



Batley Grammar School (Secondary Phase) Applying for a Year 7 Place

a Free School for boys and girls aged 11-18 (includes sixth form)

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Entry at age 11

For full details of our admissions arrangements please see our Admission Policy available at www.batleygrammar.co.uk.

The admissions arrangements for the year 2012-2013 will be part of the local authority's admission procedures and parents should apply using the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) provided by the authority and should also complete Batley Grammar School's own supplementary information form.

We anticipate that there will be 60 places available in Y7 in September 2012. This is assuming that 24 Y6 pupils in the primary phase will transfer into the secondary phase. If less pupils transfer then more places will be available to external applicants up to a maximum total of 84 pupils in Y7.

Admitting pupils of all abilities

Our intake in September 2012 will be representative of the full ability range and will exactly match the profile of the children applying here.

To achieve this all applicants take a non-verbal reasoning assessment to divide them into five bands or "stanines" from Band 1 at the top to Band 5 at the bottom. We will admit the required number from each band based on the spread of ability of those applying for September 2012.

The fair banding assessment is not a traditional entrance exam which pupils either pass or fail. It is done to ensure we take a fair number of pupils across the whole ability range.

The school will admit children with statements of special educational needs where Batley Grammar School is named on the statement.

Criteria for admission

The following criteria for admissions apply in the order set out below:

1. Children in public care (looked after children)

2. Children with a very exceptional medical or social need on the recommendation of an independent professional indicating that Batley Grammar School would be the only school able to meet that child's needs
3. Children with an older sibling on the school roll in Y7 to Y11 at the date of admission. The term sibling includes a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousins, who will be living permanently with the child at the same address at the date of admission.
4. An independently scrutinised random selection from each of the five bands.

Tie break

If a tie-break is necessary in criterion 3 then random allocation will be applied by allocating each applicant a number which will be randomly sorted by a computer programme. The process will be overseen by an independent scrutineer.

Calendar for admissions

2011

September The school will publish in its prospectus information about the arrangements for admission, including oversubscription criteria, for the 2012. This will include details of open evenings and other opportunities for prospective pupils and their parents to visit the school.

24 September Open morning 9.00am-12.30pm - this event provides an opportunity for parents to visit the school;

31 October Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) to be completed and returned to the local authority to administer. Batley Grammar School supplementary information form to be returned to the school by Monday 31 October 2011;

26 November School holds a day when all Y6 applicants can sit the fair banding assessments;

2012

1 March Y7 offers are made to parents by the local authority.

If your child is not offered a place

If your child is not offered a place at Batley Grammar School, your child will be placed on a waiting list which the school will administer. Where places become available they will be allocated in accordance with the criteria above. The waiting list will remain open until 31st December 2012.

If you are dissatisfied with our admissions procedure, you will also have the right of appeal. The appeal panel will be independent of the school. The panel's decisions will be final and binding on the school. If you are considering an appeal, please contact the Admissions Secretary at the school for further information and advice.

Contacts

The Admissions Secretary, Mrs Rosie Gregg, is available on Wednesday afternoons 1.30-3.30 pm to help parents with their enquiries about admissions.