Entrance Test 2019 for Entry to Year 7 in September 2020

Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School
‘Inspiration & Excellence’

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

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KING EDWARD VI HANDSWORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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SUTTON COLDFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

www.birminghamgrammarschools.org
1. Choosing a School

There are eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham and they are listed on the back page. They all:

- Offer an outstanding all-round education
- Consistently achieve top position in national league tables
- Offer excellent opportunities for pupils to excel in a wide range of extra-curricular activities

Full information for each of the schools can be found on their individual websites (listed on the back page of this leaflet).

We advise you and your child to visit all the schools open to you before you complete your Local Authority preference form.

Dates of the Open Days at each school are listed in this brochure and can be found on our website. Equivalent information is available from the schools’ websites.

All of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham are FREE to attend

Uniform grants, travel grants and free school meals may be available to those eligible.

2. Test Registration

Registration opens - Wednesday 1st May 2019
Registration closing date - Friday 28th June 2019 at 4pm
Test date - Saturday 7th September 2019

This is the same date that Warwickshire Grammar Schools will be holding their test. It will be the same test paper, but Warwickshire Grammar Schools and Birmingham Grammar Schools will only administer the test for children registered with them. Children wishing to be considered for both Warwickshire and Birmingham Grammar Schools should only register once and only sit the test in either Birmingham or Warwickshire. Parents registering for the Grammar Schools in Birmingham will need to tick a box online if they wish their child’s test results to be shared with the Warwickshire Grammar Schools.

When registering you will need to upload a clear photograph of your child’s face (head and shoulders) taken within the last month. This must be a clear photo of your child’s face or it will NOT be accepted. Sending any other type of photograph other than what is requested will delay the completion of registering your child for the test.

The closing date for registration is Friday 28th June 2019 at 4pm

Registrations cannot be submitted after this date and your child will not be entered for the test.

To register your child for the Grammar Schools in Birmingham entrance test, please visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

If you have any difficulties in registering online please contact: 0121 415 6004

Your test registration form will be acknowledged immediately by email. This is very important, this is your receipt to show you have registered for the test. You will receive a second email within 15 working days. If you do not receive the second email within 15 working days please telephone the above number.

Late registrations and those without a suitable photograph will not be accepted.

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3. Eligibility

If your son or daughter was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, you may register them to sit the test for entry in September 2020. Children born either side of these dates are not normally eligible.

1,272 places are available for children aged 11 in September 2020 but the grammar schools are extremely popular and entry is very competitive. Not every child achieving the qualifying score can be offered a place.

Pupils are admitted on the basis of their performance in the test. For full details of the admissions policy and how children are offered please visit the schools’ individual websites.

Each of the grammar schools give some priority to children registered for Pupil Premium (free school meals). Parents of children registered for Pupil Premium MUST tick the relevant box online when registering their child for the test or by the test date at the latest.

4. The Test

To be held on Saturday 7th September 2019.

There will be two tests, each of approximately 50 minutes with additional time for instructions to be given. Each test booklet will be divided into smaller, individually timed sections which test:

- Verbal ability
- Reading comprehension
- Non-verbal ability
- Mathematics

Children will record their answers on a separate answer sheet and all of the questions are multiple-choice format. Space for workings out will be available within the test booklet. The scores for each section will be standardised to take account of differences in age and then added together resulting in a total rounded score.

PREPARATION

Details of the format of the test and familiarisation questions are available on the website. We strongly recommend that your child is familiar with the sample questions and is aware how to record their answers correctly. A range of publications designed to assist preparation for school admission tests are available from leading bookshops or online. Suitable practice papers are those that cover verbal ability, non-verbal ability, mathematics and reading comprehension. Neither the Admissions Office nor any of the schools keep past papers and these are not available from other sources.

Intensive coaching or tuition for the tests is not in the long-term best interests of your child. The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is in no way connected to, nor does it endorse or recommend, the services of any organisation or agency purporting to offer tuition and/or training or revision courses for children to assist in preparing them for school entrance tests.

Many children are anxious about sitting tests. You can help by not putting pressure on your child.

5. Special Arrangements

If your child has a disability and/or requires additional resources to sit the test, please ensure that The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is notified by email via admissions@ske.uk.net. You will be asked to complete a form describing your child’s disability/needs and to supply detailed medical evidence. The completed form needs to be returned by Wednesday 19th June 2019.

Please note that this date is earlier than the test registration deadline and that information provided after this date may not be considered.

If your child is unable to sit the test on Saturdays for religious reasons, please tick the relevant box when registering. An alternative date can then be arranged if you submit a supporting letter from your religious leader. Supporting evidence for any alternative date requests must be submitted by 28th June 2019; if evidence has not been received by this date your child will be registered to sit the test on the main Saturday date.

ILLNESS

If your child is ill on the test day and unable to sit the test, you must telephone 0121 415 6004 on the morning of the test by midday. A medical note will need to be submitted for an alternative date to be arranged.

6. Results

You will receive your child’s test score in writing by Friday 18th October. All of the grammar schools set a qualifying score for entry and children who do not achieve this score cannot be considered for a place.

Having this information available before you complete your child’s Local Authority preference form will enable you to make an informed decision about the likelihood of your child obtaining a grammar school place.

You can apply to more than one grammar school and we advise all parents to visit the schools before completing their child’s Local Authority preference form.
What communication should I expect after I have submitted a test registration form for my child?

1. Auto-Reply

**IMPORTANT**

If your form has been submitted successfully you will receive an automatic acknowledgement email **immediately** following submission.

If you have not received this automatic email it is very likely your form has **not** been submitted successfully and your child has **not** been registered for the test. Please check carefully for this and check your junk folder; if you have not received this email please contact us.

2. Acknowledgement

Within 15 working days of you submitting the registration form you will receive a second email with an **attachment** containing details of the test venue.

3. Information pack

At the end of August you will receive a letter containing details of what to do on the day of the test including times etc.

4. Test Results

You should expect to receive your child’s test results by Friday 18th October 2019. The test results are **NOT** an offer of a place but provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision when submitting your Local Authority Preference Form.

We advise you to wait for your child’s test results before submitting school preferences to your Local Authority.

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**Preference Form Applications**

Please note that your child cannot be considered for a place at a school which is not named on their Local Authority preference form.

Your home Local Authority will consider your application to each of the schools you have named on the Local Authority preference form. You may be able to name up to six schools.

Information on how places are allocated is available on your home Local Authority website. Please read this information very carefully.

All Local Authorities operate an equal preference system. This means if your child meets the criteria for two or more schools, your Local Authority will offer you a place at the school you have ranked highest on the Local Authority preference form. Therefore, if you put a grammar school first on your Local Authority preference form, but your child is not successful in the entrance test, you will not put at risk your chance of being offered a place at any other school you have listed. Your child’s application for other schools will be treated in the same way as every other application. For example, it will depend on the distance between your home and the school for most community schools.

**Preference forms must be submitted to your home Local Authority by 31st October 2019.**

**Timetable & Important Dates**

1. Submit Test Registration Form online by 4pm on Friday 28th June 2019.

**N.B. Late registration WILL NOT be accepted.**

2. Note that the test will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019.

3. Visit the School/s on one of their Open Days (see back page of this leaflet or our website).

4. Expect your child’s test results by Friday 18th October 2019.

5. Complete and return your home Local Authority preference form by Wednesday 31st October 2019.

## Contact details

### Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School (DfE No.330 4660)
- Location: Lichfield Rd | Sutton Coldfield | B74 2NH
- Tel: 0121 250 5400 | [www.bvgs.co.uk](http://www.bvgs.co.uk)
- Head: Mr Dominic Robson BAHons NPQH
- Places available: 192 Boys
- Open day dates:
  - Thur 27th June 2019
  - Tue 24th Sep 2019
  - Tue 15th Oct 2019
  - Wed 16th Oct 2019
  - Thu 17th Oct 2019
- Times:
  - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
  - 9.00am - 10.30am
  - 9.00am - 10.30am
  - 9.00am - 10.30am
  - 5.00pm & 6.00pm
- Head’s address: 174 Boys

### King Edward VI Aston School (DfE No.330 5408)
- Location: Frederick Rd | Aston | B6 6DJ
- Tel: 0121 327 1130 | [www.keaston.bham.sch.uk](http://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk)
- Head: Mr Colin Parker MHist MBA NPQH
- Places available: 140 Boys
- Open day dates:
  - Tue 9th July 2019
  - Thu 24th Oct 2019
  - Thu 24th Oct 2018
- Times:
  - 9.00am - 11.00am
  - 9.15am - 11.00am
  - 9.30am
- Head’s address: 140 Boys

### King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys (DfE No.330 5407)
- Location: Vicarage Rd | Kings Heath | B14 7QJ
- Tel: 0121 444 2150 | [www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk](http://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk)
- Head: Mr Martin Garrod MA
- Places available: 120 Boys
- Open day dates:
  - Fri 20th Sep 2019
  - Sat 21st Sep 2019
  - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
  - 6.00pm & 7.30pm
  - 9.30am
  - By prior appointment only
  - Displays close at noon
- Head’s address: 120 Boys

### King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls (DfE No.330 5406)
- Location: Vicarage Rd | Kings Heath | B14 7QJ
- Tel: 0121 444 3188 | [www.kechw.org.uk](http://www.kechw.org.uk)
- Head: Mrs Linda Johnson BEd MEd NPQH
- Places available: 150 Girls
- Open day dates:
  - Thur 4th July 2019
  - Mon 21st Oct 2019
  - Wed 23rd Oct 2019
  - Thur 24th Oct 2019
  - Thur 17th Oct 2019
- Times:
  - 4.00pm - 6.45pm
  - 4.15pm & 6.15pm
  - By prior appointment only
- Head’s address: 150 Girls

### King Edward VI Five Ways School (DfE No.330 5405)
- Location: Scotland Lane | Bartley Green | B32 4BT
- Tel: 0121 475 3535 | [www.5ws.org](http://www.5ws.org)
- Head: Mrs Yvonne L Wilkinson BAHons NPQH
- Places available: 180 Boys & Girls
- Open day dates:
  - Thur 27th June 2019
  - Wed 17th Oct 2019
- Times:
  - 10.45am - 12.30pm
  - 1.45pm - 3:15pm
  - 6.00pm - 8.30pm
  - 10:45am
  - 1.45pm
  - 10:45am
  - 6.00pm, 7.00pm & 8.00pm
- Head’s address: 180 Boys & Girls

### King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (DfE No.330 5402)
- Location: Grove Lane | Handsworth | B21 9ET
- Tel: 0121 554 2794 | [www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk](http://www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk)
- Head: Dr Simon Bird BAHons DipEd, MA NPQH FRGS FRSA
- Places available: 150 Boys
- Open day dates:
  - Thur 20th June 2019
  - Wed 19th Sep 2019
  - Fri 18th Oct 2019
  - 9.30am
  - 6.30pm & 7.30pm
- Head’s address: 150 Boys

### King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls (DfE No.330 5404)
- Location: Rose Hill Rd | Handsworth | B21 9AR
- Tel: 0121 554 2342 | [www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk](http://www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk)
- Head: Mrs Amy Whitall MA
- Places available: 160 Girls
- Open day dates:
  - Fri 7th June 2019
  - Wed 25th Sep 2019
  - Fri 18th Oct 2019
  - 9.30am
  - 9.30am
- Head’s address: 160 Girls

### Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls (DfE No.330 4300)
- Location: Jockey Rd | Sutton Coldfield | B73 5PT
- Tel: 0121 354 1479 | [www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk](http://www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk)
- Head: Dr Barbara Minards
- Places available: 180 Girls
- Open day dates:
  - Wed 26th June 2019
  - Wed 18th Sept 2019
  - Thu 19th Sept 2019
  - 6.00pm - 8.30pm
  - 11.30am - 12.30pm
- Head’s address: 180 Girls

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*You are advised to arrive promptly to allow time to see the campus.*