesses, with particular attention to his grasp of Mathematics, general cognitive ability, standard of written and spoken English, motivation, self-discipline, attitude to authority and his general level of intelligence. We are also interested to know of any musical or sporting ability that he may have.

### **Letter from parent or guardian**

In addition, we ask that one parent/guardian write a short letter, to be included with this application, with a brief assessment of your son's character and how you feel he would benefit from his time at Chavagnes. Please include mention of any other information that you feel might be useful for the College. Please state in your letter whether you would be able to come and visit the College with your son before admission.

### **Sample of written work**

Please include samples of your son's recent written work. Photocopies are acceptable. These should include at least two pages of mathematical work and two pages of written essay work. We may, in addition, ask your son to sit a short entrance examination, either at the College or at a centre in your own country.

Please send all relevant documents, together with your GB£100/150 Euro deposit, to:

The Registrar,  
Chavagnes International College  
96 rue du Calvaire  
85250 Chavagnes-en-Paillers  
FRANCE

Bear in mind that Chavagnes aims not to be an « exclusive » College. Our aim is to provide a solid, world-class Catholic education to any boy who will benefit from it.

Please see the separate leaflet for details of the various scholarships and bursaries that are awarded.

Please do not hesitate to telephone us to discuss any queries you may have about admissions or fees.