



2021 Admissions (Frequently Asked Questions)

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 2021 entry, the test will be held on the morning of **Saturday 12 September 2020**. The Published Admission Number for Stroud High School for Year 7 in September 2021 is 150.

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

You must complete a Grammar School Registration Form 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. Registration for the entrance test is available online from the school's website www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk. Registration will open on **Monday 18 May 2020 until noon Tuesday 30 June 2020**. Those who fail to register will not be able to sit the test in September.

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/Service 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 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 in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form (usually submitted by 31 October 2020).

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 2020.

Does the school have a catchment area?

Stroud High School does not have a catchment area.

Key dates for September 2021 Entry

Register to sit the Entrance Test in Year 5	Monday 18 May – 12 noon Tuesday 30 June 2020
Entrance Test	Saturday 12 September 2020
Results	By Monday 12 October 2020
Local Authority 'Common Application Form' deadline	31 October 2020
Local Authority Allocation Day	1 March 2021
Local Authority acceptance of place OR request for re-consideration deadline	After 1 March but by Monday 8 March 2021
Local Authority notifies parents with outcome of waiting list request	After 29 March 2021
Admissions appeals	May/June 2021

Please note:

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