

Secondary Transfer
Grammar schools

Parents' information

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham Entrance Test

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you would like them to sit the entrance test for entry to Year 7 in September 2021, you will need to register online for the test between 4th May 2021 – 30th June (by 4pm).

See the link below:

[Registering for the Entrance Test | The Grammar Schools in Birmingham
\(birminghamgrammarschools.org\)](https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/entry-test)

How do I choose?

- Think about your child
- Distance from school
- Look at the websites-links can be found on this link
<http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/>
- Visit the virtual tours on the websites
- Talk to others but be careful as every child is different

The Grammar Schools of Birmingham

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School for Boys

King Edward VI Aston School

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls

King Edward VI Five Ways School

King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls

King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys and

Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Admissions Timetable (2022 entry)

4 May 2021	Test registration opens	You can register your child for the entrance test from this date. You will receive an email acknowledgement immediately after submitting your registration to confirm it has been successful. Following registration, you will be sent a further email within 15 days advising you of the venue of the test.
16 June 2021	Reasonable adjustments deadline	This is the deadline for requesting reasonable adjustments are made to the entrance test to allow your child to access the paper, if for example they have a disability. Requests for adjustments must be submitted by this date along with all relevant evidence. Contact the Admissions office to request the relevant form.
30 June 2021 4pm	Test registration deadline	4pm is the deadline for registering for the entrance test. It is not possible to register for the test after this time.
beginning of September 2021	Test information	In early September you will be sent information about the test and procedure for the day of the test. This will be posted to your home address. If you have not received this by 7 September, contact the Admissions office. Do not contact the office before 7 September.
11 September 2021	Entrance test	Your child sits the entrance test on this date. It is likely that two sessions will be held (AM and PM). Your child will be allocated a session and you should therefore keep the whole of 11 September free from commitments.
15 October 2021	Results	The entrance test results will be sent prior to you completing your Local Authority preference form - <i>Note this is not the offer of a place.</i>
31 October 2021	Preference form deadline	You must have applied for school places via your local authority by this date. You are advised to wait for the entrance test results before applying for school places.
1 March 2022	School offer	1 March or next working day is the national date for local authorities to notify parents which school their child has been offered.

How to register for the test

To be eligible for a place at a grammar school in Birmingham for September 2022 entry, applicants must sit the optional entrance test and achieve the qualifying score or above. Your child's date of birth will be between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 and you register for test during the registration period when your child is in Year 5.

Your child will sit the entrance test when they are in Year 6.

How to register for the test

During the registration period, you can register your child for the entrance test [here](#).

As part of the registration process, you will need to upload a photograph of your child. This is used to verify your child's identity at the test venue and will be checked again should your child be successful in gaining a place at one of the grammar schools. Before beginning your registration, ensure you have a suitable photograph available on your device ready to upload. Photographs should clearly show your child's face and have been taken within the last month prior to registering. The photograph should be in .jpeg format and must be no larger than 2mb in size.

If you have any difficulties registering online please contact the [Admissions office](#).

If your child is unable to sit the test on a Saturday or requires reasonable adjustments, please see further information by clicking [here](#).

Each of the grammar schools offer some priority to Pupil Premium applicants - more information can be found [here](#).

Open Days

- Many open events are cancelled due to COVID-19. Some schools will have a virtual tour available on their website.
- [Bishop Vesey's Grammar School: Home \(bvgs.co.uk\)](http://bvgs.co.uk)
- [King Edward VI Aston School - Home \(keaston.bham.sch.uk\)](http://keaston.bham.sch.uk)
- [King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys - Home \(camphillboys.bham.sch.uk\)](http://camphillboys.bham.sch.uk)
- [King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls - Home \(kechg.org.uk\)](http://kechg.org.uk)

Open Days

- [King Edward VI Five Ways School - Birmingham Grammar School \(kefw.org\)](#)
- [Welcome to Handsworth Grammar School - King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School](#)
- [Home | King Edward VI Handsworth School](#)
- [Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls - Home \(suttcold.bham.sch.uk\)](#)

The Test

- The entrance test for 2022 entry will be held on **Saturday 11 September 2021**. It is likely that two sessions will be held (AM and PM) and you should therefore plan to keep the whole of 11 September free from other commitments. If the test is held over two sessions, your child will be allocated to a session and you will receive confirmation of this in early September.
- The test is provided by CEM and is made up of two papers, each approximately 50 minutes long. Each test paper is divided into smaller individual sections that test verbal ability (reading & comprehension and literacy skills), non-verbal ability and mathematics. There are no sections of writing within the test - all questions are multiple choice (with the exception of one maths section which does not offer candidates a choice of answers - see the familiarisation examples at the bottom of this page) and children record their answers on a separate answer sheet. The scores for each section are standardised to take into account differences in age, meaning younger children are not disadvantaged compared to children in the same cohort who could be almost a year older.

Results

For 2022 entry, you will receive your child's test score by Friday 15 October 2021 prior to you completing your Local Authority preference form by 31 October 2021. Parents/carers can then decide whether or not to include any of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham on their home Local Authority preference form. If your child does not achieve the qualifying score or above they will **not** be considered for a place and you should not list the school on your child's preference form.

The scores for each section are standardised to take into account differences in age, meaning younger children are not disadvantaged compared to children in the same cohort who could be almost a year older.

We do not provide raw scores and we do not provide information that details how many available marks there are in each section or in the test as a whole. The multiple choice answer sheets are scanned and marked by a computer. We do not re-mark answer sheets. The entrance test score provided in the results letter is accurate and based on how many questions your child has answered correctly - any re-mark would result in the same test score.

Qualifying scores

	2021 intake Admission Number	2022 intake Admission Number	2021 intake Qualifying Score	2022 intake Qualifying Score	2021 intake Priority Score	2022 intake Priority Score
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	192	192	205	TBC	N/A	N/A
King Edward VI Aston School	140	140	205	TBC	224	TBC
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	120	120	205	TBC	224	TBC
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	150	150	205	TBC	224	TBC
King Edward VI Five Ways School	180	180	205	TBC	224	TBC
King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	150	150	205	TBC	224	TBC
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	192	192	205	TBC	224	TBC
Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	180	180	205	TBC	N/A	N/A

Cut-off scores

'Cut-Off' Scores

The cut-off scores below show the score required for entry at each of the schools. The cut-off score is the score achieved by the child offered the final place at the school at offer day in March.

	2019 intake (Pupil Premium)	2020 intake (Pupil Premium)	2021 intake (Pupil Premium)
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	228 (204)	223 (all PP offered)	221 (all PP offered)
King Edward VI Aston School	225 (206)	Cat 5, 213, sibling, 2642m (all PP offered)	Cat 5, 211, 9752m (all PP offered)
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	249 (222)	Cat 4, 4775m (all Cat 2 PP offered, no offers from Cat 3)	Cat 4, 4353m (all Cat 2 PP offered, no offers from Cat 3)
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	238 (217)	Cat 5, 245, 5995m (Cat 3, 212, 7133m)	Cat 5, 236, 6362m (Cat 3, 218, 13096m)
King Edward VI Five Ways School	237 (213)	Cat 4, 4461m (all PP offered)	Cat 5, 244, sibling, 4810m (all PP offered)
King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	219 (N/A)	Cat 5, 213, 7235m (all PP offered)	Cat 5, 210, 9492m (all PP offered)
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	226 (213)	Cat 5, 214, 8208m (all PP offered)	Cat 5, 212, 2049m (all PP offered)
Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	221 (N/A)	217 (207)	215 (all PP offered)

Offers

- Offers will be made by your Local Authority on 1st March 2021 for 2021 intake and 1st March 2022 for 2022 intake.
- All Local Authorities must operate an equal preference system so, if your child meets the criteria for two or more schools, the Local Authority will offer a place at the school ranked highest on your preference form. Therefore, if you put a grammar school first on your preference form but your child is not offered a place, you will not put at risk the chance of them being offered a place at any other school you have listed. Your child's application for other schools will be treated in the same way as every other application. For example, it will depend on the distance between your home and the school for most non selective schools.
- Your child will automatically be placed on the waiting list for any schools listed higher than the school offered on your preference form providing they have achieved the qualifying score or above.

Other information about the test

- There is a short comfort break between the two test papers. Children may bring some light refreshments for the break period (no nuts/nut based products, chewing gum or fizzy drinks).
- Children should bring their own stationery (two HB pencils, an eraser and a sharpener). We request that these are brought in a clear pencil case or clear food bag/zip lock bag. No other stationery such as rulers or highlighters are permitted. A small supply of spare stationery will be available in each room.
- Simple analogue/digital watches are permitted, but these must be placed on the desk during the test and must not beep or have any alarm functions set. Any watch with calculator functions or smart watches are not permitted. There is no guarantee that there will be a working clock in each test room, however time reminders are given out via CD (e.g. you have one minute remaining).
- Mobile phones, calculators, smart watches, tablets, ipods will not be allowed in or around the test rooms. Any failure to comply with this may lead to disqualification.
- Your child does not need to wear school uniform when attending the test.
- Parents/Carers cannot wait on-site during the test.
- Space is available within the question booklets for children to do any working out. Rough/scrap paper cannot be used. Question booklets are not marked - only the separate answer sheets are marked. It is important that your child is aware of how to answer the questions on the separate answer sheet.
- Children will be able to use toilet facilities before the test and during the break. In the event that a candidate has to use the facilities during the test, any time spent away from the test room is lost.
- Children may bring something to read prior to the test, e.g. a book or magazine. Puzzle books are not allowed.

Practice Papers

- A range of publications designed to assist preparation for school admission tests are available online and from leading bookshops.
- Neither the Admissions office nor any of the schools keep past papers.
- Intensive coaching or tuition is not in the long term best interests of your child. The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is in no way connected to, nor does it endorse or recommend, the services of any organisation or agency purporting to offer tuition and/or revision courses for children to assist in preparing them for school entrance tests.
- Many children are anxious about sitting tests. You can help by not putting pressure on your child.
- You can download some guides here:
- [Comprehension guide](#)
- [Maths guide](#)
- [Non Verbal Reasoning guide](#)
- [Word Choice guide](#)

KES (boys)

- **Registration for 2022 entry is now open. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 15 September 2021.**
- The majority of boys enter the School in Year 7 (11+) and continue their studies into the Sixth Form. Around 130 places are available in Year 7 and the year group is usually divided into five forms.
- For entry into Year 7 in September 2022 candidates should have been born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011.
- Application form
- The first step in the application process is to complete the 11+ Application Form online. This form provides us with all the information we need to be able to register your son for the examination and enables you to request further forms to apply for an Assisted Place and/or music scholarship, if applicable.
- A non-refundable registration fee of £25 will be payable at the time of application, unless you provide proof of receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support or Job Seeker's Allowance (not Tax Credits). A recent passport style photograph will need to be uploaded.
- On receipt of the application form, you will be sent an advice sheet about the 11+ examination and some sample questions. We will also request a headteacher's report from your son's current school.
- Entrance examination
- The entrance examination consists of three one-hour papers in English, mathematics and verbal reasoning. The English and mathematics papers are written and set by the School and we advise that parents do not seek additional tuition for the examination.
- [Find out more about the entrance examination and what to expect on the day.](#)

Interviews

Following the examination, a considerable number of boys are invited to attend an interview. These are primarily with candidates for Assisted Places and Scholarships and for boys on the borderline.

Interviews, along with the headteacher's report, form an essential part of the application process in ensuring that we offer places to boys who will be able to make the most of a King Edward's education and non-academic achievements and activities carry considerable weight.

Results

All parents are notified by post as to the outcome of their son's application, whether they have or have not been offered a place, a scholarship, an Assisted Place or if they are on the reserve list. To accept a place, a non-refundable deposit is required of £400 from all full fee-paying parents.

If you decide to decline the offer of a place, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible so that we may offer the place to a candidate on the reserve list.

Important dates for 2022 11+ entry

11+ application deadline for 2022 entry	Wednesday 15 September 2021
11+ deadline for boys requesting special consideration	Monday 6 September 2021
Entrance exam	Saturday 9 October 2021
Interviews by invitation only for academic scholarships, Assisted Places and boys on the borderline	November 2021 TBC
Music scholarship auditions	November 2021 TBC
Results sent by letter to parents	December 2021 TBC

KEHS (girls)

- Choosing the right school for your daughter is an important and sometimes complex decision. At KEHS, we aim to offer all our girls a distinctive, academic education, a wide and varied range of extra-curricular activity, and individual pastoral support, enabling them to succeed in their studies and become independent, resilient young women.

Year 7 Applications for September 2022

Registration for entry to Year 7 in September 2022 will available between 1st April and Monday 20th September 2021.

The entrance exam for girls wishing to join the school September 2022 will take place on Friday 8th October 2021.

Open Day

Saturday 3rd July 2021

To register your interest in attending one of our Open Days, please complete the link on the [Admissions](#) homepage.

Queen Mary's-girls

See the information below:

[Admission-Arrangements-QMHS-21.22-01-09.pdf](#)

Queen Mary's-boys

Admissions Arrangements

- Queen Mary's Grammar School is a selective state school which provides free education for pupils from the ages of 11 to 18. Only boys are admitted to Years 7 to 11, but both boys and girls may enter in Year 12.
- The School is an Academy and the Governors, not the Local Authority, are responsible for the admission arrangements. There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a child to the school. The School has no defined catchment area. All parents living both within and beyond the Borough of Walsall may apply to have their sons admitted to Years 7 to 11 and their daughters and sons admitted to Year 12 of the School.
- Admission in Year 7
- Admission to Year 7 is determined by the performance of candidates in an entrance examination and the availability of places. Candidates who sat this exam may be placed on The School's waiting list for places, which is maintained until the end of the first term after those candidates are admitted to year 7. After that time candidates who sat the exam may not apply again until Year 12.
- Further details of the arrangements for entry in Year 7 can be seen by following separate Year 7 tab under admissions
- Information on the School's appeals process is shown here: [Year 7 Appeals](#)