

OPEN EVENTS FOR THE CONSORTIUM OF GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN SHROPSHIRE, WALSALL & WOLVERHAMPTON

Haberdashers' Adams (Boys), Newport, Shropshire. TF10 7BD
Tel: 01952 953810

Places available - 105 day pupils, 10-15 boarding pupils

Open Days: Monday 3rd February & Tuesday 4th February 2020
(see website for details: www.adamsgs.uk)

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of these morning or afternoon sessions, beginning 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively. Booking is required.

Newport Girls' High School, Wellington Road, Newport. TF10 7HL
Tel: 01952 797550

Places available - 90

Open Day & Evening: Thursday 4th April 2019 (see website for details: www.nghs.org.uk)
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 midday
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Queen Mary's Grammar School (Boys), Sutton Road, Walsall. WS1 2PG
Tel: 01922 720696

Places available - 180

Open Evening: Thursday 13th June 2019 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
(see website for details: www.qmgs.org)
Open Morning: Wednesday 19th June 2019 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Queen Mary's High School (Girls), Upper Forster Street, Walsall. WS4 2AE
Tel: 01922 721013

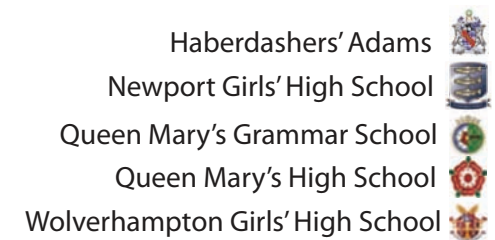
Places available - 150

Open Evening: Thursday 4th April 2019 7 - 9 p.m. (see website for details: www.qmhs.org.uk)
Open Mornings: 30th April, 3rd May and 10th, 12th & 19th June 11:30 - 12:45 p.m.

Wolverhampton Girls' High School, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton WV6 0BY
Tel: 01902 551515

Places available - 180

Open Afternoon: Tuesday, 14th May 2019 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Open Mornings: Wednesday 15th May and Friday 17th May 2019. 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Appointments are not necessary
(see website for details: www.wghs.org.uk)

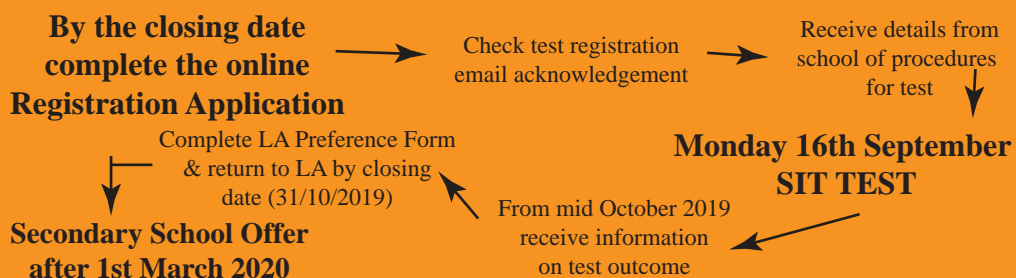


THE CONSORTIUM OF GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN SHROPSHIRE, WALSALL & WOLVERHAMPTON

INFORMATION FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Day education at all of the Grammar Schools is free. The Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton has been established in order to ease the process of application for parents who are considering the option of a grammar school education for their child. All five schools have an impressive reputation for the provision of outstanding education and have been doing so for many years. Each school prides itself on the breadth of curriculum it offers together with the high quality of teaching and learning that is delivered. The schools set high academic standards and consistently achieve top positions in national league tables. Students are also able to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities such as music, sport and drama.

TIME LINE FOR ENTRANCE TEST PROCESS



TEST REGISTRATION

Please complete the online registration application to register for The Consortium of Grammar Schools' entrance test. **Closing date: 4pm, 5th July 2019**

Registration applications received after the closing date may be considered as 'late applications' (please see relevant school's admissions policy).

ELIGIBILITY

The tests are open to pupils who will be 11 years of age, (under 12), on 31st August 2020. (They will be in Year 6 of primary education at the time of the test). **Children will be allowed to sit the entrance test only once and if they are unsuccessful they will not be eligible for admission to the schools below the sixth form.** (This is not the case for Haberdashers' Adams, Newport Girls' and Wolverhampton Girls' High School - for full details please see their admission policy).

You do not need to live in the areas of the schools. You may apply wherever you live but should consider the travelling time for your child. However, for Haberdashers' Adams School and Newport Girls' High School please read their Admissions Policy on their over-subscription criteria.

Pupils are admitted on the basis of their performance in the test. After the test, candidates are ranked according to their test scores. *(For Queen Mary's Grammar and Queen Mary's High Schools, priority will be given to children attracting Pupil Premium at the time of the test who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of test score and limited to no more than 30% pupils. If the number under this criterion exceeds 30%, priority will be given to pupils:*

1) Attending a primary school listed in the Walsall Children's Service Directory. 2) Pupils who do not attend a Walsall School. Both 1 & 2 will be allocated by rank order of their test score. For Wolverhampton Girls' High School the first 20 'Pupil Premium' students at the time of taking the test, whose test scores are ranked highest in the merit order and have achieved a test score equal to or exceeding the qualifying score will be offered a place on 1st March. Please see individual websites for further information and deadlines for providing evidence of pupil premium).

The rank order list for each of the grammar schools will be passed to the Local Authorities (LAs) who will allocate places as explained under the 'Results' section.

THE TEST

To be held on: **Monday, 16th September 2019.**

If you haven't heard anything by the 10th September please contact the school to which you have applied.

The consortium of grammar schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton has agreed that the Entrance Test will not be re-arranged for candidates who are engaged in pre-planned activities, such as school trips, on the test date.



HABERDASHERS' ADAMS



FORMAT

There will be two papers, each of approximately 60 minutes. The papers will be divided into smaller, individually timed, sections which test: verbal ability/non-verbal ability and numerical ability.

Children will complete all answers on the OMR answer sheet, questions will take a multiple-choice format. Space for workings out will be available within the test booklet.

Please advise your child that the test instructions and timings will be delivered via an audio recording. The marks will be standardised to take account of different ages and then a total weighted score provided to parents.

PREPARATION

Sample questions can be viewed on each school's website. A range of publications designed to assist preparation for school admission tests is available from leading bookshops. These cover verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and maths. None of the Consortium of Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton keep past papers and these are not available from other sources.

Intensive coaching or tuition for the tests is not in the long-term interests of your child. The Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton is in no way connected to, nor does it endorse or recommend, the services of any organisation or agency purporting to offer tuition and/or training or revision courses for children to assist in preparing them for school entrance tests. Many children are anxious about sitting tests. You can help by not putting pressure on your child.



WOLVERHAMPTON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



HOW TO APPLY

We advise all parents to visit the school(s) before completing the online test application and preference forms.

All applicants must complete **two** applications:

1. An online test registration application for The Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton To register your child please visit the school's website where you want your child to take the test. If you have any difficulties in completing the online application please contact the school to which you are applying. Your application will be acknowledged on receipt. If you do not receive an email acknowledgement within 14 working days please contact the school.
AND
2. Your home Local Authority (LA) secondary transfer preference form. You will not need to complete this until after the publication of the results. This is to be returned to your LA by the date indicated in their documentation. (Usually by the 31st October).

On both applications you should indicate every grammar school to which you are interested in applying. You can put more than one grammar school. Putting the name of only one school will not increase your child's chances of being awarded a place there - it will simply mean that your child will only be considered for that school and not any other grammar school.



NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

If your child has a disability, Special Educational Needs and/or requires special arrangements to sit the test, please ensure that the school where you want your child to sit the test is notified in writing. You will be asked to provide information about your child's disability and to supply detailed medical evidence. Please refer to the individual school's websites for the date for the return of these forms.
ILLNESS

You will be required to sign a registration card to confirm that your child is fit and well enough to take the test. If however your child is ill on the 16th September and is unable to sit the test, you **must** telephone the school where your child is taking the test before the test commences on that day. A medical note will need to be submitted for an alternative testing date to be arranged - other exceptional circumstances should be brought to our attention.



QUEEN MARY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RESULTS

A notification letter giving information on the outcome of the test will be sent week commencing 14th October 2019 to all applicants by each school to which they applied in time for the completion of the LA preference form. This does not apply to Haberdashers' Adams School and Queen Mary's Grammar School as only one letter will be issued from the school at which your child sits the test.

All Local Authorities operate an equal preference system. This means if your child meets the criteria for two or more schools, your Local Authority will offer you a place at the school you have ranked highest on the Local Authority form. Therefore, if you put one of the Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton first on your Local Authority form, but your child does not achieve the required standard in the entrance test, you will not put at risk your chance of being offered a place at any other school you have listed. Your child's application for other schools will be treated in the same way as every other application. You will receive an offer letter from your Local Authority confirming the school allocated after 1st March 2020.



QUEEN MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

**Closing date for receipt of registrations:
4pm, 5th July 2019**

**Test Date:
Monday 16th September 2019**