

2019 Year 7 Admissions (Frequently asked questions)

How does my son gain admission to Sir Thomas Rich's School?

Sir Thomas Rich's School is a selective school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the required standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test. For 2019 entry, the test will be held on Saturday 15th September 2018.

How do I apply to sit the grammar school entrance test?

You must complete a Grammar School Registration Form to enable your son to sit the entrance test. Information on this will be found on our website later in the academic year. Registration for 2019 entry will be open from noon on 1st June 2018 to noon on 30th June 2018. It is preferable for you to register online and all communication can then be by email. However, paper registration forms are available from the school on request. Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test you will be sent details of timings of the day and what your son should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of multiple choice style questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers each lasting 45 to 50 minutes with additional time for instructions and some worked examples. There will be a break between the papers.

Why has the test been changed?

The seven Gloucestershire Grammar Schools are concerned by the amount of tutoring that currently takes places. CEM are one of the largest independent providers of educational assessment and monitoring systems in the world. They have been developing selection assessments since 1999, and provide tests for a number of grammar schools in other counties. CEM design their tests to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential without excessive preparation.

Is it possible to obtain some practice papers/sample questions beforehand?

Familiarisation material is available on our website which gives examples of the sorts of questions used in the test. CEM does not produce commercially available practice materials. Please be aware that materials sold on the internet or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation and practice materials, are not genuine CEM samples.

How should my son prepare for the test?

Beyond the familiarisation material, the best preparation for the tests is to read books and to practise mathematics on a regular basis.

When will I get the results?

The results will be sent out after 3.30pm on Friday 12th October 2018. The results will be published in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form.