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Stroud High School Admissions Information Results Out - What Happens Next? November 2020

Entrance Test results will be issued after 2pm on Tuesday 1 December 2020.

You will be notified by email with the following information:

1. Qualified in the Top 150 Ranked students for Stroud High School
2. Qualified for Stroud High School and will be given a ranking
3. Not Qualified for Stroud High School

Please note that this email does not constitute an offer of a place, but will give you an indication of the likelihood of being offered a place at Stroud High School by Gloucestershire County Council on 1 March 2021, depending on your Common Application Form (CAF) preference.

Qualifying Standard:

Students who achieve a qualifying standard are eligible for consideration for a place at Stroud High School. **Please be aware that even if your daughter has achieved a qualifying standard, this does not automatically guarantee a place.**

You should have already submitted your CAF to the Local Authority the deadline was **31 October 2020**. If the form was not received by this date, your preferences will not be taken into account, and the County Council will allocate a school for you. This will not be a Grammar School. The Local Authority after the deadline do not allow you to amend your CAF, however if you have any queries about your choices made on your CAF please contact your own Local Authority. If you live outside of Gloucestershire you need to apply to your home Local Authority who will then liaise with Gloucestershire County Council.

How are places allocated?

Whether your daughter will be allocated a place at Stroud High School will depend upon:

- How many students ranked higher for Stroud High School than your daughter
- How many of those students have stated a preference for Stroud High School, and
- How many of those students have stated a higher preference for another school and whether they have met the criteria for a place at that school

The Local Authority will offer places on **Monday 1 March 2021** to the highest ranking students who have expressed an interest in Stroud High School until its admission number of 150 is reached. There are likely to be more students who have a qualifying standard than can be offered a place. Students who meet the qualifying standard, but have not been successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to request **between 1 March and 8 March 2021** to be put on a **waiting list** and may be offered a place should one become available. Only candidates who meet the qualifying standard for Stroud High School can be added to Stroud High School's waiting list. Parents are also entitled to appeal (see below).

Gloucestershire County Council strongly encourage you to accept the school place which has been offered even if you are unhappy with it, to ensure that your daughter has a school place for September 2021. **Accepting a school place does not affect your right to be placed on a waiting list or to appeal.** The Local Authority will inform parents of the outcome of waiting list requests after **29 March 2021**. The closing date for return of acceptance following waiting list offers will be by **Wednesday 7 April 2021**.

Non-qualifying Standard:

Students who did not achieve the qualifying standard are unable to be considered for a place at Stroud High School or to be placed on the waiting list.

Appeals:

Appeals may be lodged for students who do not meet the qualifying standard or who have met the qualifying standard but have not been offered a place. An Independent Appeal Panel considers each appeal carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. The panel's decision is binding upon the school. Further details of this process will be available from the Admissions Officer after 1 March 2021.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Standardisation: Each section of the paper is standardised separately (Verbal, non-verbal and numerical). Standardisation takes into account the ability of the cohort and the age of the candidate, together with the date of the test.

Scores: Test scores will not be released.

Re-marks: Test papers and answer sheets will not be made available to parents. The papers are marked twice as part of the marking process in September. The second scan is undertaken on different hardware using different staff and the results are crosschecked. Any discrepancies are then dealt with manually.

First Effective Preference: You do not miss out on a place at your second (or third etc) preference school by putting another school higher on your Common Application Form. If the Local Authority cannot offer you your first choice of secondary school, your second (or third etc) will 'shuffle up' to become your **first effective preference**.

If you need any further information regarding admission to Stroud High School, please visit the School Website Admissions pages <http://stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk/Admissions> or contact Lynn Poole, Admissions Officer on 01453 764441 or at admissions@stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk

If you need any further information regarding allocation of school places, please contact the Admissions and Transfers Team school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk or 01452 425407.