

Secondary Schools

- ▶ When your child starts Year 6 in September 2027, you will need to apply for their secondary school place. The application window is open between September and the end of October.
- ▶ Next year, do try to visit as many secondary schools as possible and keep in mind that some school open days are later in the year. The grammar school open days are typically in the summer term.
- ▶ Try to obtain prospectuses and other information from school visits.
- ▶ Read each school's admission criteria and consider the probability of admission based on allocations of previous years (booklet or school website).

11+ Selection

- ▶ It might be that you are thinking that the 11+ and the grammar school route could be right for your child. Key dates for 11+ selection for entry in 2028 have not yet been released. These dates will be shared by Easter 2027.
- ▶ Some parents decide to engage tutors to work with their children, but of course this is a parent-decision.
- ▶ Many tutoring companies offer mock test days to help the children familiarise themselves with the tests and the experience of the day itself. Some parents say this is can be beneficial.

11+ Selection

- ▶ In the spring term, we will be running a weekly before-school 11+ class, inviting children who we have identified as having the potential to do well in the 11+ tests. There will be sessions for both English and maths. This will start in January with letters being sent in the new year.
- ▶ The 11+ selection tests are obviously challenging and we will look at our own assessments to guide us as to whether pupils are on that pathway. For children to be successful at the time of the 11+ tests, they need to be working at higher standards in English and maths.
- ▶ We will also send 11+ practice tests home with these children for them to complete. We will be asking for parents to support their children with these, by ensuring they are completed in test conditions before being returned to school for marking and feedback.

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- ▶ Pupils sit two tests - one in English and one in maths.
- ▶ The English paper lasts sixty minutes with ten minutes additional reading time.
- ▶ The maths paper lasts sixty minutes.
- ▶ The final scores for the individual papers are mathematically standardised and 'weighted', each being worth 50% of the marks.
- ▶ There are free English and maths familiarisation papers available on the CSSE website. It is really worth looking at these with your child to help you decide if the 11+ is right for them.
- ▶ Look at the CSSE website for more information.