

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Re: Warwickshire 11+ Results – 2018 Entry**

### **Introduction**

I am writing to inform you of **CHILD's** result in the 11+ test. You are advised to read through all of this information carefully as it may help you to decide whether or not to name one, or more, grammar schools on your child's secondary school application.

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

### **Your child's details**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	

<b>Grammar Priority Area</b>	
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<b>On time / Late</b>	
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### **Shared test**

For entry to secondary schools in September 2018, 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 sitting a single test. The deadline to register your child on time for the Warwickshire 11+ test was Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and for children sitting the 11+ test in Birmingham the deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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.

Please note that The Grammar Schools in Birmingham will **only** accept requests made to share information where a registration was received by **their** published deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and where the relevant request was made as part of the registration process.

## **Results and rankings**

Under the School Admissions Code, there is a requirement for Admission Authorities 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.

This letter shows how **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 grammar school in Warwickshire. As well as providing specific information on how **CHILD** performed in the 11+ test, we have also included information on the provisional ranking of the total score which your child achieved in the test. This information should be considered in line with the Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school.

Rankings are provisional as there are likely to be other children who will sit the test before offers are made – for example, children moving into the area. Details of the qualifying score and waiting list range for each Warwickshire grammar school for 2017 entry (ie: previous year's admissions) are also included. This information is provided to help you decide whether or not to list a grammar school as one of your preferences on your application for a school place.

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 2017**.

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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

## **How results are displayed**

The information below relates to the standardised scores achieved by your child in the Verbal Reasoning, Numeracy and Non-Verbal Reasoning components of the 11+ test. The average (mean) score based on all children taking the tests is 100 for each component.

Also shown is your child's total standardised and weighted score. This 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.

This information has been stripped down to the most basic numerical data. Raw data contains much more detail and so the total standardised score indicated below 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.

It is the overall, **total score** that will be taken into account when applications are being considered for places at the grammar schools in Warwickshire.

## Your child's test result

	Standardised Score	Maximum achievable score
Verbal Reasoning		150
Numeracy		137
Non-Verbal Reasoning		148
<b>Total Score</b>		<b>293</b> <i>(Total achievable score)</i>

## Rankings for your child's test result

	The ranking of your child's test score	Out of	Number of children also assigned this ranking
All Children			
All Girls/All Boys			

The rankings outlined above are indicative of the results data available at this time. You will not be issued with further ranking information at any other point during the admissions process, as this information is designed to assist you in making the decision as to whether or not to name a grammar school on your child's secondary school application.

You have been provided with the ranking applicable to your child's test score out of **all the children** who have sat the shared 11+ test for Warwickshire, and those children who have asked for their results to be shared with The Grammar Schools in Birmingham.

You have also been provided with the ranking applicable to your child's test score out of all the children who have sat the test, as explained above, but specific to your child's gender. If the information we hold about your child's gender is listed incorrectly then please contact our office at your earliest convenience so this can be rectified.

## Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for 2018 entry

The table below shows the number of places available at each grammar school for entry in September 2018:

School	Area	Boys / Girls	PAN for 2018 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	120
Rugby High School	East	Girls	120
Ashlawn Selective	East	Mixed	31

## Automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges for PREVIOUS year of entry

For entry in September 2018, 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

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018** onwards. However, the information below relates to **2017 entry** and is included to help you decide whether to apply for a grammar school place.

For entry in <u>2017</u>	Number of places offered	Automatic Qualifying Score (QS)	Minimum Score for Waiting List	Lowest Score Offered on 1st March 2017
King Edward VI School	81	<b>232</b>	225+	232
Stratford Girls' Grammar School	120	<b>220</b>	212+	220
Alcester Grammar School	150	<b>213</b>	208+	213
Lawrence Sheriff School	120	<b>209</b>	205+	209
Rugby High School	120	<b>207</b>	203+	207
Ashlawn Selective	36	<b>206</b>	200+	205

## **Completing your child's secondary school application**

More information on applying for a place at Warwickshire Grammar Schools can be found in the 'Apply for a Secondary School Place 2018' leaflet. This can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website along with further information on how school places are offered:  
**[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

You may wish to consider each school's individual admission arrangements before completing your child's secondary school application. Each set of arrangements for the individual grammar schools can be found on our website and can also be found on the individual websites for each of the grammar schools. We strongly advise that you read through the admission arrangements for the grammar schools which you are interested in applying for, as these will explain how applications will be considered.

## **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 this is not an offer of a school place.**

An application for a school place must now be submitted to your home authority by **31st October 2017**, if you have not already done so.

We hope that you find this information useful but if you have any questions or concerns about this correspondence then please do not hesitate to contact the School Admissions team on: 01926 414143 – option 2.

Yours sincerely,



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**Lead Officer – Coordinated Admissions**

School Admissions  
Pupil and Student Services

## **11+ Results - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **“What do my results mean?”**

- The total score which 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 **2017 entry** are also included. Automatic qualifying scores and waiting list ranges for entry in September 2018 are **not** set until much later in the process and will only be available to parents from 1<sup>st</sup> March. The information provided is designed to help you decide whether or not to list a grammar school as one of your preferences on your application for a school place.

### **“What is standardisation and how does it affect my child?”**

- The majority of the questions within both of the test booklets 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 between 4 and 7 total standardised total marks. However, this is dependent on the raw marks gained across each component.
- **Please note** that no further information, including raw scores, analysis of answer sheets etc. can be given at this stage and we will only be able to accommodate such requests following the allocation of places on 1st March 2018, where appropriate, ie: once an appeal has been lodged and this information is relevant to your case. Copies of test booklets and/or answer sheets **are not** available to view as the content is exempt under Data Protection and Copyright Laws.

### **“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 2017.**

*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 the information contained within your letter 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](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 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 2018 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 **31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**. 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 application by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2017** but can be considered from their new address provided relevant proofs are supplied by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**. You **must** be living in the new property by this date. Home visits can be undertaken at any time.
- We will write out to **all** families who have included grammar schools on their child's Secondary application to request proof of address, advising which documents will be sufficient. If you have not received a letter from us about this by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017** please contact the Admissions Service **immediately**.