



## High School for Girls Admissions Information

### What Happens Next?

#### Qualifying Standard:

Girls who achieve a qualifying score are eligible for consideration for a place at the High School for Girls. **Please be aware that even if your daughter has achieved a qualifying standard, this does not automatically guarantee a place.**

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your **Common Application Form (CAF)**, showing your list of secondary school preferences, is returned to Co-ordinated Admissions Team at Gloucestershire County Council by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**. If the form is not received by this date, your preferences will not be taken into account, and the County Council will allocate a school for you. This will not be a Grammar School. All schools are equal ranked which means that if you are not successful at gaining a place at your first choice school, the highest ranked of your other choices, for which you fulfil the admission criteria, will then become your first choice. This is also sometimes referred to as "first effective preference". Therefore, you can safely put a grammar school in the first position on the form and if your daughter does not reach the qualifying standard, the school second on your list becomes your first preference. If, in light of these results, you wish to amend the form you have already submitted please resubmit your online application or write to the Co-ordinated Admissions Team (Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP) by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**, confirming any amendment you wish to make.

#### How are places allocated?

Whether your daughter will be allocated a place at the High School for Girls will depend upon:

- How many students ranked higher for our school than your daughter
- How many of those girls have stated a preference for our school, and
- How many of those girls have stated a higher preference for another school and whether they have met the criteria for a place at that school

The Local Authority will offer places to the highest ranking girls who meet our qualifying standard and who put us as first choice, until we reach our admission number of 150. We are likely to have more students who pass the test than can be offered a place. Girls who meet the qualifying standard, but have not been successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to go on a waiting list (and for 'reconsideration' between 1<sup>st</sup> and 10th March 2019) and may be offered a place should one become available. You are also entitled to appeal (see below).

#### Non-qualifying Standard:

Girls who did not achieve the qualifying standard are unable to be considered for a place at the High School for Girls or to be placed on our waiting list.

#### Appeals:

Places for girls who do not meet the qualifying standard (or who meet the qualifying standard and are not allocated a place by the Local Authority) can only be allocated a place by an Independent Appeals Panel. The Panel considers each case carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. Details of this process are available from the **Admissions Officer at the school after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Standardisation:** Each section of the paper is standardised separately. Standardisation takes into account the ability of the cohort and the age of the candidate.

**Scores:** There are no test scores to be released.

**Remarks:** A remark is only available as part of the Appeals process. Answer sheets will not be removed from secure storage unless an appeal is lodged.

### **Marking Queries:**

All the entrance tests are double scanned and checked using different optical mark readers and different staff. The two sets of results are then compared and, in the very unlikely event that there is any discrepancy, a full manual inspection is undertaken to verify the results. Therefore, in effect, all entrance papers are double marked and, if appropriate, manually checked prior to publication. The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. The High School for Girls, therefore, will not undertake any test remarks until after the national offer date (1<sup>st</sup> March 2018) and only as part of a formal Appeals process. Please note that any remarks would be conducted by our external providers using optical mark readers, manual remarks would not be available. Re-marks would incur a cost to the parents/carers.

**If you need any further information regarding admission to the High School for Girls, please contact Miss Voyce on 01452 543335 or email [voycel@hsfg.org](mailto:voycel@hsfg.org).**

**If you need any further information regarding allocation of school places, please contact the Co-ordinated Admissions Team [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) (tel: 01452 425407).**