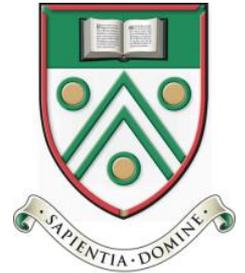


Slough Consortium 11+ Examination Parents' information event *23 April 2024*

Herschel Grammar School
Langley Grammar School
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School
Upton Court Grammar School

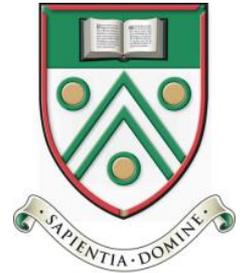
11+ Parents' briefing

- The 11+ Testing Consortium
- Admissions Code
- Key dates for 2024 entry
- Testing process
- Results
- Common Application Form (CAF) and application process
- Appeals



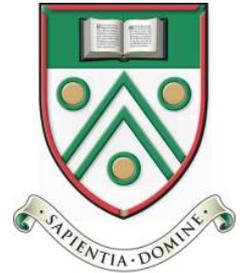
The 11+ Testing Consortium

- Four grammar schools in Slough
 - Herschel Grammar School
 - Langley Grammar School
 - St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School
 - Upton Court Grammar School
- Consortium for testing purposes only
- Common testing procedures



Admissions Code

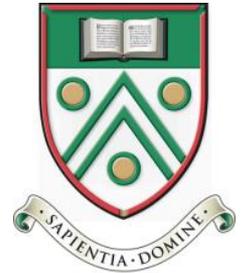
- Current School Admissions Code introduced in 2021.
- Code requires that results of selection tests must be available to parents before applications made via the CAF.
- Allows parents to make informed choice of schools on Common Application Form.



The testing and application process

Step 1

- If you are thinking of applying to any of the four grammar schools in Slough you must register your child to take the Consortium 11+ test.
- Complete the online Registration Form on the Consortium portal at <https://slough.applicaa.com> – the link is available through the websites of any of the Consortium grammar schools.



The testing and application process

Step 2

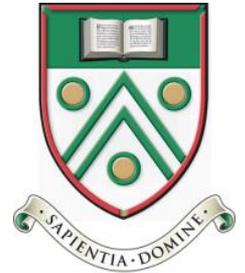
- Your child sits the 11+ examination at one of the four grammar schools acting as test centres on **Saturday 21 September**.
- You will receive an email before the end of the summer term telling you which test centre, and about the test arrangements. We will use the email address you have provided on the registration website. This information will be sent again in early September.
- Your child will be allocated to a specific morning or afternoon session and this cannot be changed.

Step 3

- You receive the **results** of the test in October.

Step 4

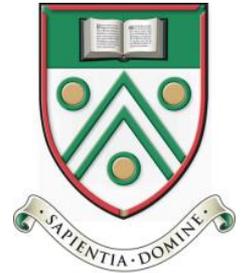
- You complete the Common Application Form (CAF), including any grammar school for which you wish your child to be considered.
- If your priority is for your child to attend a grammar school, you must place any grammar schools above non-selective schools in your order of preference.



The testing and application process

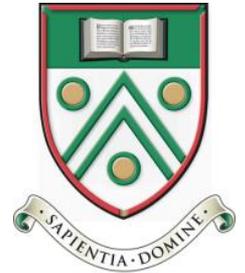
Step 5

- Grammar schools supply test scores to the Local Authority.
- Slough Local Authority coordinates all offers and allocates a place at the highest ranked (on CAF) school for which the child is eligible.
- The home Local Authority notifies parents of allocation on the national offer day (1st March).
- If you are allocated a grammar school, the school will make a formal place offer. **You must accept or decline the place directly with the school.**



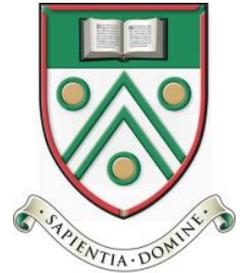
Grammar schools elsewhere

- **Kendrick School** (girls) and **Reading School** (boys) use different tests to the Slough Consortium. There is no score-sharing with schools in Reading.
- There are around 160 grammar schools, and only a few dates on which tests can be held.
- There will be date clashes between schools in different areas, and parents are expected to prioritise.



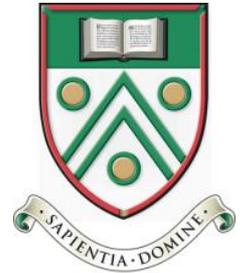
Key dates

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| Wednesday 1 May 2024 | Registration opens – portal accessible through Consortium grammar school websites. |
| Wednesday 12 June 2024 | Registration closes at 10.00am. Late applications will NOT be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances. |
| Saturday 21 Sept 2024 | 11+ entrance examination at testing centres for all children who have registered. |
| Mid-October 2024 | Parents notified of results of 11+ tests. |
| Thursday 31 Oct 2024 | Deadline for submission of Common Application Form to your home Local Authority. |
| Monday 3 March 2025 | Notification of allocation of school places by your home Local Authority. |



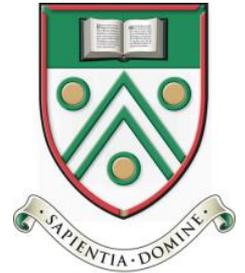
The 11+ entrance examination

- Test provider is GL Assessment
- Two separate papers each containing a mixture of questions which test:
 - Verbal ability
 - Numerical ability
 - Non-verbal ability
- Each paper approx 60-65 minutes
- Separate answer sheet
- Extra time (up to 25%) and other access arrangements available for recognised special needs or specific circumstances.



11+ test results

- Papers are marked and moderated by the test provider (GL Assessment)
- Raw marks are **standardised** to give a score for each paper.
- Standardisation takes pupils' **ages** into account.
- Final score given to you is the **average** across **both** papers.

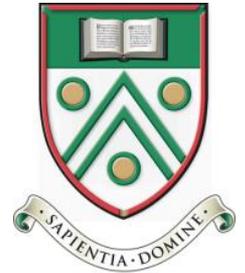


Frequently-asked questions



“Are practice papers available?”

- Not specifically for the Slough test - however there will be familiarisation materials available on the Consortium school websites. GL Assessment also publish generic packs of practice papers



“Are calculators or dictionaries allowed?”

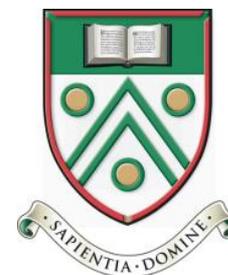
- No. These are tests of mental ability. All children need is a pencil and rubber.



Frequently-asked questions

“What if my child is ill on the test day?”

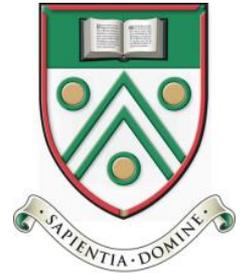
- Contact the test centre as soon as possible.
- ***Please do not let your child sit the test if they are unwell.***
- Alternative arrangements will be made for your child to sit the test at a later date.
- Supporting medical evidence (eg doctor’s letter) may be required.



Frequently-asked questions

“What is the pass mark?”

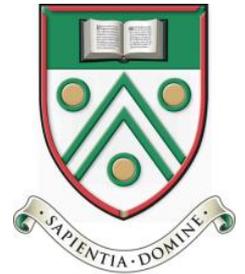
- A score of 111 or greater means that an pupil is ***eligible to be considered*** for a grammar school place. This is not a ‘pass mark’ but an eligibility score.
- Due to over-subscription, a mark of 111 or more **does not guarantee a place** in a grammar school.



Frequently-asked questions

“Can I find out how many marks my child scored?”

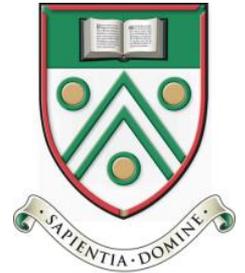
- No. The raw scores (questions answered correctly) are converted to standardised scores. The Consortium only receives the standardised scores.



Frequently-asked questions

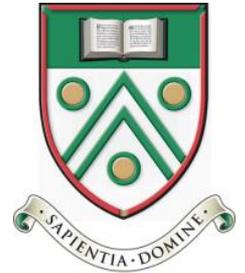
“How many marks does my child need to pass?”

- We cannot answer this question.
- Different children will answer different numbers of questions correctly.
- These raw scores are converted to standardised scores to take into account each child’s’ age.
- To be eligible for consideration for a grammar school place, children have to achieve a standardised score of 111 or above, which puts them in the top 35% of the range of scores



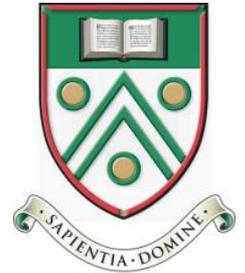
Common Application Form

- Most commonly completed online
www.slough.gov.uk/admissions
- Parents living in Slough have six choices
– Other local authorities may vary
- Schools must be listed in your preferred order.
– Grammar schools must be ranked higher than non-selective schools.
- Check admissions policies carefully



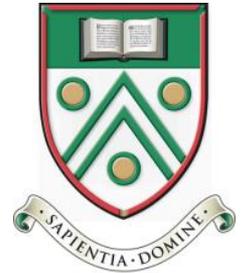
Allocation of places

- Local Authority coordinates the process.
- If you live outside Slough, your home Local Authority sends the application information to Slough Borough Council.
- Pupils are offered the highest ranked school for which they are eligible and which has available places.
- List your choice of schools on the CAF in your **genuinely preferred order**.
- All offers will be made on 3rd March 2025 – this is the national offer day.



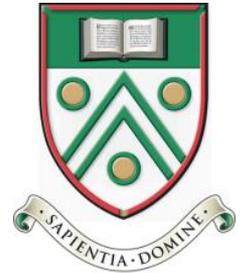
Waiting lists

- Children are placed on **waiting lists** for schools higher on their preference list than the one to which they have been allocated on 3rd March.
- There will be **further rounds of offers** made after 3rd March, and children will move up the waiting lists.
- Allocations from waiting list will be made **without consultation** - local authorities regard your CAF preferences as a set of instructions.
- You must tell your local authority if you want your child to be taken **off** the waiting lists for higher-preference schools.



Appeals

- You cannot appeal your child's 11+ score.
- Parents do have the right to appeal ***against a decision not to admit to a particular school.***
- Appeals must be lodged within 20 days of the allocation of places.
- Appeals are heard by an independent panel within 40 days.

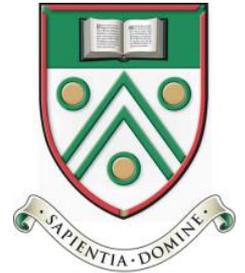


Appeals

- You may appeal because
 - Your child scored more than 111 but was not offered a place at a school named on the CAF due to oversubscription.

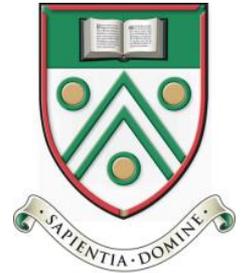
or

- Your child scored below 111 and was not offered a place because they were not eligible for consideration. ***In this case you must have actually applied to a grammar school by naming it on the CAF.***



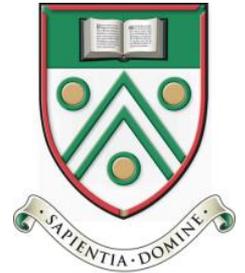
Open events

- All four grammar schools intend to be holding open evenings and/or mornings in the autumn before the CAF deadline.
- You should attend open events to help inform your choice of which schools to apply for.
- See the individual school websites for dates and times.

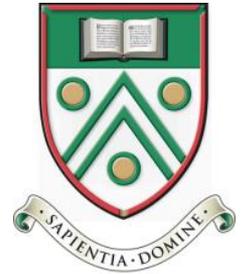


Next steps

- Complete the 11+ test **registration form** (*link available via the Consortium grammar school websites until 10.00am on 12 June 2024*)
- Attend school **open events** to help decide which schools may be right for your child.
- Familiarise yourself with schools' **admissions policies**.
- **Submit CAF** having made an informed choice of appropriate schools.



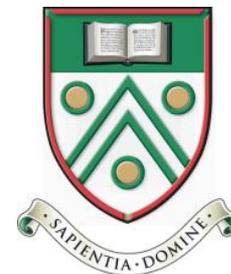
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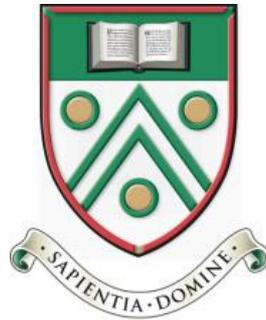


If you have any further questions...

Contact the admissions officers at any of the four consortium grammar schools.

Contact details will be on the individual schools' websites.





**Thank you for
attending**