



Admission to Year 7 in September 2024 Frequently Asked Questions regarding Admission Test Results

IMPORTANT: The school will not be able to give any further information about test results other than the information you have received in your email communications.

Q	Why have I not been told my child's test results?
A	<p>Grammar Schools only need to notify parents of whether their child has met the standard for entry.</p> <p>We want parents to be able to make informed decisions about which schools to name on their CAF. We have found that publishing test results leads to confusion, uncertainty and misinterpretation especially on forums and via social media. This is particularly disadvantaging for families with English as an Additional Language.</p> <p>Given the large number of applicants, we are confident that we will need to apply our Oversubscription Criteria. Therefore, by informing you of the oversubscription Category your child has been placed in, we believe we have managed to provide the maximum possible clarity at this stage of the process.</p> <p>Parents whose child has achieved an eligible score, should pay close attention to the Oversubscription Categories noting whether their child will be offered a place, may be offered a place or is unlikely to be offered a place.</p> <p>The Eligible Score is based on performance in English, Maths and Creative Writing. Students will be ranked based on their Maths and English scores and achieving the standard in Creative Writing, subject to the Oversubscription Criteria in the current Admissions Policies:</p> <p>Admissions Policy – Day Students Admissions Policy – Boarding Students</p>
Q	My child has achieved the eligible score. Will he be offered a place?
A	<p>Your son has achieved the eligible score for Reading School and therefore may be offered a place depending on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including Reading School as a preferred school on your CAF • The number of candidates with an eligible score who put Reading School on their CAF • The application of the oversubscription criteria (see below): <p>OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR DAY APPLICANTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Previously) Looked After Children and/or Children previously in care outside of England with a score up to 5 marks below an eligible score; 2. Children with Pupil or Service Premium living within the catchment area with a score up to 5 marks below an eligible score; 3. Up to 15 places for children who have demonstrated aptitude in sport, who live within the Catchment area or who have applied for a boarding place, (by achieving a score in the Sporting Aptitude Assessment above the threshold) by rank order of performance in the sporting aptitude assessments; 4. Children whose permanent home address is within the catchment area; 5. Children whose permanent home address is NOT within the catchment area; Evidence of all of the above will need to be submitted and approved in order for a child to be admitted. <p>OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR BOARDING APPLICANTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Previously) Looked After Children and/or Children previously in care outside of England with a score up to 5 marks below an eligible score; 2. Children with Pupil or Service Premium with a score up to 5 marks below an eligible score; 3. Children with a boarding need; 4. Up to 15 places for children who have demonstrated aptitude in sport, who live within the Catchment area or who have applied for a boarding place, (by achieving a score in the Sporting Aptitude Assessment above the threshold) by rank order of performance in the sporting aptitude assessments; 5. All other Candidates; <p>As per the communication sent to you, you will see the Oversubscription Category your child has been placed in and the likelihood of them being offered a place at Reading School if you name Reading School as first choice on your CAF. If you feel your child is in the wrong Category, please email: admissions@reading-school.co.uk with the appropriate evidence.</p>

Q	What is the eligible score for Sporting Aptitude for entry in September 2024
A	<p>If your child participated in the Sporting Aptitude Assessments and achieved the standard required and achieved the minimum eligible score for English, Maths and Creative Writing, he will be considered for one of up to 15 places in Year 7. If he is placed in Category 3 (Day Applicants) or Category 4 (Boarding Applicants) then he will be offered a place if you name Reading School as your first preference on the Common Application Form.</p> <p>Scores were based on all elements of the Sporting Aptitude Assessments. 104 were taken through to the second stage assessments. The top 15 have been ranked in Category 3 (Day Applicants) or Category 4 (Boarding Applicants).</p>
Q	I live outside the catchment area and my son has achieved the eligible score. What is the likelihood of him being offered a place?
A	<p>Please see above. If your son was living outside of the catchment area after 31st August 2023 then it is unlikely that he would be offered a day place at Reading School due to the large number of applications received from those who live within the catchment area.</p> <p>After due consideration you may come to the decision that it is in the best interests of your child that he be considered for a boarding place.</p> <p>If this proves to be the case, then the admissions office must receive written confirmation of your wishes to change your application from day to boarding by 31st October 2023 at the latest. I should remind you that the School is only able to accept an application for a boarding or a day place but not for both. Please email: admissions@reading-school.co.uk if you wish to amend your application and arrange a tour of boarding.</p>
Q	Where is my son's place in the rank order?
A	Reading School does not know this information as we do not know at this stage who has applied for a place at Reading School and the extent to which the application of our oversubscription criteria may need to be used. No school sees the CAF and therefore where you have placed that school in your ranked list.
Q	How many candidates sat the entrance test for Reading School for entry in September 2024?
A	A total of 1125 candidates sat the test at Reading School.
Q	How many candidates who took the test achieved Reading School's eligible score
A	516 candidates achieved the eligible score.
Q	How many day applicants who took the test achieved the eligible score or above and were living in the catchment area as at 31st August 2023?
A	367 candidates who have registered for a day place achieved the eligible score and were living within the catchment area as at 31 st August 2023.
Q	How many boarding applicants who took the test achieved the eligible score or above?
A	51 candidates who have applied for a boarding place achieved the qualifying score or above.
Q	How many day applicants were placed in each Category of the Oversubscription Criteria?
A	<p>Day Applicants</p> <p>Category 1 – 2</p> <p>Category 2 – 14</p> <p>Category 3 – 13</p> <p>Category 4 – 338</p> <p>Category 5 - 98</p>
Q	How many boarding applicants were placed in each Category of the Oversubscription Criteria?
A	<p>Boarding Applicants</p> <p>Category 1 – 0</p> <p>Category 2 – 1</p> <p>Category 3 - 0</p> <p>Category 4 – 2</p> <p>Category 5 – 48</p>

Q	What is my son's raw score for each test?
A	Reading School considers this information to be commercially sensitive under exemption 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states that information is exempt of information if its disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.
Q	When will I know if I have been offered a place at Reading School?
A	The National Offer date is 1 st March 2024.
Q	Can I see my son's test papers?
A	It is not possible to see a candidate's test papers as they are commercially sensitive and the property of FSCE Ltd.
Q	Which postcodes make up Reading School's catchment area?
A	<p>RG1, RG2, RG4, RG5, RG6, RG7, RG8, RG10, RG12, RG18, RG19, RG30, RG31, RG40, RG41, RG42, RG45.</p> <p>RG9 1, RG9 2, RG9 3, RG9 4 & RG9 5 RG14 1, RG14 2, RG14 3, RG14 5, RG14 6 & RG14 7 RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6 & part of RG20 7 (east of A34) RG26 3, RG26 4 & part of RG26 5 (north of A339) RG27 0 & parts of RG27 8 & RG27 9 (north of M3)</p> <p>GU15 1, GU15 2, GU15 3 & GU15 4 GU17 0 & GU17 9 GU19 5 GU46 6 & GU46 7 GU47 0, GU47 8 & GU47 9</p> <p>OX10 0, OX10 8, OX10 9 & part of OX10 6 (south of A4130) OX11 9</p> <p>SL4 4 SL5 0, SL5 7, SL5 8 & SL5 9</p> <p>For a map of the Catchment Area, please see: Map of Catchment Area</p>
Q	What is Pupil Premium?
A	<p>Pupil Premium are those pupils who have received funding for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years or who are currently eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>(This does not include the national free school meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as this is available to all children regardless of household income).</p>
Q	What is Service Premium?
A	<p>The service premium is designed to support children with parents serving in the regular British armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces; b) one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years or one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces c) the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

Q	How does being eligible for Pupil Premium or Service Premium affect my son's application?
A	<p>If your son's permanent home address is within the catchment area for Reading School and he is a pupil premium or service premium child, then he is eligible to be considered under Category 2 of the oversubscription criteria. This means if he has achieved the eligible score he will be offered a place at Reading School before Categories 3 and 4 are applied. If this applies to your son, please ensure the admissions office has all the evidence required to ensure your son is ranked correctly.</p> <p>If your son sat the test at Reading School, verification of Pupil Premium or Service Premium was obtained from your son's current primary school via the Registration Form brought to the test day. Clarification may be sought if necessary.</p>
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Q	Can papers be remarked?
A	<p>All the entrance tests are double scanned and checked using different optical mark readers and different staff. The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. We will therefore not undertake any test re-marks until after the national offer date (1st March 2024). The cost of a re-mark to parents is £75 per paper.</p> <p>Please note that Creative Writing is not eligible for a re-mark. This is because they have already been manually judged by a minimum of 10 individual members of staff from Reading School who are aware of the standard required for entry.</p>
Q	Can I appeal?
A	You cannot appeal about your son's test mark. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1 st March 2024 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.
Q	I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for an anonymised copy of the results.
A	This information will be published on the school's website in May 2024. We are not obliged under section 22 of the FOIA to provide information that is intended for future publication. In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.
Q	I have completed my CAF already but now wish to change my choices.
A	Please contact your Local Authority directly to see if this is possible.