

**STROUD HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
OCTOBER 2018**

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.**

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your Common Application Form, showing your list of secondary school preferences, is returned to the Admissions and Transfers Team at Gloucestershire County Council by **31 October 2018**. If the form is 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. If, in light of these results, you wish to amend the form you have already submitted, please resubmit your online application or write to the Admissions and Transfers Team (Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP) by **31 October 2018**, confirming any amendment you wish to make.

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 **Friday 1 March 2019** 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 2019** 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 advise that you 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 2019. **Accepting a school place does not affect your right to be placed on a waiting list or to appeal.**

For Gloucestershire residents who are applying for the Grammar School Entrance Test for the first time and for those candidates who live outside of Gloucestershire, in addition to liaising with your own local authority, it is advisable to download the Common Application Form via the Gloucestershire County Council website and email the completed form to school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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 on the school website after 1 March 2019.

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.

Scores: Test scores will not be released.

Re-marks: Test papers and answer sheets will not be made available to parents. A re-mark is only possible as part of the appeal process.

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 Pauline Blacklock, Admissions Officer on 01453 764441 or at admin@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 (tel: 01452 425713).