

FOREST PARK PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Secondary School Information
Evening
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What we do to prepare pupils for 11+

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Reasoning: Non Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning practice tests introduced at the beginning of Year 3.</p> <p>Assessments: Introduction of cloze procedures and CEM and GL style questions.</p> <p>Maths: Exposure to elements of 11+ papers through GL Assessment.</p>	<p>Intervention: Continued programme of intervention to maximise learning potential.</p> <p>Reasoning: Weekly Non Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning practice tests.</p> <p>English: Introduction of comprehension model in line with 11+ papers.</p> <p>English: Pupils continue to gain experience of planning and writing a variety of creative writing and essay types.</p> <p>Maths: Exposure to elements of 11+ papers through GL Assessment.</p>	<p>Intervention: Continued programme of intervention to maximise learning potential and for those not making expected progress.</p> <p>Assessment: Weekly Maths, English, Non Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning practice tests following the GL Assessment and CEM styles of examinations.</p> <p>English: Follows National Curriculum and 11+ curriculum with regular in-class assessment.</p> <p>English: Introduction of longer written assignments: how to plan, structure and write discursive, persuasive and narrative assignments.</p> <p>English: Introduction of CEM reading comprehension tasks.</p> <p>English: 11+ end of year assessment with clear targets and discussed with parents.</p> <p>Maths: Follows National Curriculum and 11+ curriculum with regular in-class assessment.</p> <p>Maths: Termly assessments using a variety of papers to assess progress and ability.</p> <p>Maths: 11+ end of year assessment with clear targets and next steps discussed with parents.</p> <p>General: Weekly 11+ papers completed and discussed in class. Timed conditions introduced.</p> <p>General: Introduction of completing timed tests in a formal setting (including mock examination).</p> <p>General: Introduce; 11+ weekly homework booklet, assessment & Target booklets.</p> <p>Extra Sessions: Begin early morning classes after October half term, Mon - Fri 8.00am.</p> <p>Holiday sessions: Opportunity to attend holiday classes throughout the Easter, Whit and Summer holidays.</p>	<p>Intervention: Continued programme of intervention to maximise learning potential and for those not making expected progress.</p> <p>Reasoning: Weekly Non Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning practice tests.</p> <p>English: Follows 11+ curriculum with regular in-class assessment.</p> <p>English: 11+ exam skills workshops.</p> <p>English: Written tasks are planned which link to the question types which appear on 11+ papers.</p> <p>English: Opportunities for children to continue to complete timed assessments.</p> <p>Maths: Follows National Curriculum and 11+ curriculum with regular in-class assessment.</p> <p>Maths: Opportunities for children to complete weekly timed 11+ assessments.</p> <p>Maths: 11+ exam skills workshops.</p> <p>General: Continuation of completing timed tests in a formal setting (including mock examination).</p> <p>Extra Sessions: Early morning classes continue up until 11+ examinations. Mon - Fri 8.00am.</p> <p>Interviews: Practice interviews with Headteacher, Deputy Head and Year 6 Teacher.</p>

11+ entry

At Forest Park Preparatory School, we prepare children for moving on to a wide variety of secondary schools. As an Independent School we are very mindful of, but not restricted by, the National Curriculum. Our curriculum is personally structured and, in the later years, there is a clear focus placed on the requirements of the Independent and State Grammar Schools entrance examinations at 11+ which runs alongside a rich curriculum influenced by the best parts of the national curriculum. The curriculum remains broad and balanced with a continued emphasis on creativity, questioning, and independent thinking.

Formal Assessments: Two formal Assessment Weeks take place annually in September and May, when children complete assessments in Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning. All assessment data is reviewed by staff and fed back to parents.

Parents Evenings: Parents' Evenings take place once a term, following a termly progress report. The child's progress report and next steps are discussed with the class teacher.

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Timeline for 11+ Application and Entry

Year 5

October	- Year 5 early morning classes begin Mon - Fri 8.00 a.m. - 8.45 a.m.
March	- Year 5 information Meeting to outline the examination process. - Holiday classes available over the Easter holidays and 11+ homework set. (Every Tuesday 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. with Miss Booth and Mrs Niland)
May	- Holiday classes available during half term holiday and 11+ homework set. (Every Tuesday 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. with Miss Booth and Mrs Niland) - Grammar School examination application forms made available online.
June	- Year 5 Mock Examination. - Year 5 Parents' Evening with Mrs Niland to discuss progress and 11+ options. - Grammar School open events for prospective parents.
July	- Applications close for Grammar Schools. - Holiday classes available during summer holidays and 11+ homework set. (Every Tuesday 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. with Miss Booth and Mrs Niland)
August	- Trafford Council will send Secondary School common application forms (CAF) to Trafford residents.

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Year 6

September	- Early classes continue during autumn term Mon - Fri 8.00 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. - Year 6 Mock Examinations (CEM and GL style). - State Grammar School entrance examinations take place.
October	- Independent Secondary School open events for prospective parents. - Grammar School examination results sent to parents. Late October: Closing date for Trafford Secondary School common application form (CAF).
November/ December	- Continuous Preparation for Independent Grammar Schools - Early classes continue for independent school preparation. Mon - Fri 8.00 a.m. - 8.45 a.m.
January/ February	- Independent Grammar School Examinations take place. - Independent Grammar School Pupil Interviews take place. - Mock interviews with the Headmaster, Deputy Head and Year 6 Class Teacher take place.
March	- Year 6 Secondary School Transition Evening
June	- Year 6 Secondary School transition workshops. - Transition days and visits to Forest Park by secondary school staff.



Secondary Schools in Trafford

- Altrincham College of Arts
- Altrincham Grammar School for Boys
- Altrincham Grammar School for Girls
- Ashton-on-Mersey School
- Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College - 210
- Broadoak School - 128
- Flixton Girls High School
- Loreto Grammar School
- Lostock College - M32
- North Cestrian
- Sale Grammar School
- Sale High School
- St. Ambrose College
- St. Antony's Catholic College - 130 (Urmston)
- Stretford Grammar School
- Stretford High School
- Urmston Grammar School
- Wellacre Academy - 200 - M41
- Wellington School

Local Independent Schools

- Manchester High School for Girls
- The Manchester Grammar School
- Islamic High School for Girls - 50 pupils
- Withington Girls' School
- Chethams School of Music
- St Bedes College
- Cheadle Hulme School
- Hulme Hall
- Alderley Edge School for Girls
- Stockport Grammar School
- Bridgewater School
- Kassim Darwish Grammar School for Boys - £25 reg fee - Feb 19
- The Grange - Jan 19

Other Options

- Knutsford Multi Academy Trust
- Lymm High

Trafford Council Schools



1. The CEM (entrance exam) application process
<https://www.traffordgscemc.co.uk/index.html>
 - Sale Grammar, Urmston Grammar, Stretford Grammar and Altrincham Girls only
 - Apply online from 21st May 2018 until 29th June 2018.
 - Results are due around the 13th October 2018
 - **Select share with all schools.**
 - **CEM Exam = Monday 17th September**
2. Common Application Form (CAF)
<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/admissions.aspx>
 - Create a user account and log in.
 - Sent to your home by the 12th September 2018.
 - 5 Preferences
 - Latest date to return 31st October (Parents usually complete after 13.10.18, as results from CEM exam will be available, therefore the preference choices may change - Have a plan A, B and C prior to this date)
 - Offers made on 1st March 2019.
 - You must accept a place by the 15th March



Remember ...

- Results for the CEM entrance exam will be available around the October half term holiday.
- If you have registered online with a login account, you should be able to access this via the internet if you are away on holiday.
- Results will also come via the post in the form of a result letter, one from each school. It will state the standardised score and whether they have passed the exam. It will not be an offer of a place at the school.
- A passed exam doesn't mean or guarantee a place in the school.
- You will then have until 31st October to make up to 5 school choices ordering them in your preferences. Your most preferred being the number 1.
- Trafford council inform the schools of all allocations, so individual schools will not see you preferences.
- Don't forget to log in to the complete the **Trafford CAF** form, this is a separate application in is very important to ensure you apply for your child's place at secondary school.



Trafford Grammar Schools'

CEM Consortium Entrance Test Familiarisation Booklet



The entrance tests consist of Verbal, Non Verbal and Mathematics questions, set and standardised by our service provider. The standardisation will take into account the applicants' date of birth. To be eligible for consideration of a place at the school a qualifying score of **334** is required. An automatic review is conducted for all candidates who score up to **13** marks below the qualifying score.



Altrincham Grammar
School for Girls
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Open Evening
Thursday 21st June 2018
4.00pm – 8.00pm
Intake usually around 175 pupils



Sale
Grammar
School

Open Evening
Wednesday 27th June 2018
5-8:30pm
Intake estimated at 180 pupils



Urmston Grammar School

Opening Evening
Thursday 21st June 2018
4-8pm
Intake approx 150 pupils



Stretford Grammar School

Open Evening
Thursday 28th June 2018
5-8pm
Intake approx 128 pupils



Admission Timetable for entry in September 2018

An example timetable from last year. This is on the Altrincham Girls website. NOTE: 2019 not available yet.

Date	What is happening	
Tuesday 2 nd May 2017 (12noon)	Application Form available to complete online All correctly completed Application Forms will be acknowledged by e-mail	Please complete Application Form on-line via: https://www.traffordgscemc.co.uk/index.html Please follow all instructions correctly
Thursday 22 nd June 2017	Altrincham Grammar School for Girls Open Evening	4.00pm – 8pm
Tuesday 27 th June 2017 (12 noon)	Closing date for ALL Applications	12 noon latest – early application recommended including documentation for all Special Arrangements
Tuesday 27 th June 2017	Urmston Grammar School Open Evening	6pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 28 th June 2017	Sale Grammar School Open Evening	6pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 29 th June 2017	Stretford Grammar School Open Evening	5.30pm – 8pm
By Thursday 7 th September 2017	Final details for the examination will be sent out – these will include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter advising arrival time and venue An attendance slip – this MUST be brought on the exam day with a photograph attached and stamped by the primary school. A Special Circumstances Form
Tuesday 12 th September 2017	Final details should have now been received by all candidates	If NOT, please contact the school immediately to arrange collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not contact the school prior to this date
Monday 18 th September 2017	ENTRANCE EXAM DAY	If your child is ill on the day please do not bring your child to the test. A doctor's note with the Special Circumstances Form and any supporting documentation must then be sent to the school by 12 noon on Thursday 21 st September in order to be offered an alternative date
Friday 20 th October 2017	Results for any testing will be sent out first class post to all candidates	A successful result does NOT guarantee a place. Please refer to the schools Admissions Policy for further details
31 st October 2017	The Common Application Form (CAF) must be returned to the home Local Education Authority by this date	If you wish your child to be considered for a school you MUST put it in the order of preference on your LA Common Application Form
1 st March 2018 (or next working day)	National Allocation Day	All candidates will be informed by their home Local Education Authority (LA) which secondary school they have been allocated
15 th March 2018	Acceptance for initial school offers	If your child has been offered a school all acceptances must be received by the relevant school by this date



Altrincham Grammar School For Boys

A Grammar School with Academy Status

- **Open evening - Thursday 28th June, 2018 (5.00-7.30pm) Parents and Boys welcome**
- Entrance Examination Day - Saturday 15th September, 2018.
- Entrance Examination Applications open on 1st March 2018.
- You must also list AGSB as a preference on your Local Authority Common Application Form.
- Closing date 19th July 2018 - You must apply direct to the school.
- Intake approx 173 pupils
- Follow this link for further information and online application
<https://www.agsb.co.uk/admissions/entrance-exam/>
- GI Assessment entrance examination
<https://www.gi-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/>
- Postcodes - WA13,WA14,WA15,M33,M23



Admission Timeline for entry into Year 7 September 2019

Date	What happens?	Information
March 1st 2018	Entrance Examination Application Apply on-line	Apply to us directly by completing an ON-LINE Application Form at: www.agsb.co.uk
Tuesday 6 th March and Wednesday 14 th March, 2018	Parent Information Evenings 7.00pm – 8.00pm	This is an evening for Parents only! A presentation will be shown explaining the application and allocation procedures. You only need to attend one of the evenings and no appointment is necessary.
Thursday 28 th June, 2018	Open Evening (5.00-7.30pm)	Parents and boys welcome to attend. No appointment necessary.
Thursday 19 th July 2018	Closing date for AGSB applications Closing date to submit Access Arrangement Requests	You MUST have submitted your application to us by this date! Late applications will only be considered following 1 st March 2019 This is also the last date to submit an Access Arrangement Request together with supporting documentation and a Special Circumstance Form should you need to report serious sickness or family issues relevant prior to the exam taking place.
1 st week in September 2018	Registration Form	We will send you a Registration Form. The applicant MUST bring this form with him to the examination. The form will provide you with his examination room and collection point.
Saturday 15 th September 2018	ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	Ensure you have your REGISTRATION FORM with you! If your child is ill on this day, please call us immediately so we can arrange an alternative assessment date. You must also complete an ONLINE Special Circumstance Form recording the sickness.
Middle of October	Examination Results Posted	We will post you your child's examination results to your home address. We will publish the day posted onto our website homepage. This is NOT the offer of a place!
31 st October 2018	National Closing Date for Local Authority Applications	You MUST have submitted your Common Application Form listing your preferred schools by this date. Failure to name us on this form will result in your child not being considered for a place here. You should name your highest preferred school first!!! The National Closing Date for Applications is 31 st October
1 st March 2019	National Offer Day	Your Home Authority will write to you informing you which school your child has been allocated.
15 th March 2019	Acceptance for School Offers	You must accept your school place by this date with your Home Authority and ourselves.
May 2019	Statutory Appeals	Should your child not be offered a place at this School, you have the right to appeal. Appeals for this School will be held in May

Independent Schools

Admissions staff meet in May, to liaise, plan and finalise open events, examination procedures and dates. When I receive this document I will forward to you.



Alderley Edge



- Open Taster Day - Monday 25th June
9:30-3pm
- Fee £75
- 11+ Entrance Examination in
January 2019

St Bede's



- Fee £50 registration plus entrance exam fee
- Entrance Examination Saturday in January 2019
- 9:30-12:30
- Many other open events on their website.

Manchester High School for Girls



- Open Evening- October 2018 TBC
- Fee £60 - TBC
- Applicants for entry into Year 7 are examined in
Mathematics, Essay Writing, Comprehension,
Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning,
followed by interview in Tuesday 16th January
2019
- Closing dates early December 2018



Stockport Grammar School

- Y5 Taster days - TBC
- Open Evening- October 2018 TBC
- Fee £ TBC
- English Comp, Essay Writing, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning in January 2019



Manchester Grammar School



- Assessment Day then invited for Entrance Examination Day in Wednesday 24th Jan 2019 - 2 English and 2 Arithmetic papers.
- Fee £40
- Open Evening- TBC

Withington Girls' School



- Open Evening TBC , until then private visits are welcomed.
- Entrance Examination Fee £50 sent with application form.
- Exam TBC, usually first week in January 2019
- Entry to the Senior School is by examination and interview
- Examinations in English Comprehension, English Essay, 2 Mathematics Papers and a Verbal Reasoning test.



Cheadle Hulme School

- Taster days - Thursday 14th June 2018, Wednesday 20th June 2018, Tuesday 26th June 2018
- Open Event - Autumn Term TBC
- Examination Fee £50
- Closing date Dec/Jan 2019 - TBC
- Examination date approx Monday 14th January 2019
- Interviews end of Jan to mid February 2019



Hulme Hall Grammar School

- Open Event - Autumn Term TBC
- Application Fee £25 (2018) TBC
- Examination in January TBC
- Assessment Day - Children take a MidYIS test-computer adaptive incorporating Mathematics and English Exams as well as attending lessons during the day.
- Follow up interview if successful.

Local Authority Schools



Sale High

- Open Evening - 10 July, 9.15 - 11.15
- M33, WA14, WA15. They also welcome children from postcodes M32 and M23.
- Sale High School will admit students to Year 7 in September, up to the admission number. The published approx admission number for September 2018 is 198. It's anticipated to be the same in 2019.



Altrincham College of Arts

- Open Evening - September TBC
- WA14, WA15 and M33, plus Trafford Authority residents within the M23 postcode.
- The net capacity of the school for purposes of admission to Year 7 in September 2019 will be 175.



Ashton on Mersey

- The number of places available for admission to Year 7 in September 2019 will be 254.
- Places will be offered by the Local Authority on 1st March 2018.



Wellington

- The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1 September 2019 will be 244.
- Postcodes WA14 and WA15.
- Open event - September TBC

North Cestrian



- The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2019 will be 125.
- Postcodes WA14 and WA15.
- Apply with Trafford CAF
- Open event - September TBC

Knutsford Academy



- The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2019 will be 180.
- Apply with Trafford CAF
- Open event - TBC

Flixton Girls' School



- The catchment area for Flixton Girls School is all of the M41 postcode and now further a field. Worth considering! They welcome tours, ring to arrange!
- Intake approx 180



Catholic Grammar Schools

Remember to apply separately on their respective websites, for the examination, as well as name them on the Trafford CAF Form.



St. Ambrose School



- Intake 140 boys
- Examination - Verbal Reasoning, Arithmetic and English
- Apply online directly with St Ambrose from mid-April to 31st August 2018.
- Also add school name to Trafford CAF form
- Examination is 22nd September 2018
- Open day Saturday 30th June 2018. 9:30-12:30.

Loreto Grammar School



Loreto
Grammar School
A Catholic Grammar School for Girls

- Open Event - Saturday, 30th June 2018, 9:30am to 12:30.
- Intake 150 pupils.
- Apply online direct with Loreto - Online Registration for the Entrance Examination 2018 for Year 7 Entry in September 2018 will go live on the morning of 30th June 2018.
- Saturday, 22nd September 2018. It will consist of closed GL tests in Verbal Reasoning and English plus a closed school test in Mathematics.
- Also add to Trafford CAF



Things to do:

1. **MAY/JUNE** - Visit the schools, compare and contrast as many as you can!
2. **MAY** - Apply for sitting tests
<https://www.traffordgschemc.co.uk/index.html> or direct with the other schools not in the Trafford Grammar School CEM Consortium.
3. **OCT** - Complete the CAF form, stating 5 preferences. Last day 31st October!

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Thank you for your time this evening. Please do not hesitate to contact us or Mr Tucker, if you have any queries throughout the summer term.