



# I+ Admissions Booklet 2027



Lancaster Royal  
Grammar School

State Day and Boarding School for Boys 11 to 18  
Coeducational Sixth Form



# Arrangements for 2027 entry

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## Welcome from the Headmaster

### Dear Parents

Thank you for your interest in I I+ entry to Lancaster Royal Grammar School. This booklet is designed to help parents understand the I I+ examination and admission process at LRGS.

The I I+ entrance tests will be taken on **Saturday, 26th September 2026**. Parents will know the outcome of the I I+ tests in October before the deadline for deciding on the priority of school choices on the LEA Common Application Form.

Families are warmly invited to our annual **Open Day**, scheduled for **Saturday, 20th June 2026**. We look forward to welcoming you and your son between **9.00 am and 1.00 pm**. The admissions procedures will be explained in full on this occasion, and there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions about any personal circumstances.

LRGS also offers up to **twelve boarding places each year**, at low cost, as the day element of the educational provision carries no fee, and there is no VAT. Parents considering boarding are invited to contact **Mrs Emma Jones, Marketing Manager (01524 580632 or [ejones@lrgs.org.uk](mailto:ejones@lrgs.org.uk))** to arrange an individual appointment to discuss the opportunities which boarding provides. Boarding candidates take the main I I+ entry tests on **Saturday, 26th September 2026**, or the separate boarders' entrance tests held on **Wednesday, 20th January 2027**.

The **LRGS application form** should be completed online via the LRGS website by **Monday, 7th September 2026**.

The **LEA form** should be returned to the primary school or completed on the county council website.

We very much hope that you will apply to LRGS and consider the school as your first preference for your son. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that requires further explanation or clarification. I look forward to meeting you later this year.

**Yours faithfully**

C J Pyle  
Headmaster

Lancaster Royal Grammar School is a selective grammar school for boys aged 11–16, with a co-educational Sixth Form.

For entry into Year 7, the school admits:

164 day places

12 state boarding places

LRGS is a state-funded school. There are no tuition fees for day pupils. For boarders, parents pay only for the boarding element, as the educational provision itself is fully funded.

## Key Dates and Timetable

Event	Date
<b>Open Day</b>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, no booking required
LRGS 11+ registration opens	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026, online application form
<b>Closing date</b> for LRGS 11+ registration	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
11+ entrance test at LRGS	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
Results of 11+ sent to parents	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Local Authority CAF deadline (Common Application Form):	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
National Offer Day, allocation of schools sent by LEA	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2027

## The 11+ Entrance Tests

The 11+ is an entrance examination provided by GL Assessment and used by Lancaster Royal Grammar School to identify boys of high academic ability who are suited to a grammar school education. As an academy school, the responsibility for arranging the 11+ assessment lies with the Trustees. The main examination is held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026, for both day and boarding applicants. There is a second opportunity for boarders only, held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

January 2027. Full details are sent in the week before the examination, including the specific room where each candidate is to be tested. Candidates may wear a school uniform or casual clothes, as they and their parents wish. No reference books, dictionaries, or calculators are allowed. Pencils and erasers are provided.

The entrance examination for LRGS takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

The LRGS entrance has three papers, which include:

- Mathematics
- English
- Verbal Reasoning

There is no Non-Verbal Reasoning paper.

All papers are:

- Age-standardised
- Multiple choice
- Completed using optically read answer sheets

There is no fixed “pass mark”. Each year, a minimum standard is set to ensure that pupils admitted are able to access the grammar school curriculum. Achieving this standard does not guarantee a place, as places are offered in rank order and subject to oversubscription criteria. The results of the entrance examination will be sent electronically using the email provided on the application on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026. GL provides free familiarisation material on their website: [www.gl-assessment.co.uk](http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk)

## How to Apply

The trustees welcome applications from parents/carers of boys born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Parents must complete two separate applications:

### 1. Register with LRGS for the I I+ Entrance Test

Registration is completed via the LRGS online application form available on the website. This should be completed by the deadline on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Paper copies of the application form are available on request. Receipt of an application form is promptly acknowledged. If you have not received any acknowledgment within seven days, please get in touch with the Admissions Officer (01524 580629).

### 2. Complete the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF)

An application for a Year 7 place must be made through your Local Authority using the Common Application Form (CAF). The Local Education Authority (LEA) in which you live will provide a Common Application Form. Copies of this will be circulated to the parents of all Year 6 pupils attending maintained primary schools in September 2026. Parents and caregivers of boys who do not attend such schools will need to obtain the corresponding form from their home LEA.

Parents will be invited to state on the Common Application Form the names of up to three secondary schools in priority order, and this order of preferences will be crucial. Parents who wish to apply to LRGS once the examination results have been published must list LRGS as one of their preferences on the County Form. Parents need to consider the order of preferences carefully and to **note that it will be impossible for LRGS to guarantee a place for a boy who qualifies based on the I I+ examination unless LRGS is entered as the first priority on the Common Application Form.** The CAF should be completed online at the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

## Catchment Areas

Lancaster Royal Grammar School draws its day pupils from Lancaster and the surrounding area within reasonable travelling distance.

As a state boarding school, applications for boarding places are welcomed from a wider geographical area.

### Priority Catchment Area

Priority for admission is given to boys who live within the administrative City of Lancaster:

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

- 1 - Silverdale
- 2 - Yealand Redmayne
- 3 - Whittington
- 4 - Burrow with Burrow
- 5 - Leck
- 6 - Yealand Conyers
- 7 - Priest Hutton
- 8 - Tunstall
- 9 - Ireby
- 10 - Warton
- 11 - Borwick
- 12 - Arkholme with Cawood
- 13 - Cantsfield
- 14 - Carnforth
- 15 - Over Kellet
- 16 - Gressingham
- 17 - Hornby with Farleton
- 18 - Melling with Wrayton
- 19 - Wennington
- 20 - Slyne with Hest
- 21 - Nether Kellet
- 22 - Halton with Aughton
- 23 - Claughton
- 24 - Wray with Bolton
- 25 - Tatham
- 26 - Morecambe and Heysham
- 27 - Heaton with Oxcliffe
- 28 - Lancaster
- 29 - Quernmore
- 30 - Caton with Littledale
- 31 - Roeburndale
- 32 - Middleton
- 33 - Overton
- 34 - Ashton with Stodday
- 35 - Scotforth
- 36 - Thurnham
- 37 - Eilel
- 38 - Over Wyresdale
- 39 - Cockerham



The address used for admissions purposes must be the child's current permanent residence, defined as the address where the child normally lives and sleeps for the majority of school nights during term time.

This will usually be:

1. The address at which the child is registered with their GP
2. The address to which Child Benefit is paid, if applicable

### **Residual Catchment Area**

After the needs of applicants living within the Priority Catchment Area have been met, places may be offered to applicants living within the Residual Catchment Area.

Limits of the residual area are Arnside to the northwest, Milnthorpe to the north, Leck to the northeast, to Grimsargh to the southeast, the River Ribble through Preston to the south, and the River Wyre to the southwest.

In more detail, the boundary of the residual area is as follows. To the northwest of the priority catchment area at Silverdale, the residual boundary follows the coast to Arnside, then the B5282 to Milnthorpe, then northeast on the B6385 to the A65, then southeast on the A65 to the priority.

## **How Places Are Offered**

All applicants must achieve a minimum standard in the 11+ entrance test. Applicants who achieve the minimum standard are ranked by their aggregate score across the tests.

Where there are more eligible applicants than places available, places are offered in rank order subject to the oversubscription criteria below. Meeting the minimum standard does not guarantee a place.

### **Oversubscription Criteria (Summary)**

Within each category, applicants are ranked strictly by entrance test performance.

*Category 1)* Looked After or Previously Looked After children (including those who score up to and including 5% below the minimum level)

*Category 2)* Priority Catchment + Pupil Premium (including those who score up to and including 5% below the minimum level)

**Category 3)** Priority Catchment

**Category 4)** Residual Catchment + Pupil Premium (including those who score up to and including 5% below the minimum level)

**Category 5)** Residual Catchment + children of qualifying permanent LRGs staff

**Category 6)** Residual Catchment

If two or more applicants in the same category are tied for the final available place, the offer will be determined by random allocation supervised by an independent person.

Full details of the oversubscription criteria are set out in the Admissions Policy.

## **Boarding at I I+**

Lancaster Royal Grammar School offers a number of state boarding places for boys entering Year 7. Boarding is particularly suitable for pupils who would benefit from a stable residential environment. In addition to meeting the academic standard required for entry, boarding applicants will be invited to attend an interview to assess suitability for boarding life. Parents interested in boarding are encouraged to contact the school Marketing Manager, Mrs. Emma Jones, [ejones@lrgs.org.uk](mailto:ejones@lrgs.org.uk), at an early stage to organise an appointment and tour of the facilities. **Boarding places are not interchangeable with Day places.**

## **Special Circumstances**

### **Reasonable Adjustments**

Reasonable adjustments will be made for disabled applicants or those with special educational needs, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Requests for adjustments must be supported by appropriate professional evidence and submitted by the published deadline. See the full Admissions Policy for guidance.

## **Shared Care Arrangements**

Where parents share responsibility, the school will require evidence to confirm the address at which the child lives for the majority of the school week.

## **Admission Outside the Normal Age Group**

Requests for admission outside the normal age group must be made in writing by the application deadline and will be considered on a case-by-case basis, considering the best interests of the child.

## **Waiting Lists and Appeals**

Applicants who achieve the required standard but are not offered a place due to oversubscription will be placed on a waiting list, which is maintained in accordance with the Admissions Policy. Parents have the legal right to appeal against a decision not to offer a place.

## **Further Information and Contact Details**

Families are encouraged to attend the open day on Saturday 20th June 2026 to gain a fuller understanding of life at Lancaster Royal Grammar School. For further information about I1+ admissions, please visit the school website or contact the LRGS Admissions Officer, Miss K Lightfoot,

[klightfoot@lrgs.org.uk](mailto:klightfoot@lrgs.org.uk)