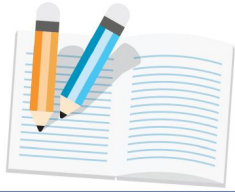


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Step into something extraordinary – Year 7 admissions day at Ballard School

NESTLED between the New Forest and the Solent, Ballard School is a place where education is reimagined. As proud winners of Co-Educational School of the Year, Ballard offers more than just outstanding academics – it is a vibrant, nurturing community where every child is known, valued, and inspired.

For families considering Year 7 entry in September 2026, our Admissions Day on Saturday 15th November 2025 is the perfect way to experience life at Ballard. The day offers a chance to explore our beautiful campus, meet staff and peers, and take part in a range of exciting activities. The day begins with a fun icebreaker, followed by six hands-on activities including



DT, music and sport, reflecting the breadth of Ballard's curriculum and the joy of learning

that defines our school.

But what truly sets Admissions Day apart is the atmosphere – welcoming, inclusive, and full of possibility. Pupils are placed in small groups, each led by a dedicated member of staff who guides them through the day, ensuring every child feels supported and confident. We asked some of our Year 8 pupils, who joined us in 2023, to share their thoughts on the day:

"I was really nervous walking in, but then I started meeting people and now we're really good friends. It was such an amazing day."

"I knew no one before I came, but I made friends straight away. We even had sleepovers over the summer before starting Year 7!"

"I loved the sport and DT – it was so much fun. Just being at Ballard for the day was really cool."

"I knew Ballard through fixtures... so when I did the Admissions Day, it was just like, oh yes, this is a hundred percent the school I want to go to."

Ballard expands from two classes to four in Year 7, welcome

ing many new pupils into our community. We are looking for children who demonstrate enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity – those who will embrace our values.

With over 50 co-curricular clubs available each week in Year 7 alone, there is a wealth of opportunities, including riding, costume design, Mini-model UN, F1, jewellery making and lots of sport and music.

There are many exciting trips too, including residential, teambuilding and a trip to Harry Potter World.

"The amount of opportunities is unbelievable. It is the best school I have ever been to."

"Ballard is very welcoming. Just take all the opportunities there are."



"I love loads of the classes. There's basically none I don't like."

"When you come on your first day, you will have friends because everyone's just so inclusive here. It's brilliant, amazing."

fun, really amazing. It's worth it. Trust me. It's worth it."

"It's fantastic. It's the best school I've ever been to."

And a final word on Admissions Day:

"It's just really fun and inclusive so, take advantage of everything there is. Just come, it's absolutely amazing and it's so much fun and it just helps for when you start and it's just really

To take part in Admissions Day, pupils must be registered by Friday 31st October 2025.

Call Laura, our friendly Registrar, on 01425 626900 or email registrar@ballardschool.co.uk to secure your child's place.

Ballard School – where every child's journey begins with confidence, curiosity, and care.



Join the Co-Educational School of the Year and find out why parents call us 'Simply the best school every day.'

What our Year 7 parents say...

"Ballard is a genuinely magnificent school."

"He is loving the variety of all the lessons and thinks the teachers are brilliant. He is being listened to for the first time in school and feels valued. He jumps out of bed every morning and puts his uniform on with pride. He just loves coming into school."

"At Ballard, every child is a priority. The school's outstanding facilities in every department provide the best opportunities for exploration and growth. The comprehensive support system ensures that each child can reach their full potential. Ballard School is not just an educational institution; it's a place that fosters well-being and personal growth. I wholeheartedly recommend it."

"Just wanted to say thanks to everyone for making her first week so brilliant. She has really settled and is already enjoying all the opportunities that Ballard has to offer. As parents, it is such a relief to know we made the right decision and that she's happy."

"My child is much happier at Ballard than he was at his previous school and has settled quickly. We have been very pleased we made the move."



What our Year 7 pupils say...

"I love everything!"

"I absolutely love it here! One of the best things about Ballard is how inclusive it is. I've made a great group of friends and there's always something exciting happening. You can represent the school at sporting events or participate in musical theatre. Whether you want to perform or work behind the scenes, there's a place for everyone."

"The variety of after-school clubs is amazing, with opportunities to try activities you wouldn't normally do, like baseball or pickleball, as well as arts and coding. There's so much to do! Sports are just the best."

"I really appreciate that all students have the chance to showcase their talents and try new things. Ballard truly encourages us to explore our interests and develop new skills. I'm so proud to be a part of this fantastic family!"

"Ballard School is a place where you can practise, learn, and improve. I can always talk to my teachers if something is wrong. They care about pupils' feelings."

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