

# Admissions Criteria 2020

# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School



**Determined Birmingham School Admission Criteria September 2020**

School name	<b>Bishop Vesey's Grammar School</b>		
School address	Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 2NH		
Headteacher	Mr Dominic Robson	Tel no:	0121 250 5400
Admission Number	192		
Admissions Criteria	<p>Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is an Academy for boys aged 11-16 years with a co-educational Sixth Form and is designated as a selective grammar school under S104 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The school is part of 'The Grammar Schools of Birmingham' Consortium.</p> <p>Admission to the school is on the basis of selection by reference to ability. Only boys who attain the required standard in the prescribed arrangements for selection are eligible to be considered for admission to the school. These arrangements require that prospective pupils are considered for admission on the basis of a combined score, standardised according to the age of the pupil, on standardised tests of verbal, numerical and non-verbal reasoning ability.</p> <p>Boys born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 are eligible to apply for admission in Year 7 in September 2020.</p> <p>In order to be eligible for admission to the school, candidates must achieve a minimum standardised score (the 'qualifying score') in the selection test. Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available at the school, places are offered to children as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score;</li> <li>2. Children attracting the Pupil Premium, who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score but limited to no more than 38 pupils in this category;</li> <li>3. Other children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score.</li> </ol> <p>Where children are equal on standardised score, places will be offered to those who live nearest the school. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the foot of the steps leading to the main school entrance. Birmingham Local Authority uses a computerised system, called Cartology, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system.</p>		
Children with a statement of special educational needs	Those who have a statement of special needs (Education Health and Care Plan) naming the school and with a qualifying score will be allocated a place. This gives such children with a qualifying score overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.		
Definitions	A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order. This includes any child / young person who is subject to a Full Care Order, an interim Care Order, accommodated under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, is remanded or detained into Local Authority accommodation under Criminal Law or		

	<p>who has been placed for adoption. Evidence would need to be provided to support that by the end of November 2019.</p> <p>Children attracting Pupil Premium are those who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the 6 years prior to the closing date for test registration. The school will require evidence of Pupil Premium registration and reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place if the offer has been made on the basis of an incorrect, fraudulent or misleading application.</p> <p>Parents/carers of children attracting Pupil Premium must have ticked the Pupil Premium box when registering their child for the test. Any alterations to this box cannot be made after the end of September 2019.</p> <p>Parents will need to provide evidence of Pupil Premium registration to our School Business Manager no later than the end of November 2019. Any evidence received after this date will be considered as late and will be considered after the main round of allocations has been made.</p>
Shared responsibility	<p>Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.</p>
Separating 'final qualifier' applications (twins, blocks of flats etc)	<p>In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.</p> <p>For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.</p>
Waiting list	<p>A Local Authority waiting list, of those boys who sat the test for admission in September 2020, and who did not receive an offer from our school, or a more preferred school, will be held in strict oversubscription criteria order until the end of the first term of the academic year. Each child added to the waiting list will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.</p>
In Year Applications	<p><b>Year 7 (first term)</b> See Waiting List. <b>January of Year 7-Year 11</b> From January of Year 7 onwards, parents may apply for a place directly to the school. Places will be offered in accordance with the published admissions criteria. Being added to the school's waiting list does not mean that a place will become available as in-year places normally only become available if a current student leaves the school.</p> <p>On receipt of an in-year application, the school will notify the Local Authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the Local Authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places in Birmingham.</p> <p>If a place becomes available, candidates on the waiting list in the appropriate year group will be invited to take a selective admission test appropriate to the year of entry and the place will be awarded to the highest scoring candidate above a minimum standard.</p>

Appeals	If a parent/carer is refused a place at a school for their child, they have the right to appeal to an independent Appeal Panel set up under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals for Bishop Vesey's Grammar School are administered by the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service.										
	<b>Sixth Form</b>										
Sixth Form External Admission Number	80										
Admissions Criteria	<p>Admission to the Sixth Form is based on performance in a student's best 6 GCSE subjects plus GCSE English Language and Mathematics (throughout this document this is referred to as 'Best 8').</p> <p>Points are awarded as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="504 719 770 1093"> <tr><td>GCSE Grade</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td></tr> </table> <p>For entry points in September 2020 we will admit students who have achieved 52 points or higher.</p> <p>Students need to achieve the minimum of a 5 in English Language and Mathematics GCSE, and a minimum of an A-grade or a 7 in the subjects (or equivalents eg In the cases of Economics and Computer Science, we will take the GCSE Mathematics grade. In the case of Psychology we will take the GCSE English Language or English Literature grade). In the case of those students opting for A-Level History, who have not taken GCSE History, they will be required to attain a 7 or better in GCSE English Language or English Literature) to be studied at A-Level. To study Further Mathematics at A level, students are required to achieve an 8 or better in GCSE Mathematics.</p> <p>Please note that any students opting to study A Level Physics, will also be expected to study A Level Mathematics.</p>	GCSE Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Sixth Form Oversubscription	<p>Priority will always be given to students who have studied their GCSE qualifications at BVGS, if they meet the published entry standard.</p> <p>We have 80 places allocated for external applicants.</p> <p>In case of over subscription, priority should be given to students based on the following criteria. The criteria will be applied in rank order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children.</li> <li>2. Students attracting the Pupil Premium.</li> </ol>										

Students attracting Pupil Premium are those who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the 6 years prior to the Sixth Form application closing date of 21 December 2019. The school will require evidence of Pupil Premium registration and reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place if the offer has been made on the basis of an incorrect, fraudulent or misleading application.

Parents/carers of students attracting Pupil Premium must have ticked the Pupil Premium box when applying to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School by 21 December 2019. No alterations to this box can be made after 21 December 2019.

Parents will need to provide evidence of Pupil Premium registration to our School Business Manager no later than the end of May 2020. Any evidence received after this date will be considered as late and will be considered after the main round of allocations has been made.

3. Conditional offers will then be made based on predicted grades, as stated on an official report or progress check from the student's current school. The judgement will be based on the Best 8 predicted GCSE grades, to include English Language and Mathematics. Applications will be scored based on the GCSE points system, as detailed above. Conditional offers will be then made (depending on capacity) to external students with the highest (Best 8) predicted GCSE score.

4. If an applicant has a Best 8 subject score which is equal to another candidate, we will then apply the average score of the 3 stated A Level subjects or an equivalent subject, if it is not taken at GCSE. In the cases of Economics and Computer Science, we will take the predicted GCSE Mathematics grade. In the case of Psychology we will take the predicted GCSE English Language or English Literature grade (whichever is higher). In the case of those students opting for A-Level History, who have not taken GCSE History, we will take the higher of the GCSE English Language or English Literature grade.

If data is still identical then a tie breaker will be applied based on a closest proximity to the school (See above for the calculation).

If a student meets the general admissions requirement but we are unable to offer a place based on the criteria detailed above; they will be automatically placed on a waiting list.

Conditional offers will become 'firm' offers when a copy of GCSE results are provided on, or within 24 hours of 11am on GCSE results days. If a student is away for 'GCSE Results Day' it is strongly advised they make arrangements for GCSE results to be delivered, faxed or sent by e-mail to BVGS. Please note that this is the responsibility of the applicant and if results are not received within the deadline, BVGS may withdraw the offer.

On receiving results if the 'actual GCSE score' is more than 4 points below the predicted 'Best 8 Subject score', then the Best 8 score will be recalculated using actual grades and an applicant position in the ranking order may change accordingly. Consequently, the offer of a place may no longer be valid.

	Please also note that our PAN for external students at Year 13 is 0.
Headteacher's Discretion	The Headteacher, on behalf of the Governors, reserves the right to make a discretionary award of a place in the Sixth Form where it can be shown that personal, domestic or other exceptional circumstances prior to, or during, the GCSE examinations, have affected a student's exam performance and the student has a school record which indicates academic potential of the type suitable for progression to A Level courses at the school.