

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **FURTHER INFORMATION IS CONTAINED THE IN THE ADMISSION NOTES**

### **ENTRANCE TESTS**

#### **ACADEMIC TEST**

(Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning)

The Academic Test will take place on Saturday 19 November 2011. Information about the test and the arrangements, including sample questions, will be sent to applicants prior to the date. The tests do not have multiple choice answers. Please note that sample papers for the tests are not available from the school.

**Mathematics:** This part of the test will take 50 minutes and consists of 50 questions. Papers are prepared specifically for the Consortium.

**Verbal Reasoning:** This part of the test will take 45 minutes and consists of 100 questions. Papers are reserved specifically for the Consortium. Similar VR tests for this age group are available from good book shops.

The scores are "age standardised". This takes in to account the age range within the year group so that all have a fair assessment.

There is no pass mark for the academic test, places being offered strictly in descending order of each applicant's standardised test score until the allocation is filled.

#### **Special Consideration**

If you consider that your child may be disadvantaged under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act or has special educational needs you must provide each school to which you are applying with independent evidence, together with the completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF), so that appropriate provision can be made. This **written** evidence **must be** given to the Admissions Officer by the closing date for applications.

#### **MUSIC TEST**

All applicants for Music will sit a written aptitude test. This will take place on Tuesday 8 November 2011. The test does not require any previous knowledge of music theory.

There are no practice papers for the Music Test.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE ACADEMIC AND/OR MUSIC TEST?**

Those unable to attend on this date due to compelling religious, medical or other reasons should notify the Admissions Officer as soon as possible and the applicant will be offered one alternative date.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS ILL ON THE DAY OF THE ACADEMIC AND/OR MUSIC TEST?**

You should notify the school as soon as possible and the applicant will be offered one alternative date.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD LATER COMPLAINS THAT SHE FELT ILL DURING HER ACADEMIC AND/OR MUSIC TEST?**

If your child is ill on the day of the Test, you should inform the school so that arrangements can be made for her to attend on the alternative date.

**NOTE: If she completes the test, her score will stand regardless of whether she felt unwell on the day. No adjustment can be made to marks once a test is taken.**

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## **GENERAL**

### **HOW DO I MAKE AN APPLICATION?**

1. Send a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) form to Watford Grammar School for Girls
2. Send a completed Common Application Form (CAF) form to your own Local Authority (the Authority to whom you pay your Council Tax) with Watford Grammar School for Girls as a named School.

BOTH forms MUST be completed and returned to the correct place

**WHAT IS THE DFE NUMBER FOR WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS?**  
9195403

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF) TO WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS?**

We will not know about your application and you will not be entered for the Academic and/or Music tests. Your application will only be considered under the 'Distance' rule.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT SUBMIT A COMMON APPLICATION FORM (CAF) TO MY LOCAL AUTHORITY?**

Even if you take the Academic and/or Music tests, we will **not be able to offer your daughter a place**

### **IF I LIVE OUTSIDE HERTFORDSHIRE, DO I STILL NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL?**

No, but you MUST complete the Common Application Form for your own Local Authority (the Authority to whom you pay your Council Tax) with Watford Grammar School for Girls as one of your named preferred Schools.

**CAN I APPLY UNDER MORE THAN ONE CRITERION?**

Yes, you can apply under as many criteria as are relevant.

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CRITERION 2 (PROXIMITY) AND CRITERION 4 (DISTANCE)?**

The distances of ALL applicants are measured and placed in order. Criterion 2 is the initial 10% of places that are offered. Criterion 4 Distance places are offered if there are any places left at the end of the allocations. We simply return to the distance list and continue to work down it.

**HOW NEAR TO THE SCHOOL DO I HAVE TO LIVE TO QUALIFY UNDER THE PROXIMITY CRITERION?**

This will vary from year to year depending on who is applying and where they live. The furthest child admitted under the Proximity/Distance this year lived 1083 metres from the school (rounded up to the nearest metre) See Admissions Notes for more information on the measurement.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY CHILD'S SPORTING ABILITIES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?**

No. This does not affect her application.

**IS THERE A SCHOOL BUS FROM NEAR MY HOME ADDRESS**

There is no School transport. The School is a short walk from Watford Town Centre which is well served by buses. Many girls travel by train to Watford High Street station which is close to the School. Increasing numbers of girls walk or cycle to School.

NB: If the answer you are looking for is not here, please read the full Admission Notes.