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11+ Entrance Tests FAQs

Q. When and where will the test take place?

A. Saturday 29th September 2018 at LRGS.

Q. How do I apply?

A. Online from our website at www.lrgs.org.uk.

Q. When will I find out about the arrangements for the test day?

A. Final details are sent by letter, a week before the test day.

Q. What time does the day start and finish?

A. It begins at 09:30am and will finish at 12.35pm.

Q. How many test papers are there?

A. Three: Mathematics, English and Verbal Reasoning (in that order).

Q. How many minutes long is each test paper?

A. The Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning papers are 50 minutes each. The English paper is 45 minutes.

Q. How many questions are there on each paper?

A. Mathematics has 50 questions, English has 56 questions and Verbal Reasoning has 80 questions.

Q. What is the format of the different test papers?

A. All are multiple choice, with 4 or 5 possible answers.

Q. What happens if my son realises a mistake has been made in an answer?

A. He should erase the incorrect answer and enter a revised one. The teacher who is looking after each group of pupils will make sure that they know what to do at the start of the tests.

Q. What happens if my son is ill during the test?

A. He will be taken out of the exam room to a separate area and supervised by senior staff, one of whom will inform parents appropriately.

Q. When will I know if my son has been allocated a place at LRGS?

A. Around 10th October 2018.

Q. In deciding whether or not to allocate a place to a boy, do you take consideration of the boy's age?

A. The scores are all age standardised and adjusted for pupils' different birthdays.

Q. In deciding whether or not to allocate a place to a boy do you take or consider recommendations from primary schools?

A. We are legally prohibited from doing so, except in borderline cases.

- Q. Do you have a policy for boys who have or have had brothers or relatives at the school?
A. No, in any selective school each candidate must qualify on their own merits.
- Q. Do you have a policy for twins taking the test?
A. They take the test as do any other boys.
- Q. Can I apply for a day place if I live outside the priority area?
A. Yes, if you live in the residual area. This extends to Arnside to the north west, Milnthorpe to the north, Leck to the north east, Grimsargh to the south east, the River Ribble through Preston to the south, and the River Wyre to the south west. The Governors do not normally offer day places to boys living beyond these places.
- Q. If my son is not allocated a place can I appeal against the decision?
A. Yes, after 1st March 2019, when the formal allocation of places is notified by the LEA.
- Q. In what type of room will the exam take place ie not the assembly hall?
A. In classrooms at the top of the school site, 15-20 per room.
- Q. What is the priority area?
A. The administrative City of Lancaster. If you pay Council tax to Lancaster Town Hall, you live in the priority area.
- Q. How are places allocated to applicants from outside the priority area?
A. To the top scorers among the residual applicants.
- Q. Where do I drop my son off?
A. This is explained in the exam letter, but is on the upper site.
- Q. When will the papers be marked?
A. By senior members of staff on the examination day.
- Q. Is the boarders' exam easier than the day boy exam?
A. They take the same test.
- Q. Can you transfer from boarding to day?
A. No. The two admissions streams are separate. A boarding offer is a five year commitment.
- Q. How difficult is it to get in?
A. We normally test up to 300 candidates for 150 day places.
- Q. What if my son does very well in one of the papers but less well on another?
A. All three tests are standardised and total scores are looked at, so an under achievement in one could be compensated by doing well in another paper.
- Q. What if my son has special educational needs?
A. These should be notified at the time of application, with a copy of the current statement, so that we may make appropriate arrangements for the test.
- Q. What practice papers are available?
A. We use the test papers provided specifically for LRGS & LGGS assessment. GL Assessment, who produce the papers, sell packs of practice papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning at £9.99 per pack. We buy in a supply which we sell at Open Day and the Information Evening. They are also available to purchase on Amazon.