



Frequently Asked Questions

Is Wolverhampton Girls' High School a private school?

Wolverhampton Girls' High School is not a private school. We are a state maintained, selective grammar school for girls from 11 to 18 years with Academy status. There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a pupil to the school. We have been offering a free education to girls from across our city and beyond for over 100 years.

Do you have a catchment area?

All parents living both within and beyond the City of Wolverhampton may apply for their daughters to be admitted to the school. We do not have a catchment area.

How do I register my daughter for the test?

If your daughter is in Year 5 please complete your test registration via the school website so that she can be invited for the West Midlands Grammar Schools Consortium entrance test. You are able to apply during May and June before applications close. You will receive an email acknowledgement to say that your application has been processed. A subsequent email will be sent to confirm the test centre at which your daughter will sit her test. This will be based on your home postcode and it is not possible for you to select a test centre.

Where will my daughter sit the test?

Your home postcode determines the school at which your daughter will sit the test and this will be selected for you. Should you use a different postcode other than your home postcode, your application will be refused and you will be asked to reapply.

When is the test?

The dates of our test will be confirmed on the school website as soon as possible. This will be at a date to be advised, usually around 16-20 September.

What is the Consortium?

The Consortium of Grammar Schools in Shropshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton was established in order to ease the process of admission applications for parents who are considering the option of a grammar school education for their child. Within this Consortium are: Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School, Queen Mary's Grammar School, Queen Mary's High School, Newport Girls' High School and Wolverhampton Girls' High School. Your daughter will only need to take one entrance test for consideration by all girls' schools. The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is a totally separate Consortium, and applications are administered by the Birmingham Admissions Office.

What will happen if I have submitted a Test Registration form to more than one girls' school in the Consortium?

You only need to complete the Test Registration form once. If you have made an error, you will need to contact the school at which your daughter has been allocated to sit and rectify matters. Amended information will be shared between Consortium colleagues.

What does the test involve?

All girls will sit two standardised tests consisting of Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Numerical Reasoning provided by GL Assessment. Normally, each test paper is 45/50 minutes in length. School administration for each test will normally be one-hour.

What is the Timeline for Year 7 2025 Entry?

We advise all parents/carers/guardians to visit the school website and attend one of our Open Events before completing the Entrance Test, Registration Form and the Local Authority CAF1 preference form. Details about the admissions process will be given at our Open Events. Also, further information about the admissions process can be found on your Local Authority website. You may also wish to visit the website of those school(s) that you are interested in to find information about individual Admission Policies.

Calendar	Event
April 2024	Daughter in Year 5 School Open Morning, Afternoon and Evening Events Parents, carers, guardians and daughters welcome
7 May to 28 June 2024	Daughter in Year 5 Register for the Entrance Test via the school website to ensure that your daughter will be invited to sit the test
7 September 2024	Daughter in Year 6 Test invitation letter posted to parents, carers, guardians to notify of testing arrangements for your daughter
16 September 2024	Daughter in Year 6 Entrance Test takes place
15 October 2024	Entrance Test scores notified to parents by email
31 October 2024	Daughter in Year 6 Deadline to complete and submit your online Local Authority CAF1 Preference Form with your home Local Authority
3 March 2025	National Offer Day. Secondary school allocations advised to parents, carers, guardians by home Local Authority either by post or email

What happens if you are moving into a new area?

Where families with children of school age are moving into a new area, parents/carers/guardians should, at the earliest opportunity, contact the Local Authority School Admissions department in the area where you wish to reside. You will be required to provide the Local Authority with a variety of documentary evidence as proof of your move to support any application you may wish to make.

My child currently lives outside Wolverhampton and would like a place at WGHS; what should I do?

You should make your Admission Application to your child's home Local Authority (where parents/carers/guardians pay Council Tax), regardless of which school/s you are placing as a choice. This is called the Local Authority Preference CAF1 Form. If you would like to express a preference for Wolverhampton Girls' High School, you will need to list the school as a choice on the Local Authority Preference CAF1 Form for your child's home Local Authority. Your daughter will also have to sit the West Midlands Grammar Schools Consortium Entrance Test.

What if my daughter has Special Education Needs?

This should be clearly indicated on the Test Registration form and a Special Arrangements form will then be forwarded to you for your completion and return to the testing centre immediately. If you do not receive the form, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer/guardian 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. Please submit this information as a matter of urgency to the testing venue. Early submission of the request for Special Arrangements will help ensure an independent assessment and the necessary arrangements can be made to make your daughter as comfortable as possible during the testing session. An early submission of paperwork also allows parents/carers/guardians to be advised of the arrangements that we have put in place prior to testing day.

Is there anything I can do to help prepare my daughter for the test?

The school provides access to our online familiarisation portal with a wealth of activities to help students familiarise themselves with both our school and our test. Access to this will be provided by the school, following test registration. In addition, we will be running virtual familiarisation events in May and June 2024 and so please keep an eye on the school website for further information about these.

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 and you can help by not putting pressure on her. Please attend a Familiarisation event and view the familiarisation materials on our school website. A link will be given to you to access a familiarisation portal to help prepare for the test.

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. Following receipt of the doctor's note, the reasons for non-attendance will be considered carefully and if possible, an alternative testing date will be arranged. Please note that the Consortium will not re-arrange the testing date for candidates who are engaged in pre-planned activities, such as school trips.

What is the pass mark?

There is no pass mark. Test marks vary each year depending on the individual tests taken. The standardised test scores are sorted into rank order and places are awarded accordingly by Wolverhampton Local Authority according to the determined Wolverhampton Girls' High School Admissions policy

When will we get the results?

Information on the outcome of the test will be sent to all parents/carers/guardians in time for completion of the Local Authority CAF1 Preference Form, i.e. by the end of October. This correspondence will include details of your daughter's test score.

Who has responsibility for the allocation of places?

School Admissions at Wolverhampton Local Authority allocate our school places in line with our determined Admissions Policy and within the agreed arrangements of the Local Authority Co-ordinated Scheme.

When are decisions made?

Secondary school allocations will be emailed on National Offer Day to parents/carers/guardians on 3 March 2025 or the nearest working day after this day. Secondary school allocation letters for those who applied on a paper form will be posted on National Offer Day via second class postage. Decision information giving your daughter's allocated secondary school place will be sent directly to parents/carers/guardians by your home Local Authority School Admissions department. WGHS will be advised on National Offer Day of those girls who have been allocated to us.

Admissions Policy

Our Admissions Policy can be found on our school website by following this link: [Admissions Policy 2025-2026](#) Each school within the Consortium will have their own bespoke, determined Admissions Policy. We are all independent admissions authorities and so you will find our policies to be different.

Admissions waiting lists

If your daughter has not been allocated her first preference, her admission application will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the preferred Wolverhampton school or schools that were ranked higher than the allocated school, *provided that your daughter's test score meets the required standard for that year*. Unless material changes of circumstances have been demonstrated to the Local Authority, your daughter's name will only be included on those waiting lists for schools that were ranked higher on your CAF1 application than the school allocated to your daughter and therefore, if your daughter is allocated a place at the first preference school, her name will not be added to the waiting list for any of the other preferred schools.

Following National Offer Day and the school's liaison with Wolverhampton Local Authority, the WGHS confirmed waiting list will be available after approximately 10/14 working days. This detailed process takes considerable time to ensure complete accuracy. The school will be unable to respond to questions from parents/carers/guardians about the Waiting List until this work has been completed.

Requests for inclusion on waiting lists for non-Wolverhampton schools must be made in writing by parents/carers/guardians to the relevant Local Authority for the school concerned for assessment in accordance with their scheme.

Travelling to our school

The school currently has no organised transport service for the school. Mr M Ram, Abbey Coaches Midlands Limited (0121 557 9622) runs a variety of services for students travelling to and from the school. He organises routes and arranges travel payment contracts directly with parents.

Public Transport: Number 1 bus > Dudley - Sedgley - Wolverhampton - Tettenhall Wood – frequency every 7 to 8 minutes.