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Stroud High School Admissions Information

Results Out - What Happens Next? October 2026

Entrance Test results will be emailed home to parents mid October.

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 2027, 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 child 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 Local Authority by **31 October 2026**. Gloucestershire County Council Admissions Team have confirmed that they **cannot accept any changes** after this date. If you have **NOT** put Stroud High School down as a preference, the Local Authority will not be able to consider your child for a place at our school. 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 child will be allocated a place at Stroud High School will depend upon:

- How many students ranked higher for Stroud High School than your child
- 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 2027** 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.

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 child has a school place for September 2027. **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 by the end of March. The closing date for return of acceptance following waiting list offers will be by **5 April 2027**.

Waiting List:

Students who meet the qualifying standard, but have not been successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to request **between 2 March and 15 March 2027** 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).

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. You are entitled to appeal (see below).

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 2027.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Standardisation: Each section of the paper is standardised separately by GL as part of their marking process. 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.

Rankings: The ranking for your child will be different for each school, should you have shared their result, as each of the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools have a different group of children to rank. Therefore, the rank you have been given from us is just for Stroud High School.

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 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.