



Watford Grammar School for Boys

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SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION 2020

Please read this document in conjunction with our Admissions Policy

ENTRANCE TESTS FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER IN SEPTEMBER 2020

If you are applying under Criteria 2, 5, 7 or 8 then you are strongly advised to enter your son for the school's admissions tests. Before registering for the admissions tests, please ensure you live permanently in one of our postcode areas. Please refer to our Admissions Policy for further information.

The school's admissions tests are administered jointly by The South West Herts Admissions Consortium. You will need to register with the consortium if you are interested in applying to any of the following schools: Watford Grammar School for Boys or Girls, Parmiter's School, St. Clement Danes School, Rickmansworth School, Queens School, Bushey Meads School. Your child will sit one test regardless of which school/s you may later apply to, they will not sit a different test for each school.

The website for registering with the SW Herts Consortium will open on 22 April 2019. It will remain open until 21 June and you can register your child at any time in that period. There is no advantage in registering on the first day; indeed if too many parents try to do so, the website might not cope with the demand.

Late registrations will not be accepted

The website address is: www.swhertsschools.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: application for the South West Herts Consortium Schools tests is **not an application form to any school**. Your secondary transfer application to your preferred schools will be made in October 2019.

Date 2019	Key Date
22 April	Online registration for the tests opens
21 June	Online registration closes Late registrations will not be accepted
Saturday 7th September	Academic test
Monday 9th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 13th September or Tuesday 17th September	Queens' School sports aptitude test
w/c Monday 23rd September	Start of second round music tests
Wednesday 16th October	Scores notified to parents
Thursday 31st October	Secondary application deadline

Parents must ensure their child's availability on the published test dates above.

One further date for the academic and music test will be arranged for children that registered on time who miss the main testing days because they were medically unfit (a medical certificate will be required) or for specific religious observance only.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE CHILDREN WHOSE HOLIDAY COMMITMENTS CLASH WITH OUR TESTS OR FOR ANY OTHER REASONS THAN THOSE STATED ABOVE.

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The Academic Tests

The tests, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning, have been specially devised for the consortium schools and cannot be obtained by the general public. No minimum score will be required to gain admission; places are offered strictly in descending order of candidates' standardised test scores. Familiarisation questions and further information regarding the academic test is available on the SW Herts Consortium website.

Musical Aptitude Test

Information for applicants under Criterion 7 (musical aptitude) is given in of our Admission Policy. There is also information regarding the types of questions on the SW Herts Consortium website.

Please note this is an aptitude test, not a test of musical ability and we do not require any information about the instruments or standard to which your child plays.

You will be informed of the test centre in July 2019 and this is allocated by postcode. The test centre allocated has no bearing on your eventual school preference and cannot be changed.

Special consideration/access arrangements for the test

If your child usually receives special consideration, for example extra time, to complete a test, you will need to provide evidence of the need so that appropriate provision can be made. This must be supported by a letter from your primary school Headteacher. You are required to send support arrangements immediately after test registration, attached to a copy of your registration email/paper application. You must send all documents (i.e. the evidence/letter from Headteacher and a copy of your test registration document) to the Test Co-Ordinator, South West Herts Schools Tests, P.O. Box 2439, Watford, WD18 1UZ. You will be informed of any appropriate special arrangements which will be made for your child.

If your child is not able to attend the academic/music test due to compelling religious or medical reasons, you should notify the Admissions Secretary at the test centre you have been allocated as soon as possible. Your child will be offered one other test date. We are unable to change the date of the test due to a clash with another school test.

If your child is ill on the day of the academic/music test, you should notify the school that you have been allocated as soon as possible and you will be offered one other test date.