



APPLICATION FOR IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

Information Sheet 2021-2022

- This document should be read alongside the Determined Admissions Policy September 2021, the year of entry.
- Admissions to **Years 8 and 9** (and to **Year 7** from 1 January each academic year) will be handled in accordance with the school's In-Year Procedure
- Wycombe High School operates a two-year Key Stage 3 and a three year Key Stage 4, with GCSE work starting in September of Year 9. Only in exceptional cases will any place be offered in Year 10 or 11 due to the nature of the GCSE courses.
- Prospective applicants will only be permitted to take an admission test if they can demonstrate:
 - evidence of residence
- Those wishing to apply for In-Year testing should contact admissions@whs.bucks.sch.uk at which point they will be required to complete and return an In-Year application form.
- Within 15 days of receiving the completed In-Year application form applicants will be informed of either the date for the assessment of ability, which will be as soon as practicable, or the reason for refusal with information about the right of appeal
- The tests are held at Wycombe High School
- There are two different admission routes:
 - a) Annual testing round and admission into **Year 8 or 9** in September 2022, or earlier if a place is available.
 - b) Immediate testing and admission for students moving into the area between testing rounds if there are vacant places in **Year 7, 8 or 9**.

See below for details

a) Annual testing round and admission into **Year 8 or 9** in September 2022

- Prospective applicants will only be permitted to take an admission test if they can demonstrate:
 - for entry into **Years 8, 9, 10 and 11** in September 2022 (and to **Year 7** from 1 January 2022 where the number of students falls below PAN) that they achieved a scaled score of 110 or above in each of the following Key Stage 2 national tests:
 - Grammar, Punctuation, Vocabulary & Spelling
 - Reading
 - Mathematics

Prospective applicants who attended schools that did not participate in the national tests will be required to submit alternative evidence to demonstrate that they achieved an equivalent standard. The evidence will be reviewed by senior staff.

- The deadline for registration for the tests will be **9 November** or the first working day after this date if it falls on a weekend, in the preceding year.
- The Annual Testing Round will take place in January for entry into **Year 8 or 9** the following September.
- The academic suitability of candidates seeking admission will be assessed through a single computer-based test that assesses verbal, numerical and non-verbal ability
- Candidates will be required to achieve a minimum standard in the test to qualify for admission
- Performance is compared with standardised scores produced by Wycombe High School students within the same year group.
- A familiarisation resource will be provided to all eligible applicants

b) Immediate testing and admission for students moving into the area between testing rounds if there are vacant places in **Year 7, 8 or 9**.

- In-year admissions are for students who have recently moved into the local area seeking admission **during** a School Year
- Prospective applicants may apply to the school for immediate admission to any available place in **Year 7** (from 1 January), **8 or 9**.
- If there are no places available, the applicant will need to wait until the next Annual Testing Round
- The academic suitability of candidates seeking admission will be assessed through curriculum-based tests in English, Mathematics, Science and a Modern Foreign Language taught at Wycombe High School.
- Candidates will be required to achieve a minimum standard in each of these tests to qualify for admission
- Performance is compared with that of Wycombe High School students within the same year group.
- Specimen papers are not provided in advance of these tests.
- Upon receipt of the completed form, applicants' information will be retained and eligible applicants will be tested for entry when a place becomes available and not before.