



## **The Crypt School**

### **2021 Admission (Frequently Asked Questions)**

#### **How does my child gain admission to The Crypt School?**

The Crypt School is a selective school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the qualifying standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test. For 2021 entry, the test will be held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

#### **Do I need to register for the test?**

You will need to register using the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Central Registration Form. There will be a link for this on our website : <https://www.cryptschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply>. The registration will be online from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May (this is an earlier start date due to coronavirus school closures) until noon on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020. It does not make any difference where your child sits the test – it is the same test on the same day at the seven Grammar Schools in Gloucestershire. You only need to register once and then tick on the online registration where you would like the test results shared.

It is preferable for you to register online and all communications can then be sent by email. However, paper registration is available from the school by request. Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test you will be sent details of timings of the day and what your child should bring.

#### **What is the format of the test?**

The test consists of multiple choice style questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers each lasting approximately one hour which includes instructions and some worked examples. There will be a break between the papers.

### **Is it possible to obtain some practice papers/sample questions beforehand?**

A familiarisation booklet is on the school website with examples of the sorts of questions used in the test. CEM does not produce commercially available practice materials. Please be aware that materials sold on the internet or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation and practice materials, are not genuine CEM samples.

### **How should my child prepare for the test?**

Beyond the familiarisation material, the best preparation for the tests is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

### **When will I get the results?**

The results will be available by the middle of October 2020, in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF)

### **Can other test date be taken into account?**

No. SATs, CATs, 11+ tests from other areas, music tests, cannot be considered. Entry is based entirely on the entrance test.

### **What if my child is ill on test day?**

Please contact the Testing school as soon as possible to let them know. In exceptional circumstances and with medical evidence a late test may be possible.

### **What about siblings?**

Sibling connections are not considered at all. It is purely down to the test.

### **If my child reaches the qualifying standard how do I apply for a place at The Crypt School?**

If your child meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can apply for a place at The Crypt School by completing the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for allocation of school places. The deadline for this is usually 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Key Dates :

Register to sit the Entrance Test	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May until noon on Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.
Receive information / arrangements for the test	By Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
Entrance Test	Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
Results	Middle of October 2020
Local Authority CAF deadline	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2020
Local Authority Allocation Day	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021
Local Authority acceptance of place OR request to be put on waiting list deadline	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
Local Authority notified parents with outcome of their waiting list request	After 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Dates for Open Days/Mornings are published on our website

This information is produced by The Crypt School based on the most up-to-date information available at the time and may be subject to change. Parents are responsible for checking that this information is still correct at the time of application with the relevant grammar schools and the Local Authority.

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