

**How does my daughter gain admission to Stroud High School?**

Stroud High School is a selective school. To gain a place your daughter must first sit, and achieve the required standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test. For 2019 entry, the test will be held on the morning of **Saturday 15 September 2018**. The Published Admission Number for Stroud High School for Year 7 in September 2019 is 150.

**How do I apply to sit the grammar school entrance test?**

You must complete a Grammar School Registration to enable your daughter to sit the entrance test. Information on this will be found on the Stroud High School website [www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk). Registration for the entrance test is available online from the school's website [www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk). Registration opens on Friday 1 June at 12 noon and closes on Saturday 30 June at 12 noon.

**What is the format of the test?**

The test consists of multiple choice style questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers, with each test session taking around an hour. At the beginning of each session there is time built in for instructions and some worked examples, the tests themselves will take around 45 to 50 minutes. Appropriate warnings will be given before the end. There will be a break between the papers of around 20 minutes.

**Who is CEM?**

CEM is one of the largest independent providers of educational assessment and monitoring systems in the world. They have been developing selection assessments since 1999, and provide tests for a number of grammar schools in other counties. CEM designs its tests to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential without excessive preparation.

**Is it possible to obtain some practice papers/sample questions beforehand?**

A familiarisation booklet, which gives examples of the sorts of questions used in the test, is available from the school website. CEM does not produce commercially available practice materials.

**Please be aware that materials sold on the internet, or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation and practice materials, are not genuine CEM materials.**

**How should my daughter prepare for the test?**

Beyond the familiarisation material, the best preparation for the tests is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

**Pupil Premium**

A student from a family entitled to claim Pupil Premium at the time of the test who reaches the required qualifying standard in the entrance test will be given priority. Documentary evidence will be required prior to sitting the test. Please refer to the School's Admissions Policy 2019 entry for full details. A student is eligible for Pupil Premium if she is entitled to Free School Meals – including the 'Ever6' rule (has been eligible for Free School Meals at any time in the last 6 years).

**Arrangements for the Test Day**

Your daughter will take the test in a classroom with approximately 25 girls in each group – students from the same primary schools are placed together. Older students from the school provide support for the students both before the tests begin and during the break between tests.

**When will I get the results?**

The results will be available by Monday 15 October 2018 in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form (usually submitted by 31 October 2018).

**If my daughter reaches the qualifying standard how do I apply for a place at Stroud High School?**

If your daughter meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can apply for a place at Stroud High School by completing the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for allocation of school places. The deadline for this is 31 October 2018.

**Does the school have a catchment area?**

Stroud High School does not have a catchment area.