

Admissions Policy 2023

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| School name | Bishop Vesey's Grammar School | | |
| 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 English comprehension, verbal, numerical and non-verbal reasoning ability.</p> <p>Boys born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 are eligible to apply for admission in Year 7 in September 2023.</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"> 1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children/Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score; 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; 3. Other children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score. <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. | | |

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| <p><u>Definitions</u></p> | <p>A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.</p> |
| <p><u>Pupil Premium</u></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 2022.</p> <p>Parents will need to provide evidence of Pupil Premium registration to our School Business Manager no later than the end of November 2022. 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> |
| <p>Shared responsibility</p> | <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> |
| <p>Separating 'final qualifier' applications (twins, blocks of flats etc)</p> | <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> |

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| Applicants out of chronological age group | Although most boys will be admitted to the school within their own age group, the school will consider requests from parents for their child(ren) to be educated outside of their normal age group. Parents are advised to contact the school to discuss such a request and submit any relevant evidence with their formal application. The decision whether to offer a place out of year group rests with the school and decisions will be taken in line with the School Admissions Code. Parents will have a right to appeal if a place is refused at the school. Parents do not have a right to appeal if a place is offered in a year group other than the year group for which they applied. |
| Local authority fair access arrangements | The school also participates in the local authority's fair access arrangements and this may require the school to offer a place in a year group even where the school is full. |
| Waiting list | A Local Authority waiting list, of those boys who sat the test for admission in September 2023, 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. |
| In Year Applications | <p>Year 7 (first term) See Waiting List.</p> <p>January of Year 7-Year 11 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. Parents must not be refused the opportunity to make an application or be told that they can only be placed on a waiting list rather than make a formal application. Upon receipt of an in-year application, the admission authority, or the local authority if it is coordinating the admissions authority's in-year admissions, should aim to notify the parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 10 school days, but they must be notified in writing within 15 school days. |
| | Sixth Form |
| Sixth Form External Admission Number | 80 |

Admissions Criteria

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').

Points are awarded as follows:

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| 9 for a grade 9 |
| 8 for a grade 8 |
| 7 for a grade 7 |
| 6 for a grade 6 |
| 5 for a grade 5 |
| 4 for a grade 4 |
| 3 for a grade 3 |
| 2 for a grade 2 |
| 1 for a grade 1 |

We will admit students who have achieved 52 points or higher in their 'Best 8.'

Students need to achieve the minimum of a 5 in English Language and Mathematics GCSE, and a minimum of 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 Biology 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.

Please note that any students opting to study A Level Physics, will also be expected to study A Level Mathematics.

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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 qualifying 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"> 1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children. 2. Students attracting the Pupil Premium. <p>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 2022. 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 students attracting Pupil Premium must have ticked the Pupil Premium box when applying to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School by 21 December 2022. No alterations to this box can be made after 21 December 2022.</p> <p>Parents will need to provide evidence of Pupil Premium registration to our School Business Manager no later than the end of May 2023. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Offers will be made (depending on capacity) to external students with the highest (Best 8) GCSE score. 4. If distinguishing between external applicants with equal Best 8 subject scores, 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 Biology grade. 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.) 5. 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). |
| PAN for external students at Year 13 | Zero |
| Waiting list | 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. |

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| Appeals | If a parent/carer is refused a place for their daughter or son at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Sixth Form, they have the right to appeal. Appeals must be sent in writing The Clerk to the Governors, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. The Clerk will arrange an appeal within 30 school days of receiving the appeal. |
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