

Warwickshire County Council
School Admissions - 11+ Process FOR FAMILIES
Online Webinar Q&A – 20th October 2022

Question	Response
Is there expected to be a difference in the scoring as the exam board has changed this year? Will we get any indication of what the schools will likely be accepting?	We can only provide data as it has stood in previous years, to use as a guide. The information presented to applicants at this stage is only to help families decide whether or not to name a Warwickshire grammar school on their child's application. It is not intended to indicate an offer of a grammar school place.
If we think the score is borderline assuming we put the grammar school as first choice, but does that then jeopardise not getting into our second choice if we end up falling below the required score by one or two points?	All local authorities must operate an equal preference system, so no preference is penalised just because you have not ranked it as first.
How will the automatic qualifying score from 2022 intake translate to this year's cohort, now the exam board has changed? Are the AQS still applicable or will there be some sort of guidance around 11+'scoring for the GL assessments so parents can make informed choices as to whether to put a selective place first on their list of preferences?	We are not expecting to see a dramatic change but there is never a guarantee that qualifying scores will be the same year on year, as other factors are taken into account, such as the number of applications received and the ability of the cohort for that year of entry.
Are the marks required to get into the schools likely to change due to the new GL tests?	Scores can, and do, change every year. However, we are not expecting to see dramatic differences this year simply due to a change in test provider.
Are we comparing like with like, given last year's paper was CEM and this was GL. Is 220 this year equivalent to 220 last year, especially given there were less questions on this year's paper? 2. Any indication if this is a higher or lower scoring year 3. What was the top mark achievable 4. If the score is considerably lower than we were perhaps expecting based on past papers	2. No data analysis completed yet. 3. There is no set top mark, as this will vary between raw scores and age standardisation for each child. 4. There is no re-mark process, as the answer sheets have been electronically marked and would only go through the same electronic system again, with the same result. 5. There has never been a set number of questions, so there were no fewer than had been expected. Please email the 11+ team with further clarification on the term 'mixed-up format' and we will happily provide whatever further information/advice we are able to at this stage.

<p>and mock, can it get remarked, now before March</p> <p>Why was the exam in a mixed-up format with less questions than they'd been expecting</p>	
<p>I would like to know about the lowest score offered in Startford girls grammer school in 2022 after waiting list. We are living in solihull and my daughter got 215, so Is there any chance to get into this school if I put 1st preference as this school.</p>	<p>The lowest score offered from the waiting list for Stratford Girls', for the 2022 entry year, is 223, which is 1 mark below the qualifying score set for that year of entry.</p>
<p>My son has sat the 11+ exam this year. If he puts AGS as his first choice and is successful in passing his 11+ and securing a place at AGS, can he turn that place down in March IF he decides at that point to stay at his current all through school, Aylesford? Does he need to put Aylesford Secondary as his 2nd choice even though he is already at Aylesford Primary?</p>	<p>Aylesford: if your child is currently in Yr6 at this school then they will automatically have a place held for them to transfer to Yr7 at the school. You are welcome to submit a 2023 entry secondary school application for other schools though, including grammar schools. Your child's Yr7 place at Aylesford will be held unless you accept any alternative school offered.</p>
<p>If your child receives a borderline result, is it still worth applying for a grammar school place or do you have to have the qualifying score to get in? If you choose grammar as your first choice and then don't get in, are you likely to miss out on a second or third choice because those schools will be filled by everyone who put them as first choice? Is it therefore risky choosing grammar if you have a borderline score?</p>	<p>All local authorities must operate an equal preference system, so no preference is penalised just because you have not ranked it as first.</p> <p>We will look at all your preferences and offer a place at the one you have ranked as high as possible.</p> <p>We do not use the ranking to prioritise applications.</p>
<p>When the results are issued how do we know what the qualifying score would be if pupil premium applies? And if we put the grammar as 3rd choice and we don't get our top 2 choices would this reduce our chances of others with the sand score put it as first choice?</p>	<p>You need to check the admissions arrangements/over-subscription criteria for any of the grammar schools you are interested in applying for, as this will set out how they consider Pupil Premium candidates when allocating places, if they do at all.</p>
<p>My daughter sat for Birmingham 11+ exam and got 199. As we don't know AQS, do we have</p>	<p>We do not yet know the qualifying scores for Warwickshire's grammar schools and these will not be published until March 2023.</p>

any chance of getting any grammar school in Warwickshire. Please help us. Thanks	
Over the past 2 years what was the lowest score from the waiting list accepted at Rugby High?	Lowest score for the 2022 entry cohort is currently 213. Data for previous years of entry is no longer held.
Is distance from the school given priority from the waiting list?	You will need to check the admissions arrangements/over-subscription criteria for any of the grammar schools you are interested in applying for, as this will set out how they consider home-to-school distance when allocating places, if they do at all.
Hi,My son has scored 215 and we are considering Lawrence sheriff as first choice. But are not sure if he is eligible or not	Anyone can apply for a grammar school place. You won't know until 1st March 2023 if an offer has been made though.
Can you please share this year's ranking with parents before or during the webinar to give us an idea of whether there has been grade inflation due to the change to GL.	The ranking data was made available on our website on Friday 21st October.
If our first choice school is outside catchment area and our child has scored well above the qualifying score what are the chances of getting into that school?	We cannot provide an answer to this question.
How do you apply for Ashlawn select and Ashlawn non select as there seems to be just one option for Ashlawn on the application	You just need to select Ashlawn School once on your application and you will be considered for all those you have taken tests for and then the mainstream afterwards.
We Live in Coventry. while applying for secondary school placement through Coventry County Council shall I apply for Grammar school of South Warwickshire or do I have to apply via South Warwickshire County Council	You name all the schools you wish to apply for, including any Warwickshire schools/grammar schools, on the one secondary school application you will need to submit through your home authority – in this case, the home authority is Coventry.
can we apply for a school out of catchment area if there is a good score for that school?	You can apply for any secondary school within England (apart from designated single-sex schools).
When will Warwickshire ask for proof address if I apply for a Warwickshire school?	We don't ask for proof of address for all schools but will do this in December 2022 for anyone who has applied for at least one Warwickshire grammar school.
will we get rank scores for girls and boys separately?	Yes, these are available on our website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/57/school-admissions-document-library/category/489
If I understand correctly there is no min score that is needed to apply for a grammar school?	Correct; anyone can apply for a Warwickshire grammar school.

How does the sharing of scores between Warwickshire and Birmingham schools work?	We share the same test and then exchange data where a family consented to share result data.
Do any schools prioritise children with a sibling there already (provided their score qualifies)?	No grammar schools in Warwickshire currently include such in their over-subscription criteria/how they prioritise applications.
Birmingham told me they shared results with Warwickshire on Tuesday. When I called on Wednesday, Warwickshire had no record of my daughter's name. Are Birmingham scores not on your system yet?	We now have the data, but it has not been imported into our system as yet. This does not prevent you from submitting your child's secondary school application through your home authority. We are aiming for families to have received a letter from us about this by 31st October.
What if the catchment school is rated poorly and the schools nearby but out of catchment are better?	You can name whichever secondary schools you like on your child's application, although, we do recommend putting your catchment school (if you have one) as one of your preferences.
Does a private school count as one of the 6 choices or do private schools have a separate process?	Private (independent) schools are not included as part of the local authority's admissions process and have their own system for allocating places. Please contact these schools individually to find out more about their admissions process.
are the address proof requirements different for different schools, especially for the house movers	If you move house then you must send us the required proof of address documentation, regardless of which schools you are applying for. The grammar schools in Warwickshire have additional proof of address requirements, as outlined in their admission arrangements for this entry year (available on the website of each grammar school).
When you say catchment school, do you mean the priority area? Because we are right at the edge of the priority area for Ashlawn, so unlikely to get in. Not in priority area for Southam, but closer to it.	Catchment school/area and priority school/area are the same thing.
Do I have to select the local catchment school even though it is poor? What would happen if I was to choose schools out of catchment that are nearby to me?	You can name whichever secondary schools you like on your child's application, although, we do recommend putting your catchment school (if you have one) as one of your preferences. Your application for all schools would be considered and prioritised against the over-subscription criteria as set by each school.
does it matter what order you list the schools in?	It does not matter in terms of us processing your application, however, if we are able to offer your child a place at more than one of the schools you have applied for, we will offer the one you have ranked highest out of those where we are able to offer a place.
can you confirm that a) 200 is still the average score this year and b)	200 is the average this year.

since entrant numbers is significantly lower than last year, AQS levels should generally go down?	Numbers of testers has not gone down this year and is broadly in line (if not slightly higher) than in previous years.
If we move to Warwick in November, do we still need to apply locally and then apply for change of address. And in local do we need to add options of Warwick	We would recommend you apply through the home authority of where you are living currently, in line with the 31st October deadline, and then contact us when your move has happened in November and we will allow you to make a new application/make changes to an existing application through Warwickshire, as your new home authority.
If we live within Northamptonshire but wish to apply to a school in Warwickshire, do I need to complete an application to both education authorities?	You must submit one application only and this must be done through your home authority (who you pay your council tax to), but you can name Warwickshire schools on your application, even if you live in another county.
I am currently live on Leicester so do we have to apply through Leicester council?	You must submit one application only and this must be done through your home authority (who you pay your council tax to), but you can name Warwickshire schools on your application, even if you live in another county.
How will the scoring work for the waiting list? How does the priority for waiting lists work?	The waiting lists use the same over-subscription to rank applicants as is used for making the offers. Please see each school's individual admission arrangements for this entry to confirm what criteria they use to allocate places.
How do I apply if I am moving house in the next two months?	You need to make an on-time application through your current local authority. Once your move is confirmed and you have adequate proof of address, please send this to us and your application will be transferred to the new local authority (or just tell your home authority if you are moving within the same county). The extended deadline for house moves into Warwickshire is the 31st December 2022, so you can complete a new application, or make changes to an existing up to this point.
How does the waiting list work for grammar - if several children score the same and are on the waiting list, how is a child considered over another?	The waiting lists use the same over-subscription to rank applicants as is used for making the offers. Please see each school's individual admission arrangements for this entry to confirm what criteria they use to allocate places.
Can you please explain how the process works for an all-through school (Aylesford)? Do we need to put it on the application form, and is our son guaranteed his place in Y7 there, even if he applies for grammar school and either (a) isn't offered a grammar school place, or (b) is offered a grammar school place but decides to decline it?	Aylesford: if your child is currently in Yr6 at this school then they will automatically have a place held for them to transfer to Yr7 at the school. You are welcome to submit a 2023 entry secondary school application for other schools though, including grammar schools. Your child's Yr7 place at Aylesford will be held unless you accept any alternative school offered.

Is it ok if I chose no for consent to share?	That is fine. Your child will sit the 11+ test with Warwickshire and you may apply for Warwickshire grammar schools.
What if my child does not get a place on grammar school this year? Can they apply for the grammar school again, through sitting the 11+ again or another test?	They can only sit the 11+ test once but you may reapply for a place for each academic year and their result from the original test will be considered should any vacancies arise.
is there a bus service for students selected grammar school at bit far from home	Please visit our Home-to-School transport website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schooltransport
How can we compare our childs results if the scores are not released until after 31st October?	You should have received your results on, or around, 17th October. If you opted to share your results between Birmingham and Warwickshire, the same result will apply to both authorities.
If the child got 99th percentile in MFL test for Ashlawn, but if it is outside catchment, will the child get in Ashlawn?	The MFL over-subscription criteria for Ashlawn does not consider catchment area. Offers made within this category are based on the score achieved by the child alone.
Will your ranking list tomorrow include children who applied through Birmingham, or is it just those who applied through Warwickshire?	The current ranked score list only includes children who sat the test with Warwickshire. This may be updated in due course, but we would advise not to put too much weight on the ranked score list.
do we go by last year AQS, this year exam board is GL. so does it change anything for aqs. can the council provide ranking sheet for 2023 scores. In AQS set on offerday(March 1st) or it also considers last seat allocated through waiting list	The qualifying score and minimum waiting list score for each of our grammar schools will be released on 1st March 2023. The data provided with your child's test result is aimed to help you decide whether to name any of Warwickshire's grammar schools on your application. It is not an indication or guarantee of a grammar school offer.
How to find which schools are in our catchment area ?	This information can be found on our website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/priority-area-map-infant-primary-schools/3
: with the weighted scores how much of a deduction in score do the older ones miss out on??	We have not carried out any analysis on this as yet.
My son has taken the 11+ exam in birmingham and requested sharing with warickshare when registering exam, How can I konw if his score is shared with Warickshire council and target school.	You can contact our team and ask them to confirm this for you.
Please can you clarify the point that you just made, that even if you achieve the AQS and are in priority circle, you aren't guaranteed a place?	Places will be offered according to each school's over-subscription criteria. It may be the case that not everyone in a category can be offered a place, if all places are filled with applicants who have higher priority for a place.

Hi I attended Warwick test and asked to share the results with Birmingham . But we have not received any communication yet	The data has now been shared between both authorities and will be released to candidates in due course.
On the last response from Amy, won't you move the AQS so that it reflects the number of children that will get an offer i.e. if there are 120 places then you will move the AQS higher if there are more children that got a higher score than in previous years?	The qualifying score is set before the grammar school offers are finalised.
Is it still OK to ask the Birmingham council to share now?	They may class you as a late candidate now but you can ask them.
If I put SGGS as a first choice and Alcester as a second, if my daughter hasn't got above the AQS for SGGS but is above the AQS for Alcester is she disadvantaged by putting Alcester as her second? Would she miss out to a child who scored lower but put Alcester as their first choice? Is it better to put Alcester first and be more confident of meeting the AQS as she is borderline compared to previous years scores?	We do not consider where you have ranked the school preference on your application so you will not be penalised for not putting a school as first. Each of your preference schools will be considered equally, in line with the relevant school's over-subscription criteria. An offer will then be made at the school ranked highest, wherever possible.
What was the lowest waiting list score last year please for AGS and KES?	This information is available on our website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/57/school-admissions-document-library/category/489
Could we ask what the lowest score was that got offered a place at SGGS please	223
2021 had high AQS results for each of the schools compared to 2020 and 2022. Do you know how it is looking for this year?	This information won't be released until March (but is not known yet anyway).
Why do we allow so many people from outside Warks to join Warks grammar schools?	Places are offered according to each school's over-subscription criteria. Legally, we cannot prevent anyone from applying for a place at Warwickshire's schools, even if they live in another county.
So will the ranking include those who sat the test in Birmingham?	It does not currently but we will look at doing this in the future (after the application deadline date).
is it better to apply from local county of grammar school or outside, if we are based outside warwickshire	You must submit one secondary school application for your child through your home authority. You can name Warwickshire schools, including any grammar schools, on the one application.
as my child got a borderline score for AGS waiting list, should I put AGS as first choice then my local	We cannot tell you which order to name your school preferences on your application. However, we will consider each preference equally, regardless of where it is ranked.

school Stratford High as second choice? I want her to be on the AGS waiting list but definitely don't want her to miss out on a place at Stratford school.	
do the high scorers automatically secure a place at their first choice school	No – places are offered in accordance with each school's over-subscription criteria.
If my child is within the priority circle and gets the exact AQS would they be trumped by a child from Birmingham/other areas with a much higher score?	Places are offered in accordance with each school's over-subscription criteria.
should we accept school place offers of lower down preference schools even if the child goes on waiting list for higher preference schools? Would a new , later offer of a higher preference school replace the already accepted offer?	We would always advise that you accept the school offered, even if a higher preference from your application can be offered at a later stage in the process, either from the waiting list or through the appeal process.
Please what was the highest score in the 11+ exams this year?	This information is not available in the public domain.
is there such information of the full mark for 11+?	This information is not available.
If we live within the priority area of the school we have applied for do I need to indicate this somewhere on the application or will that be worked out based on our address at a later date?	No; such information will be included on your child's record at this end.
Do we only need to mention only Ashlawn if we apply for either 11+ or MFL - through Coventry council? what if there are no more options as different county have different list options	You only need to list Ashlawn School once on your application. You must complete your application through your home authority, in line with their process and the number of school preferences they allow you to name on your application.
Can we submit address evidence e.g. Annual Council Tax bill now rather than waiting until December?	We will request specific documentation to be sent to us in December, where at least one Warwickshire grammar school has been named on the application. Even if you send something to us now, you will still need to send it again in December.
I submitted my child's secondary form before double checking it, how can I access it to check it please before 31st October? .	A summary of your application will be available on your online account, if you submitted the application online.
Just to confirm - the rental agreement must be before December 2022 - and not October 2022?	Start on, or before, 31st December 2022.

<p>If we live in West sussex and move to Warwick in November, Do I still need to apply from West Sussex</p>	<p>You need to make an on-time application through your current local authority. Once your move is confirmed and you have adequate proof of address, please send this to us and your application will be transferred to the new local authority (or just tell your home authority if you are moving within the same county).</p> <p>The extended deadline for house moves into Warwickshire is the 31st December 2022, so you can complete a new application, or make changes to an existing up to this point.</p>
<p>if we specify only one school, do the child still gets considered for other school, if qualified</p>	<p>Your child will only be considered for a place at the schools you name on your application. The only exception to this is if we are unable to offer a place at any of the schools you have applied for, in which case, we will offer your child a place at the next nearest school to their home address that still has places available after all other on-time applicants have been considered.</p>