



Reading School

Year 7 Admission Information for entry in September 2026

Information on Year 7 Admission for September 2026

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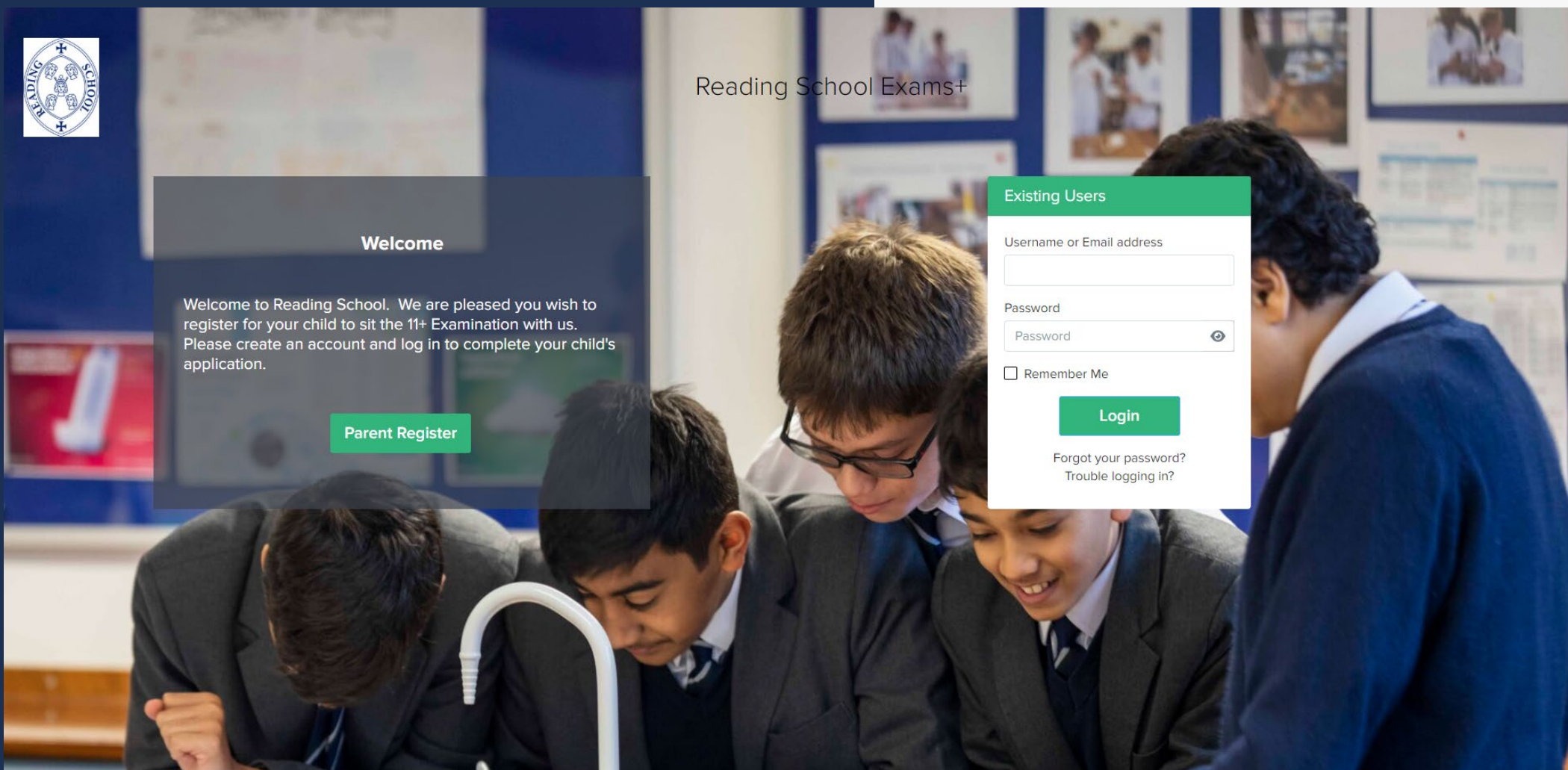


The Admissions Process



Step 1: Registration

- 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 which is available through the school website.
- Opens on 1st April 2025
- Registration must be completed by midday on 13th June 2025
- This is solely for Reading School, as we have no links to other schools (not in Slough nor elsewhere)



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Step 2: The Entrance Test

- ALL registered children will sit the Year 7 entrance test at Reading School.
- Please keep Friday 5th September 2025 free. You may wish to advise your child's school of this date in advance.



The Entrance Test

- Four Papers consisting of subjects covered by the KS2 curriculum. Students are expected to show ability appropriate to the KS2 curriculum.
- The test will assess an applicant's ability to think of new and imaginative ideas, or to solve problems in original and unique ways.
- The testing process lasts approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes
- Access arrangements are available for students with additional needs. Information about current support, as well as a diagnosis if there is one, should be included on the registration form. We will communicate with your son's school and parents to establish the appropriate access arrangements. These might include rest breaks or extra time for example. For those students requiring access arrangements, the test will take place on 4th September.

The Year 7 Entrance Test Day - what you can expect

Queue outside one of 3 gates at Reading School

Say goodbye to your parents

Come onto the school site

Hand in your registration form (signed by your primary school)

Sit the first paper

Have a toilet break with a drink and snack

Sit the second, third and fourth paper

Meet your parents and leave via the same gate



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Step 3: Entrance Test Results

You receive the results of the test mid-October 2025



- Papers are marked and moderated
- Raw marks are standardised.
- Standardisation takes pupils' ages into account.
- If your son achieves the standard in subjects covered by the KS2 curriculum, then his Creativity task will also be marked. You will be notified if your son is 'of the standard' or 'not of the standard' only. No results are published or issued to parents.

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Step 4: CAF

Complete the Local Authority's CAF (Common Application Form) and submit to your local authority, including any grammar school for which you wish your son to be considered by 31 October 2025



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Step 5

- The Local Authority advises Reading School of all applicants. Reading School advise the Local Authority of the ranking of those who have made an application.

Step 6

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

Step 7

- The home Local Authority notifies parents of allocation on the national offer day (2nd March 2026)
- If your son is allocated a place at Reading School, we will make a formal offer of a place which you must accept. This is in addition to accepting the place with the Local Authority

Sporting Aptitude

This year we are continuing with our Sporting Aptitude Assessment for those who are showing natural aptitude in sport. Up to 15 places will be offered to applicants who achieve the pass mark in the entrance test **and** are ranked highest in sporting aptitude.

The Sporting Aptitude Assessment takes place on Saturday 30th August 2025. You can indicate your interest in this as part of the online registration process.

The Sporting Aptitude Assessments are only available to those day applicants living within the catchment area and boarders. Those day applicants living outside of the catchment area will not be considered.



Frequently-asked questions

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

Your address on 31st August 2025 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. Any applications which are found to be fraudulent will be withdrawn.

“My son is Pupil Premium Plus or a Looked After Child (in care or previously in care), does he get priority?”

Yes – our oversubscription criteria gives priority to Pupil Premium Plus students who live within the catchment area and also to Looked After Children. Therefore, if your son achieves the eligible score or up to 5 marks below the eligible score and you apply for a place at Reading School, he will be offered a place. If your son is Pupil Premium or Looked After/Previously Looked After then there are additional familiarisation sessions available. If you are interested in finding out more, please email fstories@reading-school.co.uk



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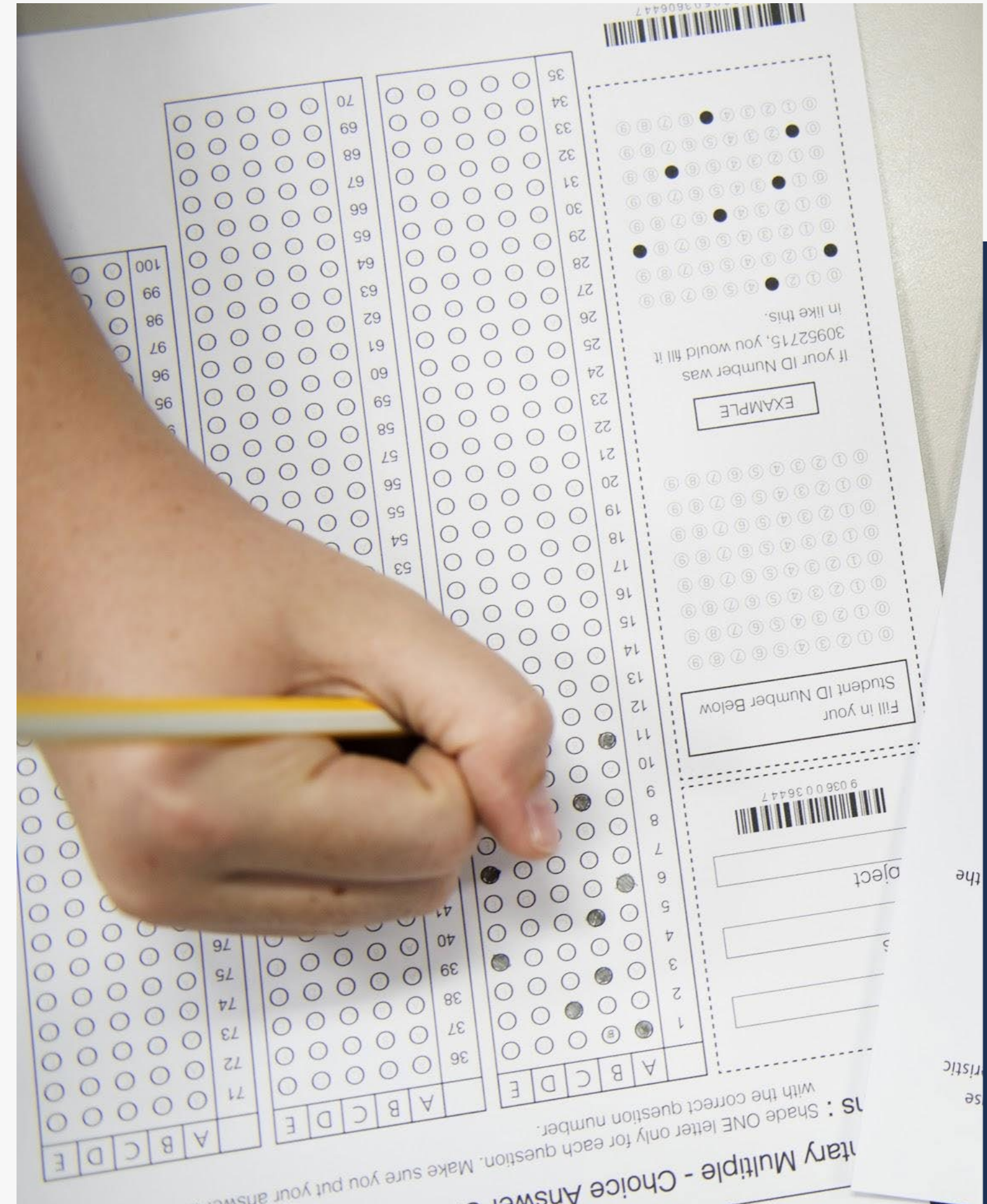
“What is the eligible score?”

This decision will be made by the Governing Body Admissions’ Committee prior to the publication of results and is not made available to parents or applicants.

This eligible score does not guarantee a place at Reading School as it is likely that more applicants will achieve the eligible score than we have places for, and we will therefore apply our oversubscription criteria.

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

The eligible score does not directly correlate to a percentage.



Frequently-asked questions

“Are there any practice papers available?”

There are no past papers available, however, there is a familiarisation paper available on the school website. An enlarged version is also available for those who require this and a Braille version is available upon request.

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

We do not encourage any particular preparation and no tutoring is required as all the entrance test elements are appropriate for your son's primary school Key Stage 2 Curriculum. You may wish to familiarise him with concentrating for extended periods of time and working to time limits.



Key Dates

1 April 2025	Registration opens
13 June 2025	Registration closes at midday
30 August 2025	Sporting Aptitude Assessment for those eligible and who have registered.
4 September 2025	Year 7 entrance test for those students requiring access arrangements.
5 September 2025	Year 7 entrance test for all students living within the Catchment area for a day place or those who have registered for a boarding place.
22nd September 2025	Year 7 entrance test for all students living outside of the Catchment area who have registered for a day place.
Mid-October 2025	Parents notified of results of Year 7 entrance tests
31 October 2025	Deadline for submission of Common Application Form to Local Authority
2 March 2026	Notification of allocation of school places by Local Authority. Formal offers from schools will follow soon after.



Boarding

Some of you may be interested in Boarding, whose provision was once again rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

We have 12 boarding spaces within our intake of 150 Year 7s.

We would be delighted to accommodate personal visits to the boarding houses.

If you would like to discuss boarding with one of our boarding housemasters, please contact admissions@reading-school.co.uk.



Next steps

- Complete and submit the online registration form
(available for Year 7 entry from 1 April 2025) [*Reading School Website*](#)
- Familiarise yourself with the school's admissions policy.
- Submit CAF having made an informed choice of appropriate schools.
- Any questions? Admissions@reading-school.co.uk