

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



ADMISSIONS POLICY ENTRY 2021

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021 - 22

Newport Girls' High School, Academy Trust (NGHS) is a non fee-paying, 11-18 grammar school in Newport, Shropshire. Only girls are admitted to the school and there is no charge or cost related to the admission of a child to the school.

The school is an Academy and so the Governors, not the Local Authority, are responsible for the admission arrangements.

The school does have a defined catchment area and in Year 7 priority is given to girls from the Newport area, but places are also awarded to girls from outside the immediate area. *By definition 'Newport Area Girls' are those girls who normally reside in the catchment area as detailed on the map kept in the school office and also available to view on our website. A copy of this map is also kept by the LA at the Civic Offices in Telford.*

Eligibility

The test is open to pupils who will be 11 years of age (under 12), on 31 August 2021. (They will be in Year 6 of primary education at the time of the test). Pupils will be allowed to sit the entrance test only once during Year 6 and may not re-take a test until the spring term of Year 8 for entry into Year 9.

Year 7 Entry for September 2021

1. Parents who wish to apply to NGHS will need to complete an on-line test registration form for the Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton which can be accessed on-line via the school's website (www.nghs.org.uk). Any queries should be made to the school's Admissions Manager by:

- Emailing the school: schooloffice@nghs.org.uk
- Phoning the school: 01952 797550
- Writing to the school: Admissions
Newport Girls' High School
Wellington Road
Newport
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Important dates:

30 April 2020	Open Evening (4.00pm – 7.00pm)
5 May 2020	Open Day (9.30am – 12pm)
3 July 2020 (TBC)	4.00pm deadline to submit online registration form. Anyone applying after this date will need to contact the School to be able to submit an application.
14 September 2020	Entrance Test

For admission to Year 7 the school will be participating in the co-ordinated inter-LA admissions scheme for state secondary schools. **All applicants for admission to NGHS must name the school on their home LA preference form** and return it to their home LA by the appropriate deadline.

The outcome of the test will be sent to all applicants before the LA preference form completion deadline.

Further details on the application process and arrangements can be found in the leaflet '**Information for Admission to Year 7 in September 2021**'.

2. After the school has received the test standardised scores from the independent marker, a selection panel will meet. Invitations are sent to the Headteacher of NGHS, the Headteacher of Burton Borough School, an LA representative and two Primary Headteachers from another part of Shropshire.

3. **NEWPORT AREA GIRLS ARE CONSIDERED FIRST**

Consideration is given to the standardised test scores and a selection of current work of the in-area girls around the borderline and/or a piece of free writing. Places are allocated to all in-area girls whom the panel assesses as being of the required ability. **If all 90 places are allocated, the procedure stops here.** If there are more Newport area girls considered suitable for a place at Newport Girls' High School than there are places available, the 90 places will be allocated to those girls considered to be most suitable, in the opinion of the selection panel.

Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children will be given the same priority treatment as in-area girls. The definition of both groups is the same as used by Telford and Wrekin Local Authority.

A child's home address will be the normal residence of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who has care of the child. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of the week, the home address will be considered to be the address of the parent where the child spends most time. If time is spent equally between the two parents, the home address will be taken to be the address registered to receive child benefit in respect of the child. In the event of shared care, parents must opt to use one address for all the preferences expressed.

4. If there are spare places at the end of step 3, consideration is given to out-of-area candidates. Here, the decision is taken based solely on the rank order of the standardised test scores. Places are allocated up to a total of 90.

Parents out-of-area should, however, appreciate that they will be expected to arrange and pay for their own transport. In recent years some of the transport for the out-of-area pupils at the Newport secondary schools has been arranged by groups of parents, and buses now operate from Telford Town Centre/Wellington, Albrighton and Market Drayton. Public services are available from Shrewsbury, Newcastle and Stafford. Details about travel can be obtained from the school office.

5. A waiting list of suitable candidates, in priority order, is kept in case one or more of the original 90 girls rejects the offer. This list is kept open for the academic year of entry until the end of the Summer Term. To remain on the waiting list after Year 7, a Supplementary Information Form needs to be completed each subsequent academic year.
6. The decisions for all candidates are issued by the home LA on the same day, by email or by second class post sent around the 1 March 2021.

In-Year applications after the original Year 7 entry procedures:

For Year 7 (mid-year) and Year 8

Candidates who sat the Entrance Test for a Year 7 place in September 2021, and met the minimum qualifying score, but were not allocated a place, will automatically be added to our waiting list.

Candidates who are interested in a place in Year 8 will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form in order to be placed on our waiting list (see 5 above).

If a place becomes available during the school year, the Supplementary Information Forms will be checked and any candidates who have not already sat our Entrance Test will be contacted and invited to a test.

For entry into Year 9 and above

For entry in or above Year 9, previous entrance test scores are not counted. All prospective candidates will be asked to sit an online assessment test and will be asked to bring a selection of their current school books and most recent school report. These online tests may only be attempted once during Years 8-11.

Post-16 Entry:

Post-16 admission criteria can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus and Course Information Guide, which can be found on our website.

Prospective pupils and their parents are always welcome to visit the school, and there is an annual **Open Day and Evening** on **30 April 2020** as well as a **Sixth Form Open Evening** in the Autumn Term 2020.