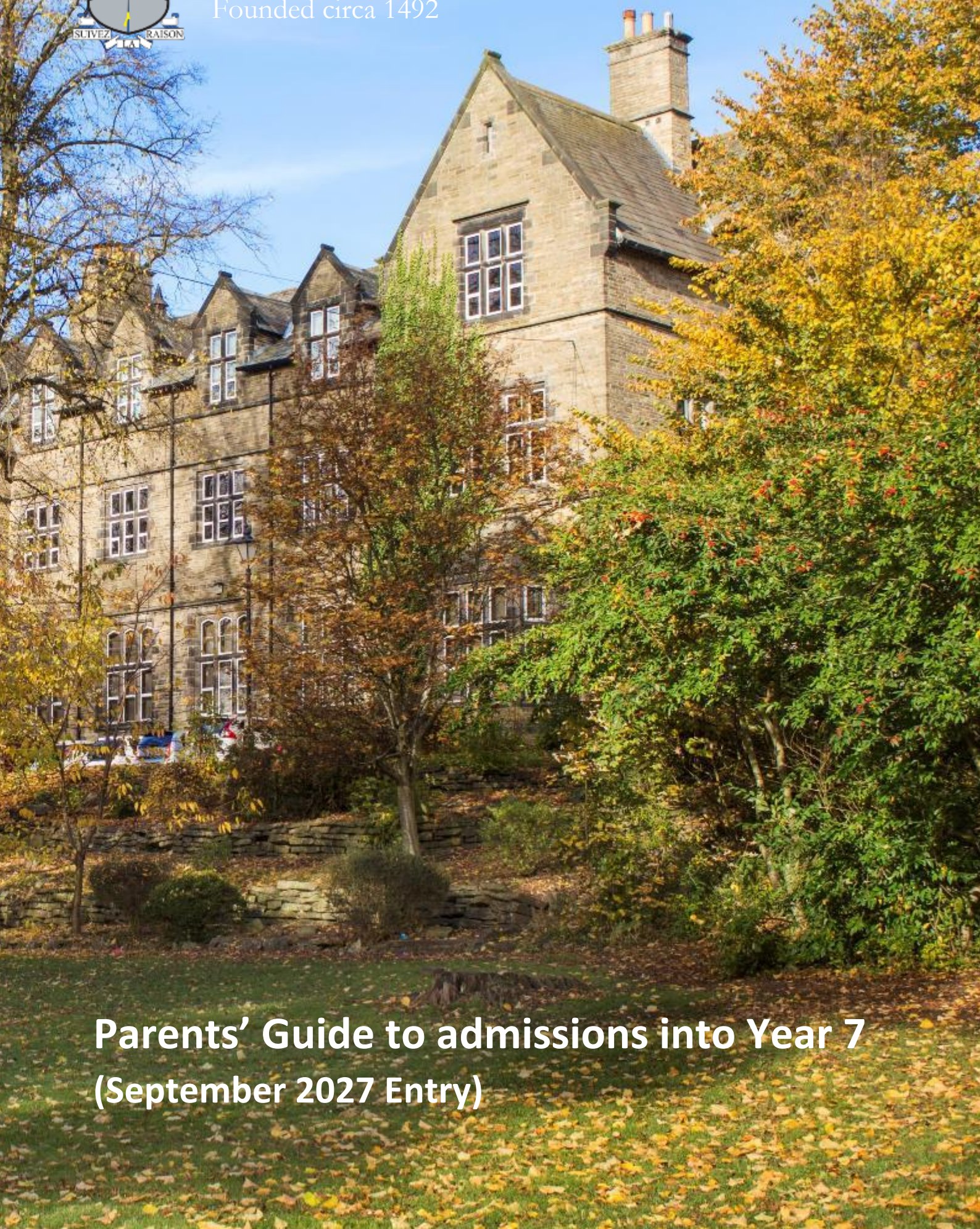




# Ermysted's Grammar School

Founded circa 1492



**Parents' Guide to admissions into Year 7  
(September 2027 Entry)**

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

Thank you for your interest in Ermysted's Grammar School. This booklet has been created to support parents and carers in applying for a place for their child at the School for entry into **Year 7 in September 2027**.

The main testing session for this cohort will take place on the morning of **Saturday, 26 September 2026**.

- The *School* is responsible for organising testing arrangements and **all** applicants need to register to be tested. No-one will be entered automatically.
- Test registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon) on **13 April 2026** and closes at 12:00 pm (noon) on **31 August 2026**. Any registrations received after this date will be considered as **late applications** (see the Admissions Policy for details).

Parents are advised to read all documents carefully.

- Aside from this document, parents should read the **2027-28 Admissions Policy** as this contains important information and all the necessary definitions (see the school website, [www.ermysteds.uk](http://www.ermysteds.uk)).
- Parents should also make themselves familiar with the advice on and processes relating to secondary admissions from their home **Local Authority**. For those residing in North Yorkshire the relevant website is [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions).
- Parents can access **test familiarisation materials** on the school website ([www.ermysteds.uk](http://www.ermysteds.uk)). Additional test familiarisation support is available for applicants in receipt of the **Pupil Premium**<sup>1</sup> free-of-charge from our partner **Atom Learning** (see the link on the school website).
- Parents are also pointed to the school website, which provides information on the School's curriculum and many other related activities.

The School intends to hold an **Open Evening** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on **Tuesday, 30 June 2026** to which all parents and applicants are warmly invited. The closing date for test registrations is **31 August 2026**, which should allow everyone the chance to look around the School before registering for the test.

In creating the booklet, we have tried to anticipate the most frequently asked questions about testing and the admissions process. If you have a query not covered in this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the School via the details given below.

### Admissions Officer

Ermysted's Grammar School  
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Skipton  
BD23 1PL

Tel: 01756 792186 | [admissions@ermysteds.uk](mailto:admissions@ermysteds.uk) | 8.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

Thank you again for considering Ermysted's for your son.



**M J Evans**  
Headteacher

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<sup>1</sup> The **pupil premium** is additional funding paid annually to schools under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children. See [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for full definitions and eligibility criteria.

## Overview of key dates

The following dates include our Open Evening, the main testing session for the Entrance Test Day, and the deadlines by which certain information needs to be supplied.

<b>12:00 pm (noon) on 13 April 2026</b>	<b>Entrance Test Registration Opens</b> Forms must be submitted via the school website or submitted in hardcopy to the School Office.
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on <b>30 June 2026</b>	<b>Ermysted's Open Evening</b> No appointment is necessary. The Headteacher's presentation is at 6:30 pm (repeated at 7:30 pm).
<b>12:00 pm (noon) on 31 August 2026</b>	<b>Entrance Test Registration Closes</b> Deadline to register for the Entrance Test, including applications for <b>Special Arrangements</b> .
Early <b>September 2026</b>	Parents advised of arrangements for Entrance Test and provided with further documentation to complete for use on the day.
By <b>14 September 2026</b>	<b>Special Arrangements Notification</b> Parents to be informed whether their application for Special Arrangements has been successful.
The morning of <b>Saturday, 26 September 2026</b>	<b>Entrance Test Day</b> Main testing session to be held at the School.
Week commencing <b>12 October 2026</b>	<b>Notification of Entrance Test Outcome</b> Parents informed by letter of the required standard and whether their child has reached it.
<b>31 October 2026</b>	<b>Common Application Form (CAF) Deadline</b> Deadline <sup>2</sup> for submitting the CAF to child's home local authority for 2027 entry.
<b>27 November 2026</b>	<b>Supplementary Information Form (SIF) Deadline</b> The SIF needs only to be completed by parents who believe their child qualifies for priority under one of the oversubscription criteria.
<b>1 March 2027</b>	<b>National Offer Day</b> Local Authorities to send out secondary school offers to parents.

<sup>2</sup> The closing date for submitting the CAF is usually 31 October each year but it is the parent's responsibility to contact their home local authority directly for further details.

## Overview of the Entrance Test

### The format of the test papers

The Entrance Test papers are provided by **Future Stories Community Enterprise Ltd (FSCE)**. The papers assess a candidate's application of knowledge and skills in English and mathematics up to and including the Year 5 programme of study<sup>3</sup>.

- **Paper 1** contains English and mathematics questions with multiple choice answer options.
- **Paper 2** contains English and mathematics questions where you respond with short written answers.

### How to help your child prepare for the Entrance Test

As the test assesses a pupil's application of knowledge learned in primary school, we do not believe extra preparation, which might disrupt a child's usual education or create unnecessary anxiety, is necessary. Instead, we encourage children to:

- Work well at primary school, with maximum attendance and engagement in all areas of school life;
- Develop strong reading habits by reading widely and deeply;
- Practise the fluency of their maths and problem-solving skills through real life day to day examples;
- Engage in imaginative and critical thinking discussions at home;
- Focus on calmness and confidence rather than pressure and stress;
- Enjoy a wide range of learning in primary school, and see learning as a lifelong adventure;
- Trust that they already have the knowledge required to access the questions.

### Familiarisation materials

Familiarisation materials are available free-of-charge on the school website. For applicants in receipt of the **Pupil Premium**, additional familiarisation support is available free-of-charge from our partner **Atom Learning** (see link on the school website for further details).

### Registration

Parents will be able to submit the **Entrance Test Registrations Form** from **12:00 pm** (noon) on **13 April 2026**. The deadline for registrations for the main testing session, including requests for special arrangements, is **12:00 pm** (noon) on **31 August 2026**. Any registrations received after this date will be considered as [late applications](#).

### Date of test

The main test session for applicants will be on the morning of **Saturday, 26 September 2026**.

If a registered candidate is unable to attend the main testing session due to illness or one of the reasons set out below an alternative test date will be arranged, if the necessary conditions are met.

#### *Illness or disability*

For registered candidates who are unable to attend the main testing session due to illness or disability, parents must notify the School of the reason for absence as soon as possible and no later than **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 28 September 2026**. Supporting evidence, such as a medical note, must be submitted to the School Office by **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Friday, 2 October 2026**.

#### *Bereavement*

For registered candidates who are unable to attend the main testing session due to bereavement, parents must notify the School of the reason for absence as soon as possible and no later than **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 28 September 2026**.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a81a9abe5274a2e8ab55319/PRIMARY\\_national\\_curriculum.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a81a9abe5274a2e8ab55319/PRIMARY_national_curriculum.pdf)

### *Religious observance*

Parents of candidates who are unable to sit the Entrance Test on Saturdays for religious reasons must indicate this when registering for the test and supply a supporting letter from their religious leader by the registration deadline.

### *Public health measures*

For registered candidates who are unable to attend the main testing session due to public health measures – for example, they are self-isolating at the time of the main testing session – parents must notify the School of the reason for absence as soon as possible and no later than **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 28 September 2026**. Supporting evidence must be submitted to the School Office by **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Friday, 2 October 2026**.

In *extremis*, for registered candidates who are prevented from attending *any* testing at the school due to their health status or that of their family, the school will consider whether it is possible to test at the candidate's home or another safe venue.

### *Special arrangements*

For candidates who have a disability and/or require special resources to complete the Entrance Test, parents may request special arrangements be made by completing the relevant section of the Entrance Test Registration Form.

- Parents will be asked to outline their child's disability and/or describe the special resources needed to enable them to sit the test. Parents will be required to supply detailed medical evidence to support their request, which will allow the Admissions Committee to consider the matter in full.
- Parents must complete the relevant sections of the Entrance Test Registration Form and provide all of the necessary evidence to the School by the deadline of **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 31 August 2026**. This includes all medical documentation and, if applicable, evidence from their child's primary school outlining the child's adjustments and normal way of working. If this evidence is not received by the published deadline, the Committee is unlikely to agree requests for special arrangements.
- Parents making such an application will be informed by **14 September 2026** whether their request has been agreed.

(See further [below](#) for details on applying for Special Arrangements)

### *Late or incomplete applications*

Late applications are those received *after* the registration deadline of **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 31 August 2026**.

For late applications received before **Friday, 27 November 2026**, if there are exceptional circumstances for the late arrival of the application, such as the applicant moving into the area or a serious illness, parents should contact the School. Governors will normally expect such applications to be accompanied by appropriate evidence. Consideration of whether the circumstances are deemed 'exceptional' will be delegated to the Admissions Committee and its decision will be final. If the circumstances are exceptional, the application will be treated as being in time. The School will arrange to test the candidate at an appropriate time, after which they will be placed in the order of merit.

Otherwise, all applications where:

- parents fail to register for the Entrance Test by the deadline, or
- parents fail to complete the Entrance Test Registration Form properly, or
- parents wish to request special arrangements but fail to complete the relevant section of the Entrance Test Registration Form and/or submit the necessary supporting evidence by the deadline, or

- applicants fail to attend the allocated test date and parents do not report the absence as being due to bereavement, illness, disability, or public health measures, or parents fail to provide the necessary supporting evidence by the relevant deadline, or
- parents fail to submit the CAF by the deadline,

will **not** be considered in the first round of offers.

Any subsequent testing will take place in the summer term preceding the September of admission. Registration for this round of testing will open on **Tuesday, 5 April 2027**.

Applicants moving into the area after the September of admission will be dealt with under the In-Year Entry testing arrangements.

Applicants may only apply for a place in any particular year group **once**.

## Frequently asked questions about the Entrance Test

### *What is the FSCE Entrance Test?*

The FSCE (Future Stories Community Enterprise) entrance test is a set of test papers used by some grammar schools to evaluate candidates for entry into Year 7. It assesses a range of academic abilities, inspired by (and not beyond) the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum taught up until the end of Year 5.

### *What subjects or skills are explored in the FSCE test?*

The test includes:

- **English:** assessing understanding of texts, and appropriate use of language. To identify candidates with strong command of the written word, who can read easily, fluently and with good understanding.
- **Mathematics:** problem-solving, logical reasoning, and application of numeracy. To identify candidates whose fluency in the fundamentals of maths means that they are able to focus on grappling effectively with increasingly complex problems.

Non-verbal reasoning is **not** included in our test and there is **no** creative writing element.

### *How is the test different from other entrance tests?*

The test has been designed with the child in mind. From familiar test layouts to accessible wording and content with a range of difficulty levels, all children will be able to 'give it a go' based on their commitment to working hard at primary school. A mix of multiple choice and constrained response tasks will be familiar to children from their primary school work.

### *What assurance is there that my child has been taught the test content?*

Our tests only include Key Stage 2 curriculum content that will have been taught up until – and including – the end of Year 5.

### *Can my child prepare for the FSCE test?*

Yes. Children will benefit by:

- Working well at primary school with maximum attendance and engagement in all areas of school life;
- Reading widely and regularly, with a focus on meaning;
- Practicing mental arithmetic in real-life scenarios and problem-solving puzzles;
- Engaging in reasoning and logic games that require imagination;
- Using the official Familiarisation Guides, which are available on the school website.

There is no need for intensive tutoring and no need for spending hours on past papers or mock exams. There are **no** commercial 11+ books or past papers endorsed by our test provider, FSCE. All relevant test information and sample questions are provided in our Familiarisation Guides.

### *Will we be given practice papers or familiarisation materials?*

The school has Familiarisation Guides on its website to help children and their families understand the style and format of the questions. These resources are designed to be informative, provide familiarity, reduce anxiety and ensure fairness. No tutor, website, or company can claim to have any other knowledge about what the FSCE entrance test will be like or contain.

### *How long is the test and how many papers are there?*

The structure can vary slightly but generally:

- There are two separate papers;
- Each paper typically lasts 45–60 minutes;
- A break will be scheduled between papers.

Specific details will be provided by the School in advance of the test.

#### *How old should my son be when he takes the test?*

To be eligible to sit the Entrance Test and be considered for a place at the School in Year 7 in September 2027, an applicant must have been born between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016**.

For admissions outside of a child's normal age group, parents should refer to the relevant section of the Admissions Policy. Please note that an applicant may only sit the Entrance Test once.

#### *Where and when does the test take place?*

The main testing session will take place at the School on the morning of **Saturday, 26 September 2026**.

#### *What happens if something serious occurs near (or on) the day of the test which prevents my son performing to his best?*

When you present your child for the Entrance Test it is expected that you are satisfied that there are no other circumstances that will prevent him from performing to his best. If anything serious has occurred that you believe will affect his performance, such as an illness or bereavement, you must advise the **Admissions Officer** via the School Office (01756 792186) or [admissions@ermysteds.uk](mailto:admissions@ermysteds.uk) **as soon as possible** and no later than the relevant deadline (outlined above).

#### *What if we miss the test?*

If your child does not attend the test day and the School has not been notified of a valid reason by the relevant deadline, they will be withdrawn from testing. If you later wish your child to be tested, the application will be treated as per any other late applications.

#### *What equipment should my son bring to the test?*

None. The School will supply candidates with the necessary stationery.

#### *Can my child bring drinks and a snack to the test?*

Yes but drinks and snacks are to be consumed during the break in between the two papers. Drinks and snacks are not permitted during the Entrance Test. Please ensure that any snacks are placed in a clear plastic bag and it is labelled with his name.

#### *Can my child go to the toilet during the test?*

All candidates will be allowed to visit the toilet if and when they request it. However, if a toilet break is taken *during* one of the assessments, no additional time will be provided at the end.

#### *Are there any items that my son must not bring to the test?*

A clock will be clearly visible to candidates in each room. The use of electronic timers, dictionaries, calculators of any description (including calculator watches), or any potential internet enabled source of information is not permitted. Mobile phones, iPads, MP4 players, smart watches or any other electronic aids must not be brought to the test. Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in disqualification from the examination.

#### *Does my son need to wear school uniform to the test?*

No.

#### *How are the papers marked?*

The mathematics and English responses are scanned and marked automatically using Optical Mark Recognition technology. The process is reliable and trustworthy.

The raw marks in each paper are then standardised and adjusted to account for differences in the age of the candidates. The process of standardisation is a statistical adjustment to ensure both papers have the same average score (100) and similar spread of results. This ensures that a low scoring performance in a difficult paper, say, has equal merit with a high score in an easier paper. Standardisation also ensures both papers have the same weight in determining the overall performance of each candidate.

The two standardised scores are added together to produce a candidate's overall score. It is this value that is compared to the 'required standard' for admission in to Year 7. The required standard is determined each year by the Admissions Committee based on the performance of candidates in the main Entrance Test cohort.

## Overview of Special Arrangements for the Entrance Test

Special Arrangements allow candidates with special educational needs, disabilities, or temporary injuries to access the assessment without changing the demands of the assessment. Ermysted's Grammar School is committed to ensuring fair access for candidates of suitable ability and reasonable adjustments will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act (2010) and regulations governing School Admissions.

### Introduction

Parents may request special arrangements by (a) completing the relevant section of the **Entrance Test Registration Form**, and (b) **supplying detailed medical evidence** to support the request.

Appropriate evidence will normally take the form of an **Education, Health and Care Plan** (or a recent letter from the family doctor, hospital consultant or specialist) confirming the candidate's condition and evidencing the need for special arrangements. This medical information should be supported by written evidence from the candidate's school confirming the arrangements normally made for testing your child.

All evidence must be provided before the deadline of **12:00 pm** (noon) on **31 August 2026** for registering for the test. If this evidence is not received by the published deadline, the Committee is unlikely to agree requests for special arrangements. For those applying for special arrangements, please note that the school will require **documentation of need** and **evidence from the child's primary school** that extra time for assessment, say, **is part of their normal way of working**,

The Admissions Committee, supported by specialists, will consider each case on its individual merits, and carefully weigh the supporting evidence. The evidence of need will vary depending on the disability and the access arrangement(s) being applied for. Parents will be informed by **14 September 2026** whether their request has been agreed.

Examples of candidates' special circumstances for which Ermysted's Grammar School has provided additional arrangements in past years include (in alphabetical order) autism, chronic asthma, diabetes, dyslexia, epilepsy, hearing and visual impairments.

*Where an application has been agreed by the Governing Body, special arrangements, such as those listed below, may be made as appropriate to the condition.*

- Providing a smaller test venue.
- Providing extra time for those with qualifying special educational needs or disabilities.
- Providing a reader for some sections of the assessment.
- Providing a scribe (NB the Entrance Test requires limited writing).
- Providing the question papers in large print or on a different colour paper.
- Wheelchair access to the test venue and other facilities.

*Special Arrangements that are not provided for the Entrance Test.*

Some access arrangements, which schools provide for GCSE and A-Level candidates, are not considered appropriate for the Entrance Test. This is due to the shortness of each test, the structuring of each paper, the time dependent nature of the tests, and the limited amount of writing required by the candidates.

The following arrangements are **not** made by Ermysted's Grammar School:

- Allowing time for rest breaks *within* either of the two papers.
- Scheduling an extended rest break between the two papers.
- Allowing candidate to submit answers on a computer.

All applicants are assessed on what they can do in the time allocated for each test.

## Overview of the allocation of places

### How the required standard is determined

The scores achieved in each paper will be standardised and adjusted for differences in the age of the candidates, before being added together to produce a candidate's overall score. The 'required standard' will be determined by the Admissions Committee based on the performance of candidates in the main Entrance Test cohort.

If the School is subsequently oversubscribed by candidates who have reached the required standard, it will apply its oversubscription criteria (summarised below) until the Published Admission Number (PAN) has been achieved. Only applicants who achieve the required standard will be considered for admission to Year 7. Please note that attaining the required standard does **not** guarantee admission to the School.

### How parents find out whether their son has reached the required standard

Following the completion of the test, parents will be informed of the required standard and whether their child has reached it in the week commencing **12 October 2026**.

### How parents apply for a place at the School

Registering for and sitting the Entrance Test is **not** an application for a place at the School. The parent **must** name the School on the **Common Application Form** ('CAF') and submit the CAF on time to their home local authority. The closing date for submitting the CAF is usually **31 October each year** but it is the parent's responsibility to contact their home local authority directly for further details. (See further below for additional comments on the CAF and the equal preference system).

### How parents let the School know that their child is eligible for priority under the oversubscription criteria

If more applicants to the School reach the required standard than there are places available, then the places will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria (see FAQ below).

To be able to apply the oversubscription criteria, the School must be informed of applicants who qualify for priority. This is achieved by the parents concerned submitting a **Supplementary Information Form** (SIF) and including the necessary information and supporting evidence. The SIF needs only to be completed by applicants who wish to provide information intended to demonstrate that their child has priority under one of the oversubscription criteria.

On the SIF parents may indicate and evidence:

- Whether the applicant is a **Looked-After Child** or a **Previously Looked-After Child**
- Whether the applicant is in receipt of the **Pupil Premium** at the time of application
- Whether the applicant has a **sibling** at the School in September of the year of entry
- Whether the applicant's **home address** is in the catchment area at the time of application

The deadline for the submission of the SIF to the School, including all necessary supporting evidence, is **12:00 pm** (noon) on **27 November 2026**. Where a parent fails to submit a completed SIF and/or does not provide the necessary supporting evidence by the deadline, the School will rank the applicant from category (iii) of subsection (3) of the oversubscription criteria for Year 7 Entry (as defined the Admissions Policy).

### *What are the oversubscription criteria? (highlighted terms are defined in the Admissions Policy)*

Children with an **Education, Health and Care Plan**<sup>4</sup> (EHCP) naming the School will be admitted. Should this occur, it will reduce the number of places available.

For other applicants achieving the required standard, there is no guarantee of a place at the School being available. If more applicants reach the required standard than there are places available, the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

1. First to children who have achieved the required standard and who are a **looked after child**<sup>5</sup> or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, then
2. To children who have achieved the required standard and whose **home address**<sup>6</sup> lies **within the catchment area**<sup>7</sup> at the **time of application**<sup>8</sup>, then
3. To children who have achieved the required standard and whose home address lies **outside the catchment area** at the time of application.

Preference to children in the second and third priority will be applied in the following order:

- (i) To children who are registered as in receipt of the **Pupil Premium**<sup>9</sup> at the time of application, then
- (ii) To children who have a **sibling**<sup>10</sup> at the School in September of the year of entry, then
- (iii) To children who live **closest**<sup>11</sup> to the School.

If two or more applicants fulfil the relevant criteria and live equidistant to the School but there are not enough spaces remaining to accommodate them all, the available place(s) will be allocated at random. The process will be conducted in the presence of a witness who is independent of the School and its admissions process.

### *When will I know if my child has been allocated a place at the School?*

The Local Authority will notify the parents whether their child has been allocated a place at the School on **1 March 2027** and provide instructions on how parents can confirm whether they wish to accept the place or not. Failure to confirm the place within the indicated time frame may lead to the offer being withdrawn.

### *Can I appeal my son not being offered a place?*

Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1 March 2027 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school. Appeals for entry into Year 7 will be organised by the Local Authority, North Yorkshire County Council. Appeals should be submitted to the Local Authority therefore and not the School. Further details on how to appeal, including all forms, deadlines, and documentation, can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/appeal-school-place](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/appeal-school-place).

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<sup>4</sup> An **Education, Health and Care Plan** is a plan made by the local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

<sup>5</sup> A **looked after child** is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. See [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for further definitions of **child arrangements** and **special guardianship orders**.

<sup>6</sup> The **home address** of the applicant is defined in [Appendix 1](#) of this policy.

<sup>7</sup> The **Catchment Area** is defined in [Appendix 2](#) of this policy.

<sup>8</sup> Throughout this policy, for those eligible to be considered in the first round of offers for Year 7, **time of application** refers to the date of registering to sit the Entrance Test. For admissions at other times and to other year groups, time of application refers to the date of the submission of the relevant application.

<sup>9</sup> The **pupil premium** is additional funding paid annually to schools under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children. See [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for full definitions and eligibility criteria.

<sup>10</sup> For the purposes of this policy, a **sibling** includes half-brothers, adopted or fostered brothers, step-brothers, or the son of the parent's partner where the applicant for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

<sup>11</sup> All **distance measurements** are based on straight line distance measured by an electronic mapping system from a child's home address to the school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling to the nearest entrance to the school grounds. Where more than one dwelling shares the same front door (for example, in a block of flats) the distance will be measured from the front door of the building as a whole.

## Frequently asked questions about the allocation of places

*If my child has reached the required standard, does that guarantee admission to the School?*

No. Attaining the required standard does **not** guarantee admission to the School. If the School is oversubscribed by applicants who have reached the required standard, it will apply its oversubscription criteria until the PAN has been achieved. It will form a waiting list, ranked by the oversubscription criteria, from those remaining and maintain this list until 31 December of the year of admission.

*Can I find out my child's score in the Entrance Test?*

Entrance Tests scores will be released *on request* to parents of candidates who have **not** reached the required standard. If parents of these candidates would like to know their child's score, they are asked to send a request by email to [admissions@ermysteds.uk](mailto:admissions@ermysteds.uk) by the deadline of **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 19 October 2026**. A response from the School will follow in due course. Please do not call the School Office as responses will only be given by email.

The School will **not** release the scores achieved by candidates who have reached the required standard to ensure all potential pupils start at the School on an equal footing.

*Can I see my son's test papers?*

No.

It is not possible to see a candidate's test papers as they are commercially sensitive and the intellectual property of the test provider.

*Do I need to apply for a place at the School?*

Yes. Registering for and sitting the Entrance Test is **not** an application for a place at the School. The parent **must** name the School on the Common Application Form ('CAF') and submit the CAF on time to the home local authority. The closing date for submitting the CAF is usually **31 October** each year but it is the parent's responsibility to contact their home local authority directly for confirmation.

*How does the equal preference system work?*

Instructions for completing the CAF vary from one local authority to the next, so parents are advised to contact their home local authority for more information. For parents living in North Yorkshire, the relevant webpage is [www.northyorks.gov.uk/filling-common-application-form](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/filling-common-application-form).

Local authorities are required to operate an 'equal preference system'. This means that places are allocated according to each school's admissions criteria, rather than where the school was listed on the parent's common application form. Therefore, even if a parent put a school as a *second* choice, their child could still be offered a place ahead of another child whose parents had put the school down as a first choice. It is all about the extent to which the child meets the oversubscription criteria.

Some parents have asked for guidance on where to rank Ermysted's on the CAF. Our advice is that you should put **your preferred school** first. If a parent's first choice cannot be accommodated, their child will be considered equally with other applications for a place at their second preference.

This is best explained via a few examples:

- **A parent ranks Ermysted's first and School B second.**  
Their child achieves the required standard for Ermysted's. If Ermysted's is oversubscribed, the oversubscription criteria will be applied to all qualifying candidates until the available places have been allocated. The child, therefore, may or may not be offered a place at Ermysted's. If they are not offered a place at Ermysted's, they will be placed on the waiting list and then considered for a place at School B, equally and at the same time as all other applicants for School B.
- **A parent ranks Ermysted's first and School B second.**  
Their child does not achieve the required standard for Ermysted's and so is considered for a place at School B, equally and at the same time as all other applicants for School B.
- **A parent ranks School A first and Ermysted's second.**  
Their child achieves the required standard for Ermysted's. However, if School A can accommodate the child, they will be placed with School A (the parent's highest ranked preference) and not offered a place at Ermysted's, even though the child reached the required standard in the Entrance Test. Parents cannot appeal a decision not to admit their child to Ermysted's as the child was never considered for a place at Ermysted's under this scenario.

**If your preference is for Ermysted's over other schools, therefore, you should rank Ermysted's first.**

## How to apply

1. All who are considering applying for a place at the School must complete and submit the School's **Entrance Test Registration Form**, which is accessible via the School's website ([www.ermysteds.uk](http://www.ermysteds.uk)) or available in hard copy on request from the School Office or via [admissions@ermysteds.uk](mailto:admissions@ermysteds.uk)

Parents will be able to submit Entrance Test Registrations Forms from **Monday, 13 April 2026**. Forms **must** be submitted online or handed in to the School Office. The deadline for registrations is **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 31 August 2026**. All registrations received after this deadline will be considered as late and will not be considered in the first round of offers.

2. Parents requesting **special arrangements** be made for their child must complete the relevant section of the Entrance Test Registration Form and provide all of the necessary evidence to the School by the deadline of **12:00 pm** (noon) on **Monday, 31 August 2026**. Applications from parents requesting special arrangements received after this deadline will only be considered after the date in March when school places are allocated. Parents requesting special arrangements will be informed by **14 September 2026** whether their request has been agreed.
3. The main test session for applicants will be on **Saturday, 26 September 2026**. Following the completion of the test, parents will be informed whether or not their child has reached the required standard in the week commencing **12 October 2026**. Please note that this does **NOT** equate to the offer of a place at the School.

Scores will be released on request to parents of candidates who have not reached the required standard. The School will **not** release the scores achieved by candidates who have achieved the required standard to ensure all potential pupils start at the School on an equal footing.

4. Parents must complete and submit the CAF by the deadline advertised by their home Local Authority (usually this is the **31 October 2026** but it is the parent's responsibility to check), placing their chosen schools in order of preference. If they wish their child to be considered for a place at Ermysted's Grammar School, they should express a preference for the School on the Common Application Form.
5. If relevant, parents must complete and submit the SIF to the school, including all necessary supporting evidence, by **Friday, 27 November 2026**. Please note only parents of children who qualify for priority under one or more of the oversubscription criteria need to complete the Supplementary Information Form.
6. If the School is oversubscribed with pupils who have met the required standard for entry, the School will apply the oversubscription criteria (detailed above) to produce an ordered list identifying which pupils can be offered places and which of the oversubscription criteria applies. It will pass this list to the Local Authority.
7. Having received this information from the School, the Local Authority will try to meet parents' highest ranked preference as stated on their CAF.
8. The Local Authority will notify the parents whether or not their child has been allocated a place at the School and provide instructions on how parents can confirm whether they wish to accept the place or not. This will occur on National Offer Day in March 2027. Failure to confirm the place within the indicated timeframe may lead to the offer being withdrawn.