

Bradford Grammar Junior School Admissions policy

Pupils are accepted for entry to the Junior School at each year group. Entry is by assessment at Years 2, 3 and 4 and by examination at Years 5 and 6.

The assessments are undertaken over the course of one day.

The Year 2 Assessments are usually in early March.

The Year 3 and 4 assessments take place in January and early February.

The Year 5 and 6 examinations take place on a Saturday morning towards the end of January.

However, pupils can be assessed or tested at other times at the discretion of the Headmaster of the Junior School. Although most pupils sit at the allocated assessment / examination time, more and more parents are making the decision to change their child's school throughout the school year.

Assessments

Pupils are in school for a day and three or four teachers are with them throughout their time at the school. Various topics are given to the pupils but essentially they are assessed in English and Maths.

The following areas are covered in Years 2, 3 and 4:

Year 2 pupils are:

- given work to assess their ability to follow instructions
- asked to do a jigsaw and describe the scene
- required to work on a computer
- create an item using construction toys

They are also required to complete many of the topics covered below for Years 3 and 4 where:

- pupils are asked to read and a reading age is established
- pupils are asked to write or complete a story
- pupils are required to discuss a topic
- spellings are given to the pupils and a spelling age is established
- basic maths and tables are checked
- pupils are also taught more complex Maths and English topics (work they are unlikely to have covered) to see how they respond to new concepts.

- pupils are given a standardised test in English and Maths

The entrance examinations for Years 5 and 6 encompass an internally-set English and Maths examination. The Maths paper contains basic number work, mental arithmetic and some word problems. The English paper has a story, a comprehension and various tests for grammar and spelling etc.

Upon enquiring about the school, prospective parents are given a package of information including the Junior and Senior School Prospectus, web-site address, school fees information, newsletters, a copy of the Junior School magazine, the school aims and a registration form. Specimen papers are available on request for Year 5 and 6 entry.

Upon completion and return of the registration form, an accompanying birth certificate and the registration fee of £25, the pupil is classed as being 'registered' with the school and information is placed on the SIM's database. This ensures that all relevant information is sent to parents. The parents are then automatically invited to our concerts, plays and open events and all application forms for the relevant pupil assessment / examinations are forwarded inviting pupils to sit on the appropriate day.

Having sat the entrance examination, successful candidates will receive written confirmation of the offer of a place at the school along with an enrolment form. To formally accept the place, parents must then complete and return the enrolment form along with a £200 non refundable deposit, which will be offset against the first term's fees. A letter confirming the place and welcoming parents to the school will then be issued. Prior to the start of term, further documents are sent to the parents. These include:

- up to date information on fees
- information on school uniform
- start of term
- an information for parents booklet
- a Health and Safety booklet to be read with their child
- a Health and Safety Medical Information booklet

Entry to Senior School

It is anticipated that all Junior School pupils will progress on to the Senior School. However all pupils sit the same Entrance Examination as the external 11+ candidates and are expected to pass.