



ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS
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**ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR
BOYS WHO WILL BE 11 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 2011**
(Date of Birth must be between 1st September 1999 and 31st August 2000)

The Admission Authority for this School is the Governing Body.
The intended admission number for 2011 is 168.

EXAMINATION DATE SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2010

**OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2010
(5.00-7.30PM)**

Information Evenings for **Parents Only** to attend and discuss admission arrangements are as follows:

Altrincham and District –
Thursday, 22nd April – 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Outside the Altrincham District –
Tuesday, 27th April – 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (You are welcome to attend either meeting if the date is inconvenient)

Please be aware that space is limited – doors open from 6.30pm for the sale of exam practice papers.

Parking is available at our sports facility 'The Grammar'
Doors will close at 7.10pm prompt!

**ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS IS A SELECTIVE STATE
FOUNDATION GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS.**

1. HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE FOR MY SON?

Altrincham Grammar School has its own admission arrangements. These will be widely advertised in the local press from April onwards and are summarised here.

You must apply for your son to take the Altrincham Grammar School for Boys entrance exam. It will take place on **Saturday, 18th September, 2010.**

To enter your son for the tests you should fill in the enclosed application form and return it to the school **before 3rd September, 2010 at the latest!**

The exams will be marked and results sent to you by mid-October to allow you to fill in the LEA preference form once the results of the tests are known. To enable your son to be offered a place he must gain a qualifying score and **you must ensure that you have named Altrincham Grammar School for Boys as a preference on the L.E.A. Parental Preference form and return this to your L.E.A. by their specified date.**

YOUR SON SHOULD HAVE A DATE OF BIRTH OF BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 1999 AND 31ST AUGUST 2000.

If you wish to find out more details about the entrance procedure you are very welcome to come to the appropriate INFORMATION MEETINGS, when the HEAD MASTER, and ASSISTANT HEAD in charge of the examination will explain the procedure and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

For the parents of boys living within the Altrincham district boundary the meeting is on Thursday, 22nd April 2010.

For the parents of boys living outside the Altrincham district boundary the meeting is on Tuesday, 27th April, 2010.

The meeting usually lasts one hour. Practice papers will be on sale from 6.30 pm on these evenings.

On receipt of your application form we will send you brief details about the tests and further details of the arrangements for Saturday, 18th September. If for religious reasons your son is unable to come to school on Saturday, 18th September, please will you let us know when you return the form and we will make alternative arrangements.

IF YOUR SON IS ILL ON THE 18th SEPTEMBER NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THAT DAY. AGAIN WE WILL MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU RETURN THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE FORM TO US, TOGETHER WITH A DOCTOR'S NOTE.

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If you feel that there are any special circumstances or any medical conditions that might affect your son's performance on the 18th September, it is important that you let us know on the Special Circumstances form. Please return this with your application form.

2. WHAT WILL THE ENTRANCE TESTS BE LIKE?

They consist of a Non-Verbal Reasoning test, a Verbal Reasoning test and a Maths test. In addition your son will be asked to write a short story. The content of the Maths test will be very similar to the sort of Maths that your son will have covered at KS2 in his primary school. The story will be used as part of the internal review process should your son's score be below the qualifying score of 334, but within 20 marks of it.

No extra time will be allowed if your son needs to leave the examination room for any reason. He will be allowed a short break in the middle of the examination when he can go to the toilet and have a drink.

If your son does have to leave the examination room because of illness and subsequently goes home, if he has started one of the test papers he cannot return on another date and finish this particular test. We can only let him sit the tests he has missed. Should this happen, the special circumstance form should be completed and returned to us as soon as possible giving full details.

Copies of G.L.Assessment practice tests in Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics can be purchased from the school at the Information Meetings, at our Open Evening on Thursday, 24th June, or between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm from the School Reception Office. WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT PARENTS FAMILIARISE BOYS WITH THESE TYPES OF TESTS AND THE MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SHEETS.

3. WHEN WILL MY SON KNOW IF HE HAS QUALIFIED?

We will write to the parents of all applicants to let them know the test results in mid October.

As required under the National Co-ordinated Secondary Arrangements the list of qualifying boys is then sent to the L.E.A., who will apply their allocation procedures to determine which single place to offer on National Offer Day, the 1st March, 2011.

This will all be explained at our Information Evenings

4. IF YOU ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED, HOW DO YOU AWARD PLACES?

If the number of qualifying applicants is greater than the number of places available, then the places will be awarded as follows to qualifying applicants: -

Following advice in the Code of Practice we have reviewed our Admissions Policy for 2011 entry and our oversubscription criteria for 2011 entry is now: -

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- "Looked after children" (as defined in the Education Act 2002-Admissions) regardless of place of residence.
- To boys residing within the Priority Admission Area (catchment area) of the WA14 and WA15 postal districts and the part of Sale falling within the Woodhouses area of M33. (This was formerly in our Admissions Policy as the boundary of St. Alban's Church at Broadheath). A map showing the M33 boundary is available for inspection at the school together with a list of specific roads which fall within this area, and WA13 residences within the Trafford LA. Further information is available on the School website.
- To eligible boys from outside the area in order of merit based on their test scores. Please see our 2011 Admission Policy for detailed clarification of our criteria.

5. WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE HAVE ACCEPTED A PLACE?

In May or June, once we have received your acceptance and admission forms, we will send you further details about the School, the uniform, and details of the Induction Evenings:

6. APPEALS PROCEDURE

The Governors arrange an independent panel who will consider any appeals. If we do not offer your son a place you have the right of appeal.

Details of the Appeals Procedure are available upon request to the Admissions Officer.

7. BUT WHAT IF

We would be very pleased to see you at one of the Information Evenings on Thursday, 22nd April or Tuesday, 27th April (both 7.00 pm start), when there is always an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the entrance exam or admissions procedure.

If there is anything else you wish to know about the school, please contact the Admissions Officer.

The enclosed application form should be sent to the school as soon as possible.

If you require an alternative date for religious reasons please send notification in with your registration form.

FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

– See Admissions Policy or phone the Admissions Officer on 0161 928 0858.

ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR SON'S PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO THE SCHOOL USING THE YELLOW SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE FORM SUPPLIED WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

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