



Reading School

Year 7 Admission Information for entry in September 2024

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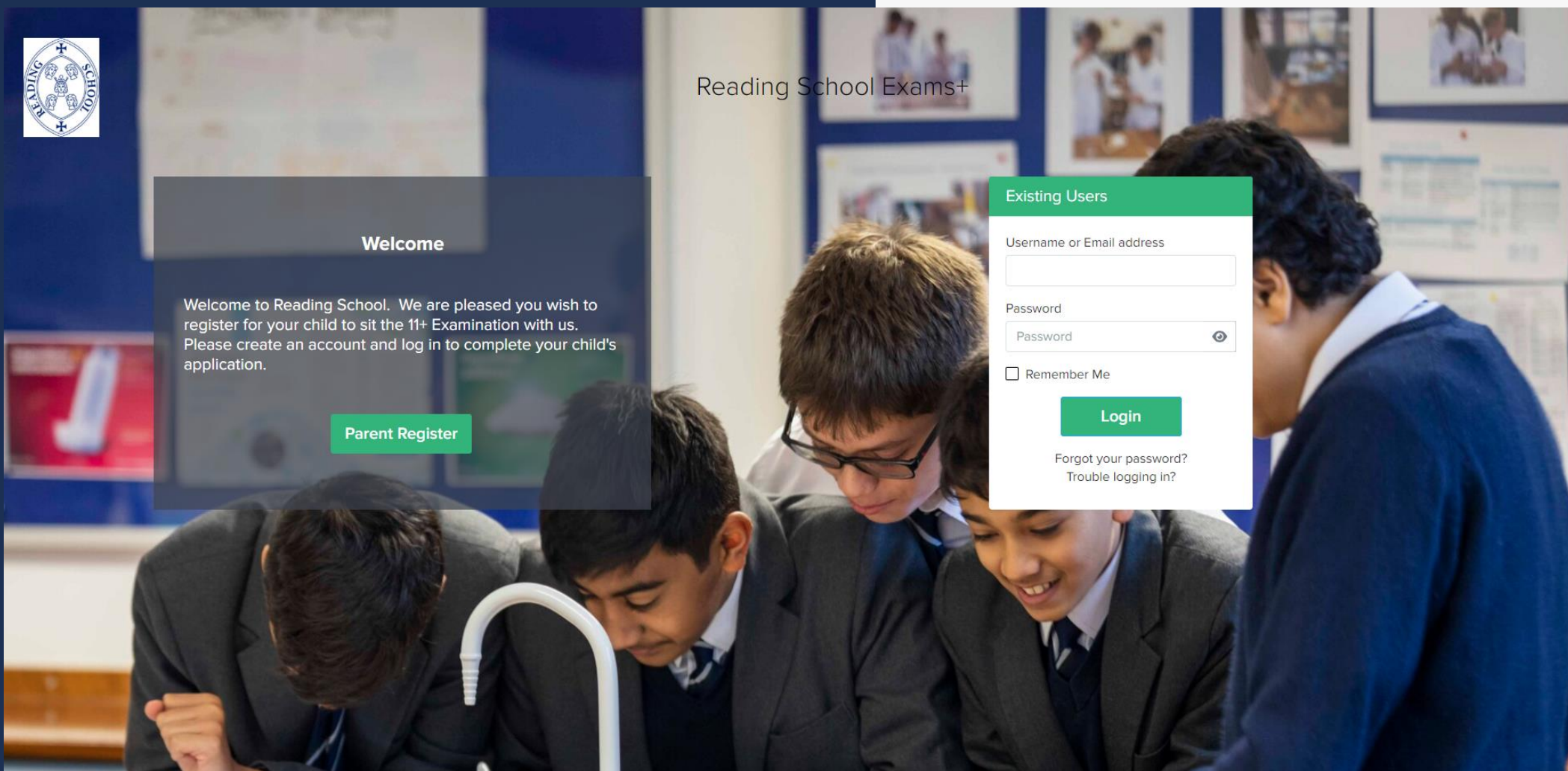


The Admissions Process



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 May 2023
- Registration must be completed by midnight on 30th June 2023
- 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 Wednesday 6th September 2023 free. You may wish to advise your child's school of this date in advance.



The Entrance Test

- Three Papers which will assess an applicant's Maths, English and Creative Writing abilities.
- The testing process lasts approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes
- Extra time (up to 25%) available for pupils with recognised special needs and other reasonable adjustments where required.

SEN Open Days:

We would like to give you an opportunity to meet the Student Support Team and discuss how we support students with Special Educational Needs, in the entrance test and in school:

Wednesday 17th 1.30-2.30pm, via Teams

Wednesday 24th May 2-3pm, Reading School

If you are interested in attending, please email Shelley Gwyther at sgwyther@reading-school.co.uk

Queue outside one of 3 gates at Reading School
or The Great Hall, Reading University

Say goodbye to your parents

Come onto the school site

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



Sit the first test

Have a toilet break with a drink and snack

Sit the second paper

Sit the third paper

Meet your parents and leave via the same gate

The Year 7 Entrance Test Day –
what you can expect

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Step 3: Entrance Test Results

You receive the results of the test mid-October 2023

- Papers are marked and moderated
- Raw marks are standardised.
- Standardisation takes pupils' ages into account.
- You will be given your son's total standardised score for both Maths and English. If he achieves the standard in both, then his Creative Writing will also be marked.



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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 2023



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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 (1st March 2024)
- 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 introducing a 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 **and** are ranked highest in sporting aptitude.

The Sporting Aptitude Assessment takes place on Saturday 2nd September 2023. 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 2023 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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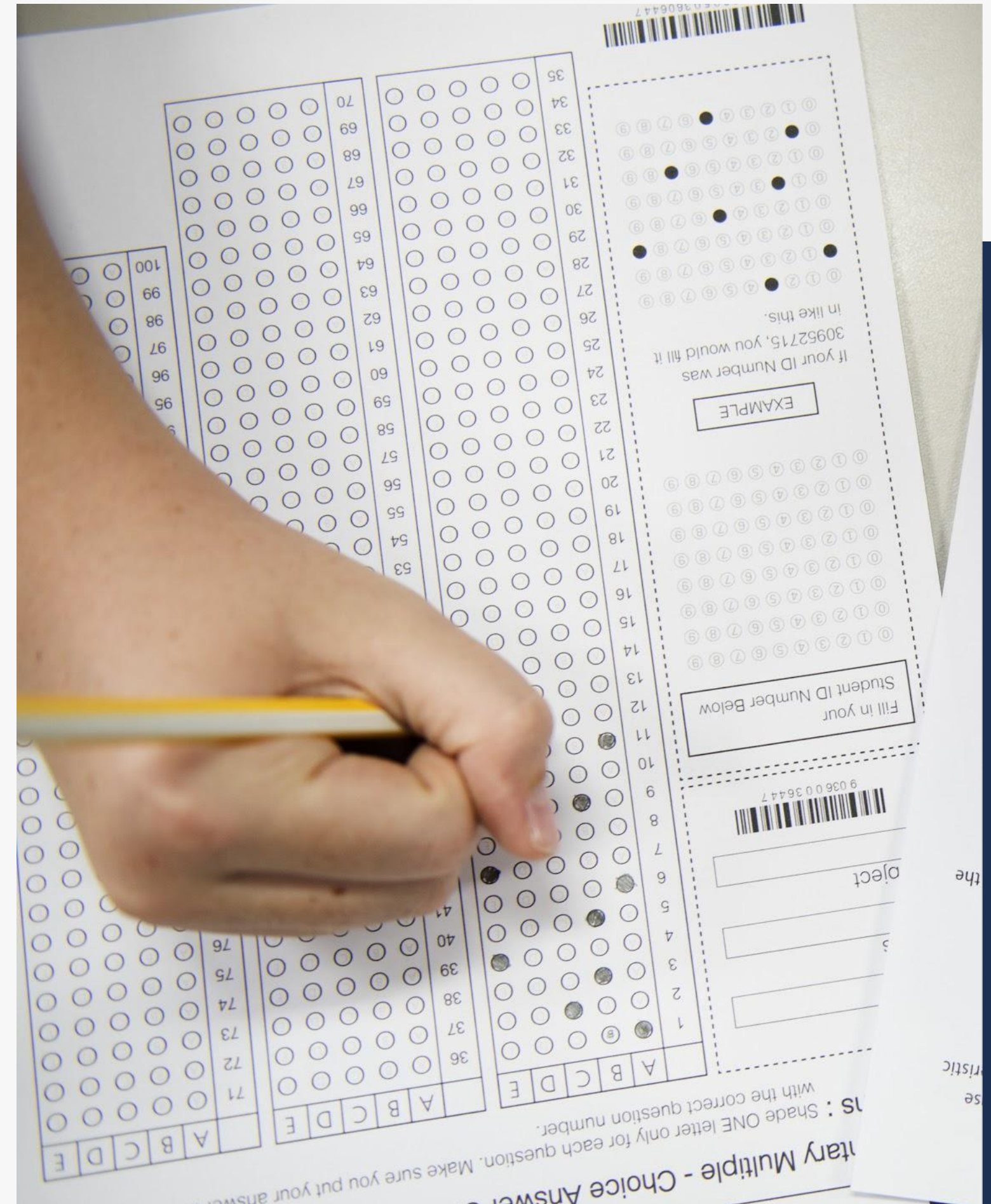
“What is the eligible score?”

This decision will be made by the Governing Body Admissions' Committee prior to the publication of results and is not available at this time.

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 will also be available 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 May 2023

Registration opens

30 June 2023

Registration closes at midnight

2 September 2023

Sporting Aptitude Assessment for those eligible and who have registered.

6 September 2023

Year 7 entrance tests for all boys who have registered.

Mid-October 2023

Parents notified of results of Year 7 entrance tests

31 October 2023

Deadline for submission of Common Application Form to Local Authority

1 March 2024

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 May 2023*) [*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