



# **Year 7 Entrance Test Information for entry in September 2018**

# Year 7 Information on Entrance Tests

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# The Testing Consortium

- 19 grammar schools
- Consortium for testing purposes only
- Common testing procedures

# The testing and application process

## Step 1

- If you are thinking of applying to Reading School you must register your son to take the Year 7 Entrance test.
- Complete the Online Registration Form available through the school website.
- Please ensure you complete the registration process for each Grammar School you wish your son to be considered for.

# The testing and application process for Year 7 Applicants

## Step 2

- Your son sits the Year 7 entrance test at Reading School.

## Step 3

- You receive the results of the test.

## Step 4

- Complete the CAF, including any grammar school for which you wish your son to be considered.

# The testing and application process

## Step 5

- Reading School supply the results of the tests in rank order to the Local Authority.

## Step 6

- Reading Local Authority coordinates all the offers and allocates a place at the highest ranked (on CAF) school for which the child is eligible.

## Step 7

- The home Local Authority notifies parents of allocation on the national offer day.
- If you are allocated a grammar school , the school will make a formal offer of a place which you must accept.

# Grammar schools in Slough

- **The Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools** (Herschel Grammar School, Langley Grammar School, St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School and Upton Court Grammar School) will use the same test on the same day as Reading School.
- If your son sits the test at Reading School, and you are considering applying to any of the Slough schools, you must register with them in order for the raw test score to be passed to that school.

# Key dates for Year 7 Entry

<b>1 May 2017</b>	Registration opens.
<b>20 June 2017</b>	Registration closes at midday
<b>16 September 2017</b>	Year 7 entrance tests for all boys who have registered.
<b>Early/mid-October 2017</b>	Parents notified of results of Year 7 entrance tests
<b>31 October 2017</b>	Deadline for submission of Common Application Form to Local Authority
<b>1 March 2018</b>	Notification of allocation of school places by Local Authority. Formal offers from schools will follow soon after.



# The Year 7 Entrance Test

- Test provider is CEM
- Two separate multiple-choice papers each containing a mixture of questions which test:-
  - Verbal ability
  - Numerical ability
  - Non-verbal ability
- Each paper approx 50 minutes
- Extra time (up to 25%) available for pupils with recognised special needs.

# Year 7 test results

- Papers are marked and moderated by the test provider (CEM)
- Raw marks are **standardised**.
- Standardisation takes pupils' **ages** into account.
- Final score is the average across both papers.

# Frequently-asked questions

## “What is the pass mark?”

- This decision will be made by the Governing Body Admissions’ Committee prior to the publication of results.
- This pass mark **does not guarantee a place** at Reading School as it is likely that more applicants will achieve the pass mark than we have places for and we will therefore apply our oversubscription criteria.

# Frequently-asked questions

**“What date do I have to be living in the designated area?”**

- In order to be considered as living in the designated area, your address on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 will be the address that is used for entry into Year 7. If you move following registration, please inform the Admissions Office immediately to ensure your son is ranked correctly.

**“Are there any past practice papers available?”**

- There are no past papers available, however, there is a familiarisation paper available on the school website.

# Frequently-asked questions

**“What percentage does my son need to get in to Reading School”**

- There is no percentage. The results of the tests are standardised against the cohort who have registered for Reading School. The pass mark does not directly correlate to a percentage.

**“What can I do to prepare my son for the entrance test”**

- The key element is timing. Most boys and girls find working to time pressures difficult and therefore we recommend giving timed challenges to your son.

# Next steps

- Complete and submit the online **registration form** (*available for Year 7 entry from 1 May 2017*)
- Familiarise yourself with the school's **admissions policy**.
- **Submit CAF** having made an informed choice of appropriate schools.