

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUPILS WISHING TO JOIN YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2015

New admissions arrangements have recently come into place for pupils wishing to join our school in Year 7 in September 2015. Pupils will sit the entrance tests and parents will know the outcome of the tests **before** they complete their Local Authority Application Form. This also means that our test day is much earlier.

We will be arranging a number of opportunities for parents and daughters to visit the school beforehand to enable you to find out more about the school.

Open Evening (6.30 – 8.30pm)

Thursday 11th September 2014

(Talks by the Headteacher will take place at 6.45pm, 7.20pm and 7.50pm)

Closing date for “Registering for Testing” is

12 noon on Monday 15th September 2014

(Registration forms will be available from 1st July 2014

either by contacting the Admissions Officer or downloading/submitted the form on our website)

The entrance tests will take place on

Saturday 27th September 2014

(Girls will take tests in Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning)

Entrance test results will be sent by first class post on

Friday 17th October 2014

The closing date for the receipt of applications by Local Authorities is

Friday 31st October 2014

(You must apply to your home Local Authority listing your school preferences.)

Offers of school places will be sent by your Local Authority on

Monday 2nd March 2015

Date by which the formal appeal documentation should be lodged with

Bournemouth School for Girls by parents

for inclusion in the main round of appeals

Friday 1st May 2015

Independent Appeals Hearings

Wednesday 3rd June to Friday 5th June 2015

ENTRANCE TESTS

Pupils seeking admission into Year 7 take tests in Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning. All tests are set to be appropriate for the pupils in their final year of the KS2 national curriculum. It is acknowledged that candidates are unlikely to have covered all of the work that is tested — the tests take account of this.

Mathematics (GL Assessment) – Time Allowed: 50 minutes

The Mathematics paper is based on work which candidates would normally cover during Key Stage 2 of the national curriculum. It covers most aspects of Key Stage 2, up to level 5, with some questions aimed at level 6.

English (GL Assessment) – Time Allowed: 45 minutes

The English paper tests comprehension, vocabulary and punctuation.

English Essay – Time Allowed: 35 minutes

In this paper candidates will be asked to produce an extended piece of writing. Attention will be given to the evidence provided of ability to spell, punctuate, organise ideas, use a variety of syntax and be aware of the effect on audience of the composition of the piece. This paper is set in conformity with Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum.

Verbal Reasoning (GL Assessment) – Time Allowed: 50 minutes

This test is designed to analyse a pupil's academic potential and indicate areas of strength or weakness. As this paper has been produced in order to be sat without prior knowledge there is an integral practice element.

GL Assessment Papers

For the three GL Assessment (Granada Learning Assessment) papers, questions are of a multiple-choice style, with candidates entering their answers on a pre-printed sheet. Scores achieved in these papers are standardised against national criteria by age.

All GL Assessment tests are designed to be taken to very strict time limits. Many pupils within a wide range of ability will be able to answer most of the questions, given sufficient time; our tests show a pupil's ability to work accurately at speed, a vital aspect of their future work in a selective school. For this reason, no variation in this timing is permitted unless the applicant has a relevant statement of educational need, in which case a maximum of 25% additional time may be permitted. Any specific problems which may affect a girl's performance which are not covered by a statement of educational need, should be drawn to the attention of the admissions panel by writing to the school. The admissions panel will take all such information into account when deciding on eligibility for entry to the school.

11 + Practice Papers – Author(s): GL Assessment and Letts Educational

GL Assessment produces packs of practice papers for the tests used, which are sold at major bookstores or can be purchased on-line from <http://shop.gl-assessment.co.uk>

GL Assessment 11 + Practice Papers (multiple choice)

English	ISBN 978 0 7087 1984 8
Mathematics	ISBN 978 0 7087 1985 5
Verbal Reasoning	ISBN 978 0 7087 1987 9

Please ensure that if there are **any** special circumstances regarding your daughter's application, they are brought to the attention of the Headteacher in writing before the test date. If there is any reason why your daughter cannot sit the entrance tests on the correct date e.g. illness, etc., please inform the Headteacher as soon as possible.

If girls attend the entrance tests they will be presumed to be well enough to sit the papers.