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Warwickshire 11+ Results – 2020 Entry

Introduction

The following information relates to the 2020 entry 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 than one, Warwickshire grammar schools on your child’s 2020 entry secondary school application.

Shared test

For Year 7 entry in September 2020, Warwickshire County Council is operating a shared 11+ test/entrance test with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham. Parents register for the test once with children then sit the test once with either authority, not both. Warwickshire residents are advised that they must register for their child to sit the 11+ test with Warwickshire County Council.

You will receive a separate results letter from The Grammar Schools in Birmingham if you registered with the Grammar Schools in Birmingham prior to their deadline, or you registered with Warwickshire by the relevant deadline and asked for your results to be shared with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham. The deadline to register your child as an on-time candidate for the 2020 entry 11+ test, for both Warwickshire and Birmingham, was 28th June 2019.

Results

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.

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If you registered your child to sit the 2020 entry 11+ test with Warwickshire through the online parent portal then 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 of 28th June 2018, then your child’s results can be found below.

*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 2020, will be published to families on 2nd March 2020.

After considering the content of this letter 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 secondary school applications is **31st October 2019**. 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**

How results are displayed

Your child’s result from the Warwickshire 11+ test has been standardised and weighted in consultation with the test provider – ‘CEM at The University of Durham’ – 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 Warwickshire 2020 11+ test contains three components and your child will have received an overall, standardised score for each component:

- Verbal Reasoning (‘VR’)
- Numerical Reasoning (‘NUM’)
- Non-Verbal Reasoning (‘NVR’)

These three scores are then 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.

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Your child’s 11+ test result

The total standardised score that you have been provided with may not 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 2020 entry

The table below shows the number of places available at each grammar school for entry in September 2020:

School	Area	Boys / Girls	PAN for 2020 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

Automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges for PREVIOUS years of entry

For entry in September 2020, 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 **2nd March 2020**. However, the information below relates to the 2018 and 2019 entry years and is included to help you decide whether to apply for a grammar school place within the county.

For entry in <u>2018</u>	Number of places offered	Automatic Qualifying Score (QS)	Minimum Score for Waiting List	Lowest Score Offered on 1st March 2018
King Edward VI School	87	230	225+	229
Stratford Girls’ Grammar School	120	222	212+	222
Alcester Grammar School	150	215	208+	215
Lawrence Sheriff School	120	210	206+	210
Rugby High School	120	207	205+	206
Ashlawn Selective	31	213	207+	212

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For entry in <u>2019</u>	Number of places offered	Automatic Qualifying Score (QS)	Minimum Score for Waiting List	Lowest Score Offered on 1st March 2019
King Edward VI School	87	233	228+	233
Stratford Girls’ Grammar School	120	215	210+	214
Alcester Grammar School	150	215	209+	215
Lawrence Sheriff School	120	210	208+	210
Rugby High School	120	208	206+	208
Ashlawn Selective	31	214	206+	214

Completing your child’s secondary school application

More information on applying for a place at any of the Warwickshire grammar schools can be found in the ‘Secondary 2020 Entry’ leaflet on our website, along with further information on how school places are offered: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool

It is also highly recommended that you read through and consider the individual admission arrangements for each of the schools you intend to apply for before completing your child’s secondary school application. Each set of arrangements for the individual grammar schools can be found on the individual websites for each of the grammar schools but also on our website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolvacriteria

Proof of Address

We will write out to **all** families who have named at least one Warwickshire grammar school on their child’s 2020 entry secondary school application at the beginning of December 2019 to request proof of address documentation in support of the application. 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 have not received a letter from us requesting this information by **Friday 6th December 2019** 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.

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.

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

Applications for a secondary school place must be submitted by 31st October 2019, failure to do so will result in your application for a Warwickshire school being treated as late and will not be considered in the 1st round of offers on 2nd March 2020.

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Key Dates – 2020 entry Secondary School Admissions Process

From Monday 1st July 2019	Online application process opens for secondary school admissions in September 2020. Warwickshire residents can apply for schools places using the online parent portal: warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2019	Main testing sessions for the 2020 entry 11+ testing
Monday 9th September 2019	Parents must inform the Admissions Service, by no later than 4pm, if their child was unable to attend the scheduled 11+ testing due to illness.
Wednesday 11th September 2019	Parents to provide evidence of illness, by no later than 12 noon, in order for an alternative testing session to be arranged. Email documentation to: elevenplus@warwickshire.gov.uk
From Monday 14th October 2019	<p>11+ results will be sent to families where children sat the test in September 2019. Where the 11+ registration was completed online, via the Warwickshire parent portal, results from the 11+ test will be sent back through the portal and/or via email. You must let us know if your email address changes at any point during the admissions process.</p> <p>Results <u>will not</u> state if your child has been offered a place at a Warwickshire grammar school. They are designed to assist you in deciding whether to name a grammar school on your child’s secondary school application only.</p> <p>If you have not received your child’s 11+ results by 4pm on Friday 18th October, then please contact us.</p>
Thursday 31st October 2019	<p>National closing date for on time secondary school applications to be submitted. Warwickshire residents should check their online parent portal account and make sure that the application has been submitted.</p> <p><i>*PLEASE NOTE: This date falls in Warwickshire’s October half-term holidays*</i></p>
From Monday 2nd December 2019	Proof of address documentation will be requested from all applicants who have named at least one Warwickshire grammar school on their application, regardless of where they live. If you have not received this correspondence from us by Friday 6th December 2019 then please contact us as a matter of urgency: 01926 414143 – option 2.
Tuesday 31st December 2019	Deadline for submitting proof of address documentation in relation to applications for Warwickshire grammar schools.
2nd March 2020	<u>National Offer Day</u> : on time applicants will be notified by their home authority of which secondary school their child has been offered. Offers for Warwickshire grammar schools will also be released on this date.

*Please note: Any queries regarding the 11+ test results should be directed to our **11+ Officer** – either via telephone or email, using the contact details at the top of this letter.*

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Warwickshire 11+ Selection Test - 2020 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 2018 and 2019 entry years ONLY are contained within the information letter. Automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges for entry in September 2020 are **not** set until much later in the process and will only be available to parents from 2nd March 2020. The information provided 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 2020 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 (VR, Numeracy, NVR), and then these are added together to make the total raw score.
- The overall score for each component (VR, Numeracy, NVR) is then standardised using an equation supplied by CEM, which takes into account the date of birth of the child and the date they sat the test. This equation cannot be supplied as it is copyrighted by CEM.
- 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, 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 **are not** available to view as the content is exempt under Data Protection and Copyright Laws, and all used test booklets from the 2020 entry test sessions have now been destroyed.

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

- After considering the content of your letter 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 secondary applications is 31st October 2019.**

*Please note that Warwickshire Admissions Service **cannot** advise if you should/shouldn’t include any grammar schools as preferences on your child’s Secondary 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 apply online via the following website: **www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions**
- If you **do not** reside in Warwickshire, **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 if your child meets the criteria for two or more schools, your Local Authority will offer you a place at the school you have ranked highest on the Common Application Form. Therefore, if you put a Grammar School first on your child’s Secondary application, but your child is not successful in the entrance test, you will not put at risk your chance of being offered a place at any other school you have listed. Your child’s application will be treated in the same way as every other application i.e. in accordance with the relevant school’s admission arrangements.

“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: 2nd March 2020, via your home authority.
- At this time, every candidate who has sat the 11+ test in Warwickshire, regardless of whether or not a grammar school was then applied for, will also receive a separate letter which outlines what the automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges are for each grammar school, for 2020 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?”

- **Families moving into Warwickshire** 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 2019**. You **must** 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 2019** but can be considered from their new address if relevant documentation is supplied by **31st December 2019**. You **must** be living in the new property by this date. Home visits can be undertaken at any time.

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- See the Warwickshire County Council 2020 entry Admission Arrangements for further information about how moving house could affect your child’s secondary school application: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoollacriteria

‘What are the transport arrangements?’

- When choosing a grammar school, we would strongly recommend you investigate any transport arrangements. There is no automatic right to free travel, all transport applications received will be assessed against Warwickshire County Council’s “Home to School” Transport Policy. For parents interested in applying for a paid seat, please be aware many school services are heavily oversubscribed and there is no guarantee a seat will be provided. There is information available on our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schooltravel