

Bradford Grammar School

Admissions Policy

This policy applies to the Junior School and is published to parents, pupils and staff.
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Bradford Grammar School (the "School") is a selective co-educational day School. In its recruitment process it seeks to identify bright girls and boys who have both strong academic potential and also a willingness to take advantage of the wide range of co-curricular opportunities that are available.

1. Admission to the Junior School (Clock House)

Pupils are accepted for entry to the Junior School at each year group. Entry is by assessment from Years 2 to 6. The assessments will take place during a school day.

The Year 2 Assessments usually take place in early March.

The Year 3 to 6 assessments take place in January and early February.

However, pupils can be assessed or tested at other times at the discretion of the Head of the Junior School.

2. Assessments

Pupils spend a day in school where they will be assessed as appropriate by the Head, relevant members of Junior Leadership Team and teachers.

Pupils will be assessed primarily in English and maths but other activities may be undertaken with the candidates.

Year 2 assessment:

- Pupils are assessed on their ability to follow instructions.
- In English, pupils are assessed to ascertain their reading comprehension age, the fluency of their reading, their spelling age, their descriptive and creative writing skills and their oral ability.
- In Maths, pupils are assessed on their responses to age appropriate maths skills;
- Pupils will be assessed on their interaction with their peers and the assessing teachers.
- Pupils will be introduced to other activities throughout the day to assess their responses to new concepts.

Years 3 and 4 assessments:

- Pupils are assessed on their ability to follow instructions.
- In English, pupils are assessed to ascertain their reading comprehension age, the fluency of their reading, their spelling age, their descriptive and creative writing skills and their oral ability.
- In Maths, pupils are assessed on their responses to age appropriate maths skills and on their knowledge of times tables appropriate to their age.

- Pupils will be assessed on their interaction with their peers and the assessing teachers.
- Pupils will be introduced to other activities throughout the day to assess their responses to new concepts.

Years 5 and 6 assessments:

- Pupils are assessed on their ability to follow instructions.
- In English, pupils are assessed to ascertain their reading comprehension age, their understanding of age appropriate vocabulary, punctuation and grammar rules, their spelling age, their descriptive and creative writing skills including the use of figurative language.
- In Maths, pupils are assessed on their responses to age appropriate maths skills including their knowledge of times tables-up to and including the 12 times table.
- Pupils will be assessed on their interaction with their peers and the assessing teachers.
- Pupils will be introduced to other activities throughout the day to assess their responses to new concepts.

Upon enquiring about the school, prospective parents are given a pack which includes the Junior and Senior School Prospectus, website address, school fees information, newsletters, a copy of the Junior School magazine and a registration form. Specimen assessment papers are available on request for Year 5 and 6 entries.

Upon completion and return of the registration form and accompanying registration fee of £30, the pupil is classed as being 'registered' with the school and all their details are placed on the SIMS (School Information Management System) database. This ensures that all relevant information with regard to their child's/children's pupil assessment day(s) is sent to parents. Parents may then also be invited to any of the relevant school concerts or events.

Having sat the entrance assessment, 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 £250 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:

- information on school uniform;
- term dates;
- Information for Parents Booklet;
- Health and Safety Booklet to be read with their child;
- Health and Safety Medical Information Booklet;
- parental consent and medical information form;
- transport detail form; and
- up to date information on fees.

3. Entry to Senior School

It is anticipated that generally all Junior School pupils will progress on to the Senior School. Pupils are no longer required to sit the Senior School Entrance Examination at age eleven. The final decision about whether a child is accepted into Senior School however, is at the discretion of the Junior School Headmistress and Senior School Headmaster.