



NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL – FAQ's

1. How do I register my daughter for the test?

Complete a Registration Form online which you can accessed from our website: www.nghs.org.uk by the deadline of Friday 5 July 2019 at 4.00pm, for Year 7 admission in September 2020. (Please note, your daughter may only sit the test once). You will receive an email acknowledgement to say that your application has been processed. A subsequent email will be sent within 14 school days from the school you have selected for your daughter to sit the entrance test.

2. Where will my daughter sit the test?

Whichever school you submit the Registration Form to determines the school at which your daughter will sit the test. You may, however, indicate your interest in one or both of the other girls' schools within the Consortium.

3. When/Where is the test?

Monday 16 September 2019 (afternoon) at Newport Girls' High School.

4. What if my daughter has Special Education Needs?

This should be indicated on the on-line Registration Form and a Special Arrangements Form should be attached to the email acknowledgement you receive. If you do not receive the form, it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/carer(s) to contact the school to request a Special Arrangements Form. The completed form should be accompanied by copies of all supporting information and medical reports by the deadline of Friday 5 July 2019. Early submission of the request for Special Arrangements will help ensure an independent assessment and the necessary arrangements can be made.

5. What if my child is ill on the day of the test?

You should telephone the school to inform us of your daughter's absence and obtain a Doctor's note with details/date of the illness.

6. What does the test involve?

All girls will sit two standardised tests consisting of Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Numerical Reasoning provided by CEM which is part of Durham University (samples available on our website).

7. Should I employ a Tutor?

No, intensive coaching/tutoring is not in the long-term interests of your daughter. Girls' will be anxious about sitting the test, you can help by not putting pressure on her.

8. Can I have copies of previous test papers for my daughter to practise?

No, the sample tests described above is the only information available.

9. What is the pass mark?

This varies each year depending on the individual tests taken. Also, because the marks are standardised to take into account each child's age, it is impossible to predict whether a particular mark will meet the pass threshold. The standardised test scores are sorted into rank order and places are awarded accordingly.

10. How are the places allocated?

There are 90 places. Priority is given to those girls who live in the Newport area. Places are allocated first to all 'In area' girls deemed to be of grammar school ability. When all 'In area' girls have been considered, any places remaining are offered to those 'Out of area' girls assessed as being the most able in the opinion of the Selection Panel. (The Selection Panel meets in September/October). This process is based on rank order in the test score. In/Out of area girls who are in public care but meet the score set by the Selection Panel, will be given priority.

11. When will we get the results?

Information on the outcome of the test will be sent to all applicants in time for completion of the Local Authority preference form.

12. Do I still need to complete the Local Authority (CAF1) Form?

Yes, you will still need to complete this form and send it back to your Local Authority by their deadline. It is important to note, that if Newport Girls' High School is your preference for your daughter's education, you would need to put NGHS as your **first** choice on this form.

13. What will happen if I have submitted an on-line application to more than one girls' school in the Consortium?

You will sit the test at the nearest school to your home address. You only need to complete the on-line registration once. The schools will share your information if required.

14. What proportion of in-area girls are awarded places?

This varies from year to year depending on the calibre of girls applying. In the past 3 years this has ranged between $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the intake.