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Entry2012



Bablake

# Entry procedure: September 2012

## Pupils aged 10-12 (Years 6 – 8)

1. Parents are asked to complete the Application Form included with this booklet and return it to the Admissions Officer, together with the Application Fee of £35. **Closing date for applications: Friday 2nd December 2011.**
2. **Prospective pupils will be required to sit the Entrance Examination held in January. The date is: Wednesday 4th January 2012, with papers in English, Mathematics and verbal and non-verbal reasoning.**
3. Offers of places will be posted on Friday 3rd February 2012. At the same time, parents will be notified of any financial help available through Bursary or Scholarship schemes.
4. Parents are asked to signify their acceptance of the offer – or otherwise – by 2nd March 2012. A deposit of £300 should accompany the letter of acceptance. This will be offset against the first term's fees.
5. Parents and pupils will be invited into School on the following dates to receive more information and meet their children's Form Tutors:

## Parents

Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7pm. The School Shop Manageress will be present and parents will be able to view the uniform and sportswear as well as make appointments for fittings during the summer vacation period.

## Pupils

Thursday 14th June 2012 at 2pm and Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 9:00am. (The new term will start on Wednesday 5th September 2012). These dates are provisional.

## Note

- (1) For admission to Shells (Year 7) in September 2012 a candidate should normally be eleven but not twelve years of age on 31st August 2012.
- (2) For admission to Second Year (Year 8) in September 2012 a candidate should normally be twelve but not thirteen years of age on 31st August 2012.
- (3) *Candidates at age 10: Pre-selection Assessment.* In accordance with HMC guidelines, Coventry School Foundation is willing to assist parents to plan their children's education through pre-selection assessment and testing. Candidates for pre-selection assessment will be offered the opportunity to sit a test and their parents will be offered a Headmaster's assessment of the likelihood of their child achieving the necessary standard for entry at normal age. Candidates who undergo this pre-selection assessment will however still be required to undertake the normal selection examination in the year prior to normal entry.

## Entry at 13+ (Year 9)

Entry will be by test, in English, Mathematics and verbal reasoning. Parents are asked to complete the Application Form included with this booklet and return it to the Headmaster by Friday 2nd December 2011. The 13+ entry exam will take place on Wednesday 4th January 2012. Scholarships are available.

For admission to Third Year (Year 9) in September 2012 a candidate should normally be thirteen but not fourteen years of age on 31st August 2012.

## Entry to the Sixth Form

1. Parents are asked to complete the Application Form included in the further information booklet and return it to the Admissions Officer.
2. Applicants will be invited to visit the School, where they will be interviewed by the Head of Sixth Form and the Headmaster.
3. Academic, Music and Sports Scholarships are all available.
4. After a satisfactory report from the applicant's current school and interviews, offers will be made conditional upon gaining specified grades in the GCSEs. The minimum entry is normally 5 passes at grade B. It is expected, however, that candidates will have grade A in the subjects to be taken for A-Level, but this may alter for individual applicants. Offers will be made shortly after the interview date.
5. Parents are asked to signify their acceptance of the offer – or otherwise – by a specific date. A deposit of £300 should accompany the letter of acceptance. This will be offset against the first term's fees.
6. Parents are asked to contact the School as soon as the GCSE results are known. In the event of unsatisfactory results and the subsequent withdrawal of a place by the School, the £300 deposit will be returned.
7. Successful candidates will be invited into School before term in September to meet the Head of Sixth Form and staff.

**There is an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils on Saturday 5th November 2011, between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Full details are advertised locally. The Entry to Sixth Form Evening will occur on Tuesday 15th November from 5:45pm. There will be a Year 6 Activities Morning on Saturday 19th November between 9:45am and 12:30pm.**

**Parents and their children are most welcome to visit the School and meet the Headmaster, staff and pupils at any time during the year, by prior appointment.**

**Please telephone the Admissions Officer, Mrs I Baines (024 7627 1248) or email (info@bablake.coventry.sch.uk), to arrange a mutually convenient time.**

## Financial assistance: bursaries & scholarships

**At the present time about 30% of all pupils in the School receive some form of financial assistance either through the extensive Bursary Scheme or from a Scholarship.**

### Bursaries

The Governors award annually a number of Entrance Bursaries. These are awarded in the light of both the entrance examination performance and parental income. Entrance Bursaries range from 10% to 100% fee remission. The level of assistance will be dependent upon gross parental income.

The award of a Bursary is subject to an annual review of parental income.

For further details of financial assistance, please contact Mrs S M Senior, Treasurer, at Bablake.

### Scholarships

A number of Academic, Music and Art Scholarships is available for Shells (Year 7) entry. The award of these scholarships will be based solely on the ability of the child and their examination performance. There will also be interviews for candidates who, on the basis of their examination performance, have been selected for consideration for a Scholarship. Interviews will take place on Saturday 14th January 2012. Music Scholarship auditions will be held on the same day. Potential Art scholars will be invited into School on the morning of Friday 13th January 2012.

**For entry in September 2012, the following Scholarships will be awarded:**

**General:** awarded to candidates who achieve top marks in English, Mathematics and Reasoning, and who perform well at interview.

**English:** awarded to candidates who achieve top marks in English, and who perform well at interview.

**Mathematics:** awarded to candidates who achieve top marks in Mathematics, and who perform well at interview.

**Music:** awarded to candidates who show exceptional musical accomplishment and who have reached the minimum academic standard to qualify for admission to the School.

**Art:** awarded to candidates who show exceptional artistic flair and ability and who have reached the minimum academic standard to qualify for admission to the School.

The Scholarship Award may be supplemented by a Bursary Award in appropriate cases.

Further details of scholarships available at 13+ and for Sixth Form entry are available on request.

A new Cricket Scholarship is now awarded from the Third Form (Year 9) to sportsmen who show outstanding promise and dedication in cricket.

**It is the Governors' stated policy, through their Bursary and Scholarship Schemes, to give able children whose parents could not otherwise afford the fees, the opportunity to attend Bablake and to remain at the School until the end of their schooling, which for the vast majority is at 18.**

## A culture of success

**Our pupils' public examination results have consistently been amongst the highest in the area, enabling them to continue to the universities of their choice in a competitive arena.**

### GCSE

Over the past three years, the percentage of candidates achieving Grade C or above has been 100% with 62% Grade A\* or A.

### A level

For the past three years the pass rate has been 100%, with an average of 80% at A or B grade. The School has regularly featured in the top ranks of the national examination and the 'Good Value for Money' tables.

In recent years, over 98% of all Sixth Form leavers have proceeded to Higher Education to a wide range of leading universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, Exeter, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, Warwick, Imperial College, LSE, UCL, London Medical Colleges and Veterinary Colleges.

Further details of public examination results are provided on a separate sheet, or can be found on our website ([www.bablake.com](http://www.bablake.com)).



## Curriculum 2011/12

### The Lower School (Shells to Third Year, ages 11-14)

This is based on Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum but provides considerably greater depth and breadth of challenge. The policy of the School is to provide all pupils with a broad education and to introduce them to as many academic disciplines as possible so that they can identify subjects which they enjoy and in which they are most successful. Pupils are currently preparing for the School's own in-house ICT qualification.

When pupils enter the School in the Shells (Year 7) at the age of 11, it is assumed they can read fluently, can express themselves clearly and are numerate enough to be fairly accurate in mathematical skills. Over and beyond this, the essential requirement is for pupils to be well motivated. Support is provided for pupils who have some degree of learning difficulty, which is often dyslexia, through the Learning Support department. Provision can also be made for those who have English as an additional language. For more information about the level of support available, parents should contact Mrs C Friebe (Head of Learning Support) either by telephone (024 7627 1200) or email (cf@bablake.coventry.sch.uk). Whilst all pupils benefit from a full range of opportunities, special provision is made to identify and stretch Gifted and Talented pupils.

The plan below illustrates how pupils spend their timetabled time in the classroom, according to the number of 35 minute periods. It does not take account of clubs, societies and extra-curricular activities.

Subject	Shells (11+)	Second Year (12+)	Third Year (13+)
English	5	5	4
Mathematics	4	5	4
Science	6	6	-
Biology	-	-	3
Chemistry	-	-	3
Physics	-	-	3
History	3	2	3
Geography	3	2	3
French	3	3	3**
German	3	3	3**
Spanish	3	3	3**
Latin	-	3	3**
Classical Civilisation	-	-	3**
Art/Pottery	2	2	2*
Music	2	2	2*
Design Technology	2	2*	2
Home Economics	2	2*	2
ICT	2	2	3
Religious Studies	3	3	2
Physical Education	2	2	2
Games	3	3	3

\* Shared Groups

\*\* Choose one modern language and one other. Talented linguists are able to take two modern languages, and one classical.

Curriculum summaries can be viewed on the website.

### The Middle School (Fourth and Fifth Years, ages 14-16)

This is based on Key Stage 4 of the National Curriculum and leads to GCSE. All pupils take the core subjects of English, Mathematics, a Modern Language, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In addition, the following subjects are available in the option system: Art and Design, Classical Civilisation, Design and Realisation, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Latin with Greek, Music, Religious Studies, Spanish and Textiles Technology. Most pupils take 10 GCSE subjects.

At the end of the Third Year (Year 9) all pupils are guided as to which subjects to take in consultation with Tutors, Subject Teachers, Careers Staff and Parents.

A booklet is issued which explains clearly the options and describes the GCSE syllabuses in detail. This can also be viewed on our website.

### The Sixth Form (ages 16-19)

On average, 90% of the Fifth Form pupils (Year 11) remain at Bablake after their GCSEs and others join the School at this point.

Subjects offered at A level are Art and Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Classics, Design Technology, Drama and Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, Geography, Geology, History, Information and Communication Technology, Latin, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, Modern Languages (French, German and Spanish), Music, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies and Textiles Technology.

There is also a full programme of Games, Community Service and Enrichment Studies. A number of candidates take the Extended Project Qualification.

The minimum entrance requirement for the Sixth Form is normally five GCSE passes at Grade B with a grade A in the subject to be studied at A level, but the Headmaster reserves the right to alter this for any pupil.

Further details of the Sixth Form Curriculum and an application form are contained in the Sixth Form Handbook which may be obtained from Mrs A J Tumber, Head of Sixth Form, at the School. This can also be viewed on our website.



## Value for money: fees

Application Fee: £35 (to be sent with Application Form)

Admission Fee: £300 payable on acceptance of a place. This is non-returnable. The fee will be offset against the first term's fees.

### Termly fees (until September 2012)

**£3,056.00**

**The above fees are inclusive of all teaching materials and books and are amongst the lowest in the Independent sector. Bablake has regularly featured in the Financial Times 'Good Value for Money Schools' guide. From 2011 the Governors have offered parents the facility to spread the fees over 10 monthly payments, free of interest.**

NB: The Governors reserve the right to alter the fees from time to time.

### Extras

(i) Individual instrumental Music lessons – £16 per half-hour lesson by arrangement with the Music staff.

(ii) Meals – An economical charge is made for breakfast, snacks and lunches. On average a 2-course lunch costs £2.50. Cashless catering is currently used for purchasing food in the School Dining Room, but pupils may, if they prefer, bring a packed lunch.

(iii) Educational Visits – Parents are expected to make a contribution to or pay for various educational visits arranged by the School, Departments or individual members of staff. A subsidy is provided for those who would not otherwise be able to benefit from curricular visits.

(iv) Public Examinations and Learning Support – No charge is made for examination entrance fees (apart from resits) nor for learning support, unless more intensive support is required.

### Clothes and personal property

The School uniform is kept as simple and inexpensive as possible. There is a school clothes shop together with a Parents' Association Outgrown But Not Outworn (OBNO) scheme held once a term. A detailed clothes list is sent out with joining instructions or a copy may be obtained from the School Shop.

## Additional information

Bablake is part of the Coventry School Foundation, Foundation Office, Queens House, Queens Road, Coventry. CV1 3EG. Tel: 024 7627 1300. The Chairman of the Governing Body is Mr B Connor, who can be contacted at this address.

### School Aims

The purpose of Bablake is to provide an excellent and stimulating education for boys and girls, by developing character, intellect and physical well being within a happy, scholarly and caring community. In order to achieve this, the School aims:

- to provide well-qualified, dedicated and enthusiastic staff, who enable pupils to enjoy their education and to fulfil their academic potential whilst at school;



- to encourage the growth of reflection, intellectual curiosity and creativity, within a spirit of independent and co-operative learning;
- to value and support each individual, providing a high quality of pastoral care, and nurturing self-esteem and mutual respect, in partnership with parents;
- to provide a challenging and balanced curriculum, which prepares pupils for adulthood, enabling them to succeed in higher education and their chosen careers, and equipping them with skills for life;
- to offer a wide range of activities and opportunities for enrichment, enabling pupils to develop sporting and cultural interests through participation with others;
- to celebrate achievement and success in all areas of endeavour, within a purposeful and secure community;
- to encourage development of character, a sense of responsibility, spiritual values, and a strong personal and moral code, leading to the highest standards of behaviour and consideration for others;
- to welcome pupils of diverse beliefs and backgrounds;
- to promote an awareness of the world beyond school, a generosity of spirit, and a sense of service to the wider community.

### School policies

Important school policies are distributed to parents when their son or daughter joins Bablake. Some of our policies (including Admissions and Curriculum) are summarised in the Prospectus and Entry booklet. However, if you would like to request a particular policy, please do not hesitate to contact the Headmaster's P.A., Ms Lorraine Gibbens. Relevant policies include: Admissions, Anti-bullying, Child Protection, Complaints Procedure, Curriculum, Data Protection, Discipline and Behaviour, Health and Safety, School Visits, Substance Misuse, individual Risk Assessments and other welfare policies. Several policies can also be viewed on our website.

### Behaviour and discipline

The School aims to encourage good behaviour and respect for others based on consideration, self-discipline and proper regard for authority. Good behaviour is normal and is expected of Bablake pupils; pupils should be able to learn without disruption and should have a happy experience of their time at school. Good work is rewarded through the commendation system. However, learning the parameters of right and wrong, as well as expectations of behaviour, form part of a pupil's education, and, when self-discipline fails, the School employs a stepped approach, depending on the seriousness of any misdemeanour; the intended outcome of this approach should be positive and constructive both for the pupil involved and for others affected. The stepped approach takes the form of: informal warning by a member of staff; formal warning, involving the Form Tutor and/ or Head of Department; lunchtime detention, involving work or service; evening detention (with at least 24 hours' notification to parents); referral to Year Heads; referral to Deputy Heads; referral to Headmaster. Suspension or permanent exclusion could result from serious misconduct or where a written warning has failed to achieve the desired improvement. Various strategies are employed to modify behaviour at each stage, and parents are informed or invited to school for discussion where appropriate.

# The School: main buildings and playing fields

- 1 **School Shop**
- 2 **Dining Hall**
- 3 **Science Block** (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology)
- 4 **Sixth Form Centre and Careers**
- 5 **Art and Pottery**
- 6 **Main Hall**
- 7 **Reception and School Office**
- 8 **Design and Technology**
- 9 **Library**
- 10 **Home Economics** (Food and Textiles)
- 11 **Information Communication Technology**
- 12 **Theatre Block (English, Drama and Music)**
- 13 **Languages Block** (Modern Languages and Classics)
- 14 **Games Complex** (Netball and Tennis Courts, Sports Hall, Indoor Climbing Wall, Fitness Suite, Swimming Pool)
- 15 **Junior School**
- 16 **Religious Studies and Learning Support**
- 17 **Economics and Business Studies**
- 18 **History**
- 19 **Mathematics** (First floor)
- 20 **Geography** (First floor)
- 21 **Headmaster's Memorial Garden**
- P **Visitors' parking**
- E **Entrance for visitors**
- C **Main Entrance for cars**



# Staff

## Headmaster

Mr J W Watson, MA

## Deputy Heads

Mr C R Seeley, MPhil

Mrs G F Thomas, BA

## Bursar

Lt Col V G Iwanek, OBE, RE

## Treasurer

Mrs S Senior

## Art

\*Mr P Cleaver, MA

Mrs A S Cassell, BA

Miss K L Dzikowska, MA

Mrs A S Heath, BEd

## Biology

\*Mr A M Hall, BSc

Mrs L B Alexander, BSc

Miss L R T Cheffings, BA, (Asst. Head of Shells)

Mr C W Mohamed, BSc

Miss R F Young, BSc

## Careers

\*Mr M G A Woodward, BA

Mrs C L Scott, BEd, (Asst. Head of Lower School)

## Chemistry

\*Dr P J Knight, PhD

Mr I S Kalsi, MA

Miss A H Learmont, MA

Mr M J Masters, BSc

Mrs M R Prowse, BSc

Mrs S L Thompson, BSc

## Classics

\*Mr D C Menashe, BA

Dr S E Foster, DPhil

Mr J M Bunce, MA

Mr J W Watson, MA, (Headmaster)

## Design Technology

\*Mr C R West, BEd

Mr P Nicholson, BEd

Mr S E Williams, BEng

## English

\*Mr G L Park, BA

Ms K G Ewart, MA

Mr A M Hopkins, BA, (Director of Studies)

Mr J R H Pease, BA

Mr D F Prescott, BA, (Director of Drama)

Mrs L J Reddish, BA

Mrs L A Yates, MA, MPhil

## Economics and Business Studies

\*Mr R G Sewell, BA

Mrs L J Alderson, LLB, (Head of Fourth Year)

Mr J G Burns, MA, (Assistant Head)

## Geography

\*Mr S W Jackson, BSc

Miss K L Butler, BA

Mr S P Enstone, BSc

Mrs P J Marchant, BEd

Mr D M Rhodes, BSc

Mrs G F Thomas, BA, (Deputy Head)

## History

\*Mrs H Skilton, MA

Mr J M Grantham, BA

Miss K L Ormsby, BA

Mrs C A Rees, BA

Mr C R Seeley, MPhil, (Deputy Head)

## Home Economics

\*Mrs C B Davey, BSc, (Asst. Head of Sixth Form)

Mrs A S Heath, BEd

Miss J E Kukucska, BA

## ICT

\*Mr S C R Timothy, MSc

Mr L Atwal, BSc

Miss R M Blattner, BSc

Mrs D A Thomas, BEd, (ICT Manager)

## Learning Support

\*Mrs C Friebe, Cert Ed

Miss E L Sara, BSc

## Mathematics

\*Mr K J Tyas, BEd

Dr P B M Archer, PhD

Mrs D R Booth, BSc

Mr A D Chowne, BSc

Mr J M Drury, BSc

Mrs L A French, BSc

Mrs N D Green, BSc

Mr S Memon, BSc

## Modern Languages

\*Mrs G A Timothy, BA (Head of French)

\*Mrs H M Billings, MA (Head of German)

Mrs M C Field, LesL

Mrs S V Harris, BSc,

(Director of Marketing and Admissions)

Mrs S E Hill, BA

\*Mrs M O'Neill, BA, (Head of Spanish)

## Music

\*Mr T Crompton, GBSM

Mr S J Cooper, GLCM

Mrs C Scott-Burt, DipTCL, LTCL

## Psychology

\*Mrs K F Barnacle, BSc

Mrs A J Jones, BSc, (Head of Shells)

## Physics

\*Mr M Duerdin, BSc

Mr J C Hobday, BSc

Mr T Hyde, BSc, (Head of Lower School)

Miss J L Simmons, MSc

## Physical Education (Boys)

\*Mr R L Burdett, BSc (Asst. Head of Sixth Form)

Mr A C Phillips, BSc

Mr B G Wilson, BEd

## Physical Education (Girls)

\*Miss S L Wilson, BA

Mrs C Mills, Cert Ed

Mrs C L Scott, BEd,

(Assistant Head of Lower School)

Mrs S M Smith, BEd, (Head of Fifth Year)

Mrs S L Webley, BSc

## Religious Education

\*Mr C Mellers, Cert Ed

Mrs L J Jackson, Cert Ed, (Head of PSHCE)

Mrs A J Tumber, BA, (Head of Sixth Form)

\*Denotes Head of Department

## Administration staff

Mrs L J Baines, (Admissions & Publications)

Mrs C M Barrett,

(School Secretary/Office Manager)

Mrs J Brett, (School Office Assistant)

Mrs E Challis, (Database & Administrative Support Secretary)

Ms L Gibbens, (Headmaster's PA)

Mrs D Lapworth, (Receptionist)

Mrs L Monarch, (Treasurer's Office Assistant)

Mrs S O'Sullivan, (Receptionist)

Mrs B Riley, (School Office Assistant)

Mr A Statham, (Network Manager)

Mrs C Stoves, (Premises Booking Co-ordinator)

## Data Manager

Mr C Parsons

## School Nurse

Mrs A Weatherall

## Librarians

Mrs J Needham

Mrs L Ryan

## Technicians

Mr K Binsley, (Physics)

Mrs J Blyth, (Home Economics)

Mrs R Case, (Biology)

Mr P Chahal, (ICT)

Mr L Connelly, (ICT)

Mrs A Fisher, (Biology)

Mrs B Lewell, (Science)

Mrs T Mair, (Reprographics)

Mrs C Renken, (Home Economics)

Ms R Selby, (Chemistry)

Mr A Solomon, (CDT)

Mr M Taylor, (Audio Visual)

Mr M Wyatt, (Theatre/Events)

## CCF

Mr J Robson, (School Staff Instructor/Health & Safety Officer)

## Estates

Mr N Kimber, (Clerk of Works)

Mr J Cregan

Mr M Gardner

Mr R Goodwin

Mr A Jones

Mr P Lucas

Mr T Parker

Mr K Ward

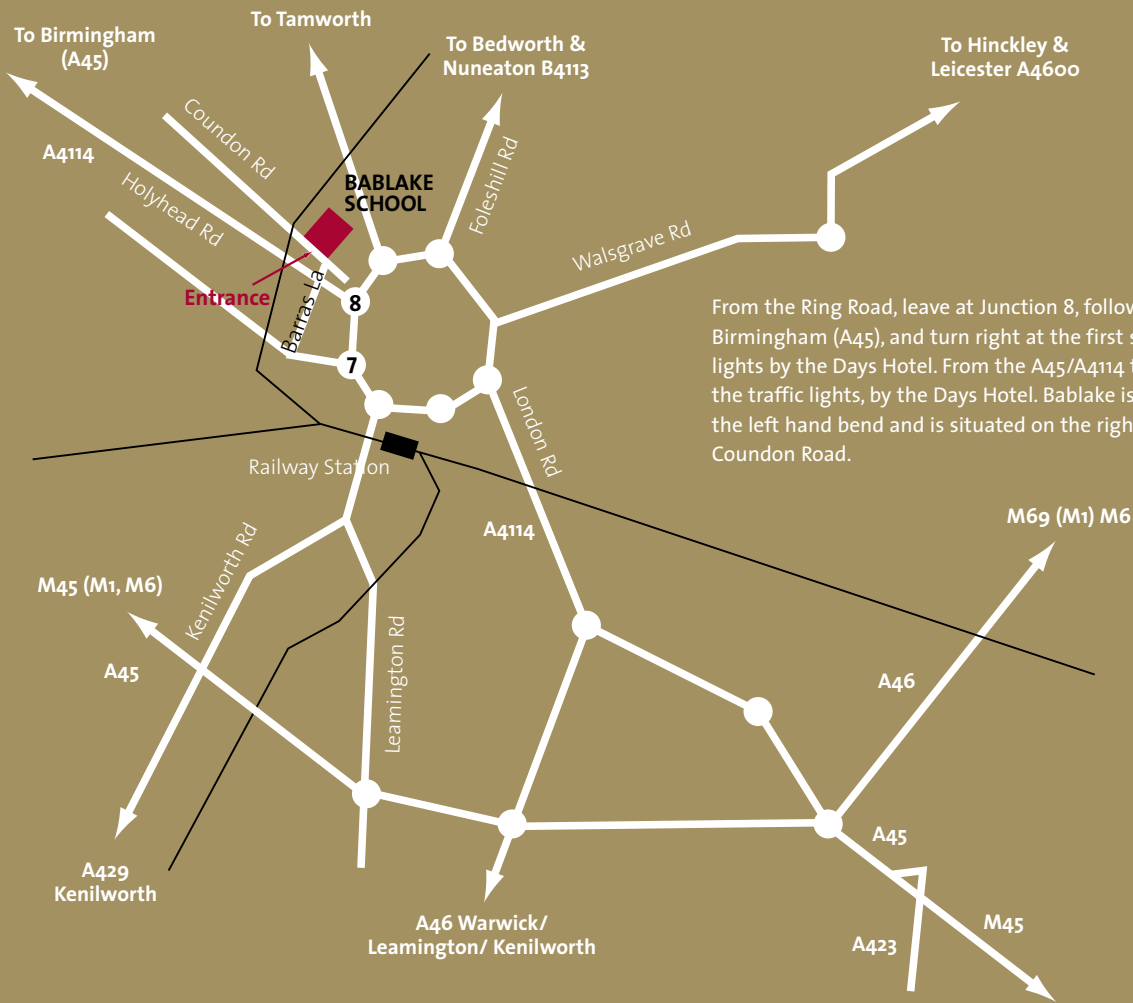
## Caretaker

Mr M Martin

## Assistant Caretaker

Mr D Mackey

# Directions to Bablake (CV1 4AU)



From the Ring Road, leave at Junction 8, following signs for Birmingham (A45), and turn right at the first set of traffic lights by the Days Hotel. From the A45/A4114 turn left at the traffic lights, by the Days Hotel. Bablake is 250m beyond the left hand bend and is situated on the right hand side of Coundon Road.

## Travel times

- \*Balsall Common: 20 mins (6 miles)
- \*Bedworth: 20 mins (6 miles)
- Birmingham: 45 mins (17 miles)
- \*Hinckley: 30 mins (11 miles)
- \*Kenilworth: 15 mins (5 miles)
- Keresley: 8 mins (3 miles)
- \*Leamington Spa: 15 mins (7 miles)
- Leicester: 50 mins (19 miles)
- Lutterworth: 35 mins (12 miles)
- \*Meriden: 15 mins (6 miles)
- \*Nuneaton: 25 mins (8 miles)
- \*Rugby/Southam: 30 mins (11 miles)
- \*Shilton: 20 mins (6 miles)
- \*Solihull: 30 mins (11 miles)
- Tamworth: 45 mins (19 miles)
- \*Tile Hill: 10 mins (3 miles)
- \*Warwick: 20 mins (8 miles)

*\*Coach transport is organised from Bedworth, Nuneaton, Hinckley, Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth. A minibus service operates from the Rugby, Southam, Solihull and Balsall Common areas. Full details of these arrangements are given to all new pupils and their parents. In addition, public transport buses pass the school at frequent intervals from Balsall Common, Meriden, Keresley, Solihull and Birmingham areas. Buses from the City Centre also pass the school. On foot, the City Centre bus station is approximately 15 minutes away, as is Coventry Railway Station. A minibus service operates from the Railway Station to Bablake every day.*



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