

Year 7 Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

How does my daughter gain admission to Denmark Road High School? Denmark Road High School is a selective grammar school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the required qualifying standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test. For 2020 entry, the test will be held on Saturday 14th September 2019.

Do I need to register for the entrance test? You will need to register using the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' Central Registration Form. There will be a link for this on our website. Registration is open from noon 1st June 2019 until noon 30th June 2019.

It does not make any difference where your child sits the entrance test – it is the same entrance test on the same day at all 7 Gloucestershire Grammar Schools. You only need to register once and then tick on the online registration which schools you would like the entrance test results shared.

Once you have registered on line you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this confirmation email within a few hours of registering you must contact the school. At the beginning of the school term in September you will receive a letter detailing timings of the entrance test day and what your child should bring.

What is the format of the entrance test? The entrance test consists of multiple choice style questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers each lasting approximately 50 minutes with additional time for instructions and some worked examples. There will be a break between the papers.

Why has the test been changed? The 7 Gloucestershire Grammar Schools are concerned by the amount of tutoring that currently takes place. CEM are one of the largest independent providers of educational assessment and monitoring systems in the world. They have been developing selection assessments since 1999, and provide entrance tests for a number of grammar schools in other counties. CEM design their tests to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential without excessive preparation.

Is it possible to obtain some practice papers before the entrance test? A familiarisation booklet is available on our website which gives examples of the sorts of questions used in the entrance test. CEM does not produce commercially available practice materials. Please be aware that practice materials sold on the internet or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation practice materials, are not genuine CEM samples.

How should my child prepare for the test? Beyond the familiarisation practice material, the best preparation for the entrance test is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

What if my child is ill on test day? Please contact the allocated test centre (school) as soon as possible to let them know. In exceptional circumstances and with medical evidence a late entrance test may be possible.

When will I get the entrance test results? The results will be sent via email usually around the middle of October after 3.30pm. The results are published in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF).

If my daughter reaches the qualifying standard how do I apply for a place at Denmark Road High School? If your daughter meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can apply for a place at Denmark Road High School by completing the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for the allocation of school places. The deadline for this is usually 31st October.

Does the school have a catchment area? No. Entrance to Denmark Road High School is based entirely on the entrance test.