

Admissions to High School for Girls for September 2019



FAQs

How does my daughter gain admission to the High School for Girls?

High School for Girls is a selective girls' grammar school 11-16 with a mixed Sixth Form. To gain a place your daughter must first sit the Grammar School Test and achieve the required standard.

When is the Test?

The test will be held on **Saturday, 15th September 2018**.

Do I need to register for the test?

You will need to complete a **Grammar School Registration Form** to enable your daughter to sit the entrance test. Information about this can be found on the High School for Girls website www.hsf.org at the appropriate time. Registration for 2019 entry will be open from **Friday, 1st June 2018** and will close at **noon Saturday, 30th June 2018**.

Please register with the school where you would like your daughter to sit the test. It does not make any difference where your daughter sits the test; the test is the same in all the grammar schools, and it is sat on the same morning. The scores will be shared with the schools relevant to your daughter's application. It is preferable for you to register online and then all communication can be sent out by email. Paper registrations are also available from the school by request.

You need only to register once. The test results will be shared with all the grammar schools you tick on the application form. Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test you will be sent details of timings of the day and what your daughter should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of multi-choice questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers, each lasting 45-50 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 seven Gloucestershire Grammar Schools are concerned by the amount of tutoring that currently takes places. 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 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/sample questions beforehand?

A familiarisation booklet is available on the school website which gives examples of the sorts of questions used in the test. CEM does not produce commercially available practice material? Please be aware that materials sold on the internet or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation and practice materials, are not genuine CEM samples.

How should my daughter prepare for the test?

The best preparation for the tests, beyond the familiarisation material, is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

When will I get my results?

The results will be available **Friday, 12th October 2018**. The length of time between the test and the result is longer than in previous years, but 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 the High School for Girls?

If your daughter meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can then apply for a place at the High School for Girls by completing **the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF)** for allocation of school places. **The deadline for this is Wednesday, 31st October 2018**.

Key Dates to Register to sit the Entrance Test	From 1 st June 2018 to noon on 30 th June 2018
Entrance Test	Saturday, 15 th September 2018
Results	Friday, 12 th October 2018
Local Authority 'Common Application Form' deadline	Wednesday, 31 st October 2018
Local Authority Allocation Day	Friday, 1 st March 2019
Local Authority acceptance of place OR request for reconsideration deadline	Usually 10 th March 2019
Local Authority notifies parents with outcome of their reconsideration	Usually after 3 rd April 2019