Introduction

The following information relates to the 2022 entry Warwickshire 11+ selection test. You are advised to read through all the content carefully as it may help you to decide whether or not to name one, or more, Warwickshire grammar schools on your child's 2022 entry secondary school application.

There is also a 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet enclosed, which you should consult before contacting the Admissions Service with any additional queries.

Shared test

For Year 7 entry in September 2022, Warwickshire County Council is operating a shared 11+ test/entrance test with The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham foundation. Parents register for the test once and their child(ren) then sit the test once with either Warwickshire or Birmingham.

You will receive a separate results letter from The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham foundation if you registered with them prior to their deadline, or you registered with Warwickshire by the relevant deadline and asked for your results to be shared with The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham foundation.

Application process

Under the School Admissions Code, there is a requirement for admission authorities (or the local authority, where they act on behalf of a school that is their own admission authority, which is the case for all of Warwickshire's grammar schools) to inform parents of the outcome of selection tests before parents make applications for schools – while making it clear that this does not equate to a guarantee of a grammar school place.

If you registered your child to sit the 2022 entry 11+ test with Warwickshire through the online parent portal by the relevant deadline, you will now be able to log into your account to view your child's test results.

If you did not register your child through the online portal and instead completed a paper-based registration by the deadline, your child's results will have been posted to you.

The result on the portal shows how your child performed in the 11+ test. It **is not** an offer of a school place. Regardless of how your child has performed in the test, there is no guarantee they will be offered a place at a Warwickshire grammar school.

All school offers, for Year 7 entry to secondary school in September 2022, will be published to families on 1st March 2022.

Please note that your child's 11+ result is not an offer of a school place.

Once you have considered the content of this leaflet you should make an application for a school place via your home authority if you have not already done so. The national closing date for submitting your child's secondary school application is **31 October 2021.** You must submit your application through your home authority (who you pay your Council Tax to). Warwickshire residents can apply online at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions



Understanding the results

Your child's result from the Warwickshire 11+ test has been standardised and weighted in consultation with the test provider, and in liaison with the grammar schools within the county. Raw scores will not be published and will not be released, even on request.

The shared Birmingham and Warwickshire 2022 entry 11+ test contains three components:

- Verbal Reasoning ('VR')
- Numerical Reasoning ('NUM')
- Non-Verbal Reasoning ('NVR')

The raw scores from each of the three components are standardised and weighted to provide an overall total. It is the **TOTAL** standardised and weighted score that will be used to consider applications for the Warwickshire grammar schools.

The total standardised and weighted score is calculated by adding the average (mean) of the combined Numeracy (Num) and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) scores to the Verbal Reasoning (VR) score.

Example: VR score = 130, Num score = 120, NVR score = 80.

Mean average of Num and NVR = 100.

Add this to the VR score (130) = total score of 230.

The average (mean) total standardised score for the cohort is 200. The results have been calculated in this way based on the advice of our test provider.

Your child's result from the 11+ test has been stripped down to the most basic numerical data. The raw data contains much more detail and so the total standardised score that you have been provided with may <u>not</u> equal the sum of the individual scores. This is because the standardisation process, weightings and the process of rounding scores has already been taken into consideration by the test provider.

Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for 2022 entry

The table below shows the number of places available at each grammar school for entry in September 2022:

School	Area	Boys / Girls	PAN for 2022 entry	
King Edward VI School	South	Boys	87	
Stratford Girls' Grammar School	South	Girls	120	
Alcester Grammar School	South	Mixed	150	
Lawrence Sheriff School	East	Boys	150	
Rugby High School	East	Girls	120	
Ashlawn Selective	East	Mixed	31	

<u>Automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges for PREVIOUS years of entry</u>

For entry in September 2022, the relevant qualifying scores and waiting list information are not set until after the closing date for on-time applications and will only be available to parents from 1st March 2022. However, the information below relates to the 2021 and 2020 entry years and is included to help you decide whether to apply for a grammar school place within the county.



For entry in <u>2021</u>	Number of places offered	Automatic Qualifying Score (QS)	Minimum Score for Waiting List	Lowest Score Offered on 1st March 2021
King Edward VI School	87	240	230	240
Stratford Girls' Grammar School	120	224	218	224
Alcester Grammar School	150	221	215	221
Lawrence Sheriff School	120	210	205	210
Rugby High School	120	210	205	210
Ashlawn Selective	31	210	205	212

For entry in <u>2020</u>	Number of places offered	Automatic Qualifying Score (QS)	Minimum Score for Waiting List	Lowest Score Offered on 1st March 2020
King Edward VI School	87	234	226	234
Stratford Girls' Grammar School	120	223	217	223
Alcester Grammar School	150	217	211	217
Lawrence Sheriff School	120	210	206	210
Rugby High School	120	211	205	211
Ashlawn Selective	31	210	206	209

Completing your child's secondary school application

Further information about applying for a place at any Warwickshire secondary school can be found online at: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place

We strongly recommend that you also read the individual admission arrangements for each of the schools you intend to apply for. These can be found either on the school websites or via: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolvacriteria

Further information about the 11+ test and results can be found in the '2022 Entry 11+ Results Leaflet' on our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test

Further information

If a child has taken a test in both Birmingham and Warwickshire, the score attained in the first test taken will be the one used for both sets of schools. The score from the second test will be classed as fraudulent and disregarded.

Proof of Address

We will contact all families who have named at least one Warwickshire grammar school on their child's 2022 entry secondary school application at the beginning of December 2021 to request **specific and additional proof of address** documentation in support of the application for one, or more, Warwickshire grammar schools. This is in line with the admission arrangements for those schools.

We will inform families at that time of what documentation we require and how to send it to us. If you do not hear from us requesting this information by **Friday 10 December 2021**, please contact Warwickshire Admissions Service **immediately**. Failure to comply with this requirement will cause any application for a Warwickshire grammar school to be classed as late and this will affect your child's chance of being offered a place at your preferred grammar school.



Next steps

Please now apply for a school place if you have not already done so. Your application must be submitted by **31 October 2021**. Failure to do so will result in your application for a Warwickshire school being treated as late and it will not be considered until after 1 March 2022, when many of the secondary school places are likely to have been offered to on-time applicants. Warwickshire residents can apply online

at: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place

Please continue to the next page where you will find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions relating to the 11+ test results.



Warwickshire 11+ Selection Test - 2022 entry Frequently Asked Questions

"What do my results mean?"

- The total score that your child has achieved in the 11+ test will be considered when allocating
 places at the grammar schools in Warwickshire and Birmingham.
- Regardless of how your child has performed in the test, there is no guarantee they will be offered
 a place at a grammar school in Warwickshire. Other factors may be taken into consideration as
 part of each school's over-subscription criteria. This can be found on the website of the grammar
 school you are interested in.
- Details of the qualifying score and waiting list range for each Warwickshire grammar school for the 2022 entry year are not set until much later in the process and will only be available to parents from 1st March 2022. The information provided in this information leaflet refers to previous entry years and is designed to help you decide whether or not to list a grammar school as one of the preferences on your application for a school place. It is not an offer of a secondary school place.

"What is standardisation and how does it affect my child?"

- All questions within the 2022 entry Warwickshire 11+ test are worth 1 raw mark. Each correct
 answer is given 1 raw mark. No marks are deducted for incorrect answers. The raw marks are
 then totalled up for each section, then added together to create an overall raw score for each
 component Verbal Reasoning (VR), Numeracy (Num), Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR).
- The overall score for each component (VR, Num, NVR) is then standardised using an equation supplied by the test provider, which takes into account the date of birth of the child and the date they sat the test. This equation <u>cannot</u> be supplied as it is copyrighted by the test provider – CEM at Cambridge Assessment (The University of Cambridge).
- The standardised results for the Numeracy and Non-Verbal Reasoning components are then added together and a mean score calculated, which is then added to the standardised result for the Verbal Reasoning component. This final result provides the total, standardised and weighted score that the child has achieved in the 11+ test. It is this total score that is then considered when allocating places at Warwickshire's grammar schools (in line with the determined and published over-subscription for each school, respectively).
- Standardisation is a very common practice when marking 11+ tests and entrance examinations across many local authorities. The effect of standardisation against a child's specific age is very minimal though, and the main range of points between a child born in September compared to one born the following August, who have both scored the same raw score in each section, is normally an average of 4 total standardised total marks. However, this is dependent on the raw marks gained across each component.
- Please note that information relating to raw scores are exempt from publication and will not be
 released even where this is specifically requested by families. Copies of answer sheets <u>are not</u>
 available to view as the content is exempt under Data Protection and Copyright Laws, and all
 used test booklets from the 2022 entry test sessions will be destroyed by the test provider.

"When/how should I apply for a secondary school for my child?"

 After considering your child's 11+ test result, you should make an application for a school place via your home authority, if you have not already done so.



The national closing date for submitting your secondary school application is

31st October 2021.

Please note that Warwickshire Admissions Service **cannot** advise if you should/shouldn't include any grammar schools as preferences on your child's secondary school application. Rather you should use all of the information available to decide which, if any, grammar schools to include as preferences.

- If you are a Warwickshire resident, you can submit your child's secondary school application online at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions
- If you **do not** reside in Warwickshire, then you must consult with your own home authority to make an application/for further information.
- All Local Authorities operate an equal preference system. This means that, if your child can be offered a place at more than one of the schools named on your application, then your Local Authority will offer you a place at the school you have ranked highest on the Common Application Form. Therefore, if you name a Grammar School as the first preference on your child's secondary school application, but your child does not achieve the score required to be considered for a place at that school, then the school that you name as your second preference on your application will be considered as though it were your highest ranked preferred school.

"When will I know if my child has a grammar school place?"

- Grammar school offers will be sent out at the same time as all other secondary school offers: 1st March 2022, via your home authority.
- At that time, information will be made available on Warwickshire's School Admissions website, which will outline what the automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges are for each grammar school in the county, for 2022 entry, as well as how offers have been made.

"My child sat the Warwickshire 11+ test in September but we are due to move – will I still be classed as on time?"

- Moving families will be classed as on time, providing that they can submit both proof of their new
 residence and a secondary application for the relevant school(s) by 31st December 2021. The
 child <u>must</u> be living in the new property by this date. Home visits can be undertaken at any time.
- Families moving within Warwickshire should still make a secondary school application by 31st
 October 2021 but can be considered from their new address if relevant documentation is supplied
 by 31st December 2021. The child <u>must</u> be living in the new property by this date. Home visits
 can be undertaken at any time.
- See the Warwickshire County Council 2022 entry Admission Arrangements for further information about how moving house could affect your child's secondary school application: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

'What are the transport arrangements?'

 When choosing a grammar school, we would strongly recommend you look into any transport arrangements. Many of Warwickshire County Council Services are heavily oversubscribed and there is no guarantee a seat will be provided. There is further information available on our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schooltravel