



ADMISSION TEST INFORMATION OCTOBER 2018

What tests are involved ?

There are three tests, Literacy, Numeracy and Non-Verbal Reasoning

How long do the tests last ?

It takes just over 3 hours in total for all three tests to be taken. This includes the time taken for pupils to be given instructions, a brief practice test for each test and a break when refreshments are provided (fruit juice and biscuits) and there is the opportunity for girls to use the toilets.

Who sets and marks the tests ?

The tests are provided by a well-respected national body, which also undertakes the marking for the school. Results are standardised against a national norm.

Girls are different ages when they take the tests. Does this make a difference ?

Allowance is made for a girl's age as part of the standardization process.

What is the pass mark ?

A standardized score of 100 is what a child of this age of average ability is expected to achieve. The range of possible scores is from 70 to 140, 70 representing a score very much below average and 140 a score very much above average. Therefore, there is no 'pass mark' as such. The results of the three tests will be added together and then an average taken which will determine the band as follows:

Band 1: average scores of 111 and above

Band 2: average scores of 89 to 111

Band 3: average scores of 88 and below

The number of places available in each band is:

Band 1: 25%

Band 2: 50%

Band 3: 25%

If there are more applications than places in any of the bands, then the admission criteria will be applied (please see the attached sheet).

Will I be informed of the scores my daughter achieves ?

If you are offered a place for your daughter, you will be informed of her scores at interview.

What happens if my daughter does not attend to take the tests ?

Your daughter will be expected to take the tests at the time and on the date notified to you. This is essential if her application is to be considered in the first round of the admissions process.

If following the tests in November, there are still places available in any of the bands, a further opportunity will be provided in the Spring for the tests to be taken by those who missed them in November.

Are past test papers available for my daughter to practice ?

No. The tests used are copyright and have very restricted availability. It is not intended that girls should practice or be coached for these particular tests as that would distort the results, though any general help you can give your daughter with English and Mathematics is, of course, very valuable to her.