



YEAR 7 (11+) ENTRANCE PROCEDURE 2018/19

To enter at this stage your son must be 11 years old by 1 September of the year of entry. This means that normally your son is in Year 6 of his present school. We select boys on the basis of merit, ability and aptitude and this is reflected in our assessment procedures. These comprise two parts: -

- A report from your son's present/most recent school. We automatically request a confidential report direct from your son's present school.
- A series of examination papers.

The examination performance carries most weight overall, but the school report is an important influence upon our final decision.

In instances where there is conflict between these two assessments we will call your son for interview a few days after the exam. This gives us the opportunity to discuss his performance in the written papers and assess his academic potential and personal qualities.

Scholarships

A number of Scholarships are offered. These are awarded on academic merit and are dependent upon examination performance. There is no need to make separate applications to be considered for these awards.

Examination

The next examination day is Saturday 12 January 2019.

It is important to us that your son is able to perform at his best. If there is a need for us to make any alterations to our arrangements for him, then we would be pleased to do so. For example, if he has a tendency to suffer from headaches we can ensure that he is in the shade; if he is dyslexic then we can allow extra time. In all such cases we will give our very sincere assurance that anything you tell us under this heading will NOT be taken into account in the selection process.

The exam will take place during the morning and early afternoon, with lunch provided.

There are **three** papers:

1. **English**

The entrance test follows National Curriculum guidelines and consists of two parts:

- Comprehension (approximately 50 minutes).
- Writing - A wide choice of subjects to allow free English expression (40 minutes).

2. **Mathematics**

The exam lasts 60 minutes and consists of two parts:

- Short questions requiring only mental working to test a basic understanding of topics in the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2.
- Longer questions which will test a more general understanding of mathematical problems. In this section, method is essential. The exam will be on based on topics in the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2.

Note: We do not supply past or practice papers but relevant revision material can be readily found.

3. **Non-Verbal Reasoning**

The boys sit a non-verbal reasoning paper that lasts 35 minutes. Full explanations of how to attempt the test are given prior to the actual paper – including a practice test that the boys, themselves, mark.