

# The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

ADMISSIONS 2019



**Bishop Vesey's  
Grammar School**

*'Inspiration & Excellence'*



**KING EDWARD VI  
ASTON SCHOOL**



**KING EDWARD VI  
CAMP HILL  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS**



**KING EDWARD VI  
CAMP HILL  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**



**KING EDWARD VI  
FIVE WAYS SCHOOL**



**KING EDWARD VI  
HANDSWORTH GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS**



**KING EDWARD VI  
HANDSWORTH  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**



**SUTTON COLDFIELD  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS**

## I 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. Each school has its own prospectus which will be given to you when you attend the Open Day. Equivalent information is available from the schools' websites (addresses on back page).

**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 - Tuesday 1st May 2018.  
Registration closing date - Friday 29th June 2018.  
Test date - Saturday 8th September 2018.

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 29th June 2018 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](http://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 2007 and 31st August 2008, you may register them to sit the test for entry in September 2019. Children born either side of these dates are not normally eligible.

You do not need to live in Birmingham to attend these schools. You may apply wherever you live but should consider the travelling time for your child.

1272 places are available for children aged 11 in September 2019 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. Applicants are ranked according to their test score and then:

### For Bishop Vesey & five of the King Edward VI Grammar Schools

Priority will be given to:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children who achieve the qualifying score,
- A specified number of children registered for Pupil Premium (those children registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past six years) who achieve the qualifying score and then
- Those who live nearest to the school (only where test scores are equal)

### For King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys

Where test scores are equal, priority will be given to:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children and then
- Those who live nearest to the school

### For Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Where test scores are equal, priority will be given to:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children
- Children registered for Pupil Premium (those children registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past six years)
- Those who live nearest to the school

Parents of children **registered** for Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) **MUST** tick the relevant box online when registering their child for the test or by 28th September 2018 at the latest. Late indications up to 28th September 2018 should be made via [pupilprem@ske.uk.net](mailto:pupilprem@ske.uk.net). This **cannot** be amended following this date.

You should refer to the Local Authorities (LA) or schools' websites for full details of the admissions policies.

### Admission for older children

Occasionally vacancies arise for entry after the age of 11 and all of the schools welcome applications for places in their sixth forms. Please contact the individual schools for further information.

## 4 The Test

To be held on Saturday 8th September 2018.

### FORMAT

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
- Numerical ability

Children will record their answers on a **separate answer sheet** and most of the questions will take a 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 familiarisation questions and the format of the test will be sent to you upon receipt of your completed registration form. 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, numerical ability 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.**

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## 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 **a1@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 20th June 2018**.

**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 29th June 2018; 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 or by 4pm on Monday 10th September 2018. 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 12th October together with the minimum scores required for entry in the previous 3 years. In addition, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and five of the King Edward VI Grammar Schools have each 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.



## 7 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 given in your home Local Authority booklet or available online. 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.

**This office does not issue Local Authority preference forms. Preference forms must be submitted to your home Local Authority by 31st October 2018.**



## Timetable & Important Dates



1. Submit Test Registration Form online by 4pm on Friday 29th June 2018.  
**N.B. Late registration WILL NOT be accepted.**
2. Note that the test will be held on Saturday 8th September 2018.
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 12th October 2018.
5. Complete and return your home Local Authority preference form by Wednesday 31st October 2018.
6. Expect your child's secondary school offer on or after 1st March 2019.

## 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 it within 24 hours and you have checked your junk folder please contact us.

### 2. Acknowledgement

You will receive a second email with an **attachment** containing important information. You will also be provided with details of your child's candidate number and a link will be provided to sample questions and the location of the test centre.

You should expect to receive this second email within 15 working days of you submitting the registration form.



### 3. Information pack

At the end of August you will receive:

- a. Exam Call Letter
- b. 'Fit to Sit' Form (Form B)
- c. 'Important Information & What happens next?'

#### a. Exam Call Letter

This letter provides the full details of the test venue, including the full address of the allocated test centre, times and 'do and do not's' etc.

#### b. 'Fit to Sit' Form (Form B)

You will need to sign Form B and bring it with you to the test centre on the morning of the test. By bringing the signed form you are notifying the test centre that your child is fit and well to sit the entrance test. To avoid delays, please sign the form **before** arriving at the test centre. The form must be dated for the day of the test.

If the form is not signed, it may result in your child not being entered for the test.

#### c. 'Important Information and what happens following the test?'

This gives you important information on the schools' admissions criteria and details about what happens next following the test. It provides you with further information about 'cut off' and qualifying scores.

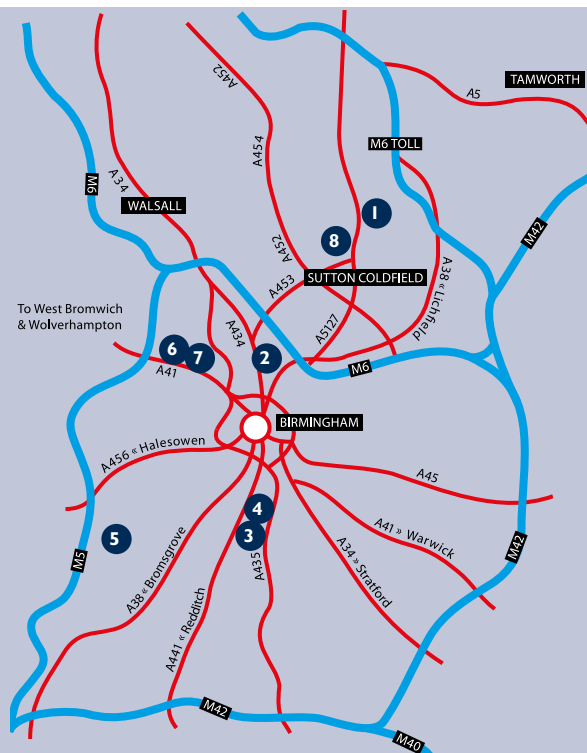
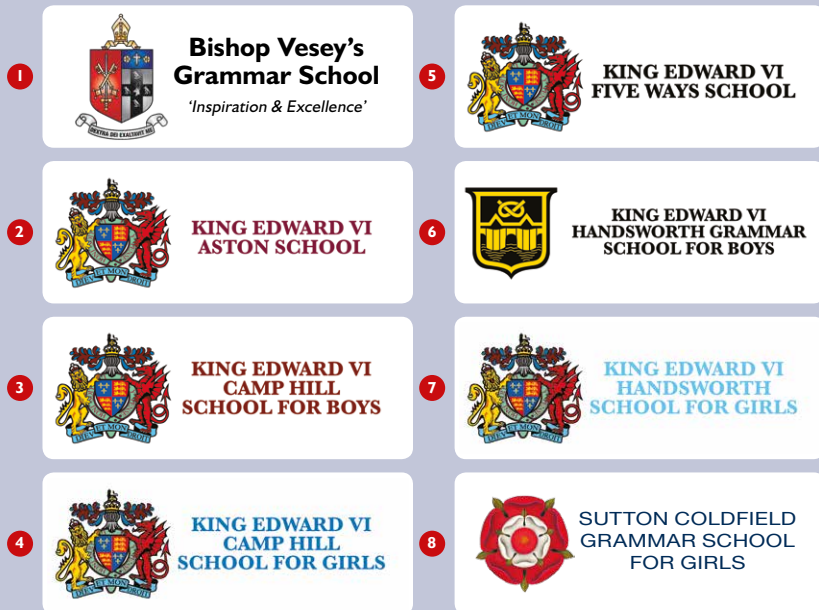
### 4. Test Results

You should expect to receive your child's test results by Friday 12th October 2018. 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 Secondary Transfer (Preference) Form.

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



# The Grammar Schools in Birmingham addresses, locations, details & Open Days



Details of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham		Places available	Open day date	Times**	Head's address
1	<b>Bishop Vesey's Grammar School (DfE No.330 4660)</b> Lichfield Rd   Sutton Coldfield   B74 2NH Tel: 0121 250 5400   <a href="http://www.bvgs.co.uk">www.bvgs.co.uk</a> Head: Mr Dominic Robson BAHons NPQH	192 Boys*	Thur 28th June 2018 Tue 25th Sep 2018 Tue 16th Oct 2018 Wed 17th Oct 2018 Thu 18th Oct 2018	4.00pm - 7.00pm 4.00pm - 7.00pm 9.00am - 10.30am 9.00am - 10.30am 9.00am - 10.30am	5.00pm & 6.00pm 5.00pm & 6.00pm 9.50am 9.50am 9.50am
2	<b>King Edward VI Aston School (DfE No.330 5408)</b> Frederick Rd   Aston   B6 6DJ Tel: 0121 327 1130   <a href="http://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk">www.keaston.bham.sch.uk</a> Head: Mr Colin Parker MHist MBA NPQH	140 Boys*	Mon 2nd July 2018 Mon 15th Oct 2018 Tue 16th Oct 2018	1.30pm - 3.00pm 9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm	1.30pm 9.30am 1.30pm
3	<b>King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys (DfE No.330 5407)</b> Vicarage Rd   Kings Heath   B14 7QJ Tel: 0121 444 3188   <a href="http://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk">www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk</a> Head: Mr Martin Garrod MA	120 Boys*	Fri 21st Sep 2018 Sat 22nd Sep 2018	6.00pm - 8.00pm 10.00am - 12.30pm†	6.00pm & 7.30pm 10.15am & 12.00pm †displays close at noon
4	<b>King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls (DfE No.330 5406)</b> Vicarage Rd   Kings Heath   B14 7QJ Tel: 0121 444 2150   <a href="http://www.kechg.org.uk">www.kechg.org.uk</a> Head: Mrs Linda Johnson BEd MEd NPQH	150 Girls*	Thur 5th July 2018 Mon 22nd Oct 2018 Tue 23rd Oct 2018 Wed 24th Oct 2018	4.00pm - 6.45pm 10:45am 10:45am 5.30pm - 8.30pm	4.15pm & 6.15pm By prior appointment only By prior appointment only 6.30pm & 7.45pm
5	<b>King Edward VI Five Ways School (DfE No.330 5405)</b> Scotland Lane   Bartley Green   B32 4BT Tel: 0121 475 3535   <a href="http://www.kefvw.org">www.kefvw.org</a> Head: Mrs Yvonne L Wilkinson BAHons NPQH	180 Boys & Girls*	Tue 26th June 2018	10.45am - 12.30pm 1.45pm - 3:15pm	10.45am 1.45pm
6	<b>King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (DfE No.330 5402)</b> Grove Lane   Handsworth   B21 9ET Tel: 0121 554 2794   <a href="http://www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk">www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk</a> Head: Dr Simon Bird BAHons DipEd, MA NPQH FRGS FRSA	150 Boys	Thur 21st June 2018 Thur 20th Sep 2018 Thur 18th Oct 2018 Tue 23rd Oct 2018	5.00pm - 8.00pm 5.00pm - 8.00pm 9.30am - 10.30am 9.30am - 10.30am	6.00pm & 7.00pm 6.00pm & 7.00pm By prior appointment only By prior appointment only
7	<b>King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls (DfE No.330 5404)</b> Rose Hill Rd   Handsworth   B21 9AR Tel: 0121 554 2342   <a href="http://www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk">www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk</a> Head: Mrs Amy Whittall MA	160 Girls*	Tue 26th June 2018 Tue 18th Sep 2018 Wed 19th Sep 2018	9.30am - 11.00am 5.00pm - 8.00pm 9.00am - 12.00pm	9.30am 6.30pm & 7.30pm By prior appointment only
8	<b>Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls (DfE No.330 4300)</b> Jockey Rd   Sutton Coldfield   B73 5PT Tel: 0121 354 1479   <a href="http://www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk">www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk</a> Head: Dr Barbara Minards	180 Girls	Wed 27th June 2018 Wed 19th Sept 2018 Thur 20th Sept 2018	6.00pm - 8.30pm 6.00pm - 8.30pm 11.30am - 12.30pm	6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.40pm 6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.40pm For tours of the school

\*Includes up to a specified number of Pupil Premium places (20% of places, 25% at King Edward VI Aston School).

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