Entry for September 2025 Admissions - Frequently asked questions

How does my daughter gain admission to Ribston Hall High School?

Ribston Hall High School is a selective school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the required standard in the Grammar School entrance test. For 2025 entry, the test will be held on Saturday 14th September 2024

How do I apply to sit the grammar school entrance test?

You must complete the Grammar School Registration to enable your child to sit the entrance test. Information on this will be found on the Ribston Hall High School website www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk at the appropriate time. Registration for 2025 entry will be open on 20th May at 12 noon and close 28th June 2021 at 12 noon.

Once you have registered online you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this confirmation email within a few hours of registering, you must contact the school. At the beginning of the school term in September you will receive a letter detailing timings of the day and what your daughter should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of multiple choice style questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. There are two papers each lasting 45 to 50 minutes with additional time for instructions and some worked examples. There will be a break between the papers.

Who is the test provider?

GL Assessment is the largest independent provider of educational assessments in the UK, also providing assessment materials to schools in over 100 countries worldwide. They have been developing selection assessments for over 40 years and provide tests to the majority of grammar schools in the country. GL Assessment works hard to develop its material such that all children are able to demonstrate their levels of attainment and academic potential without excessive preparation.

Is it possible to obtain some practice papers/sample questions beforehand?

There is a wealth of familiarisation material available on GL Assessment's website. Please click the link GL Assessment

Since 11+ tests vary from one area to another, it's important to note that the free familiarisation materials are generic and may differ from your own test's exact specifications. These differences may include the length of papers, the types of questions covered, and/or the level of difficulty.

How should my daughter prepare for the test?

Beyond the familiarisation material, the best preparation for the tests is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

When will I get the results?

The results will be sent via email in October (date and time to be confirmed). Results are published in good time for you to be able to complete the Local Authority's Common Application Form.

If my daughter reaches the qualifying standard, how do I apply for a place at Ribston Hall High School?

If your daughter meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can apply for a place at Ribston Hall High School by completing the Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for allocation of school places. The deadline for this is 31st October.

Does the school have a catchment area?

Ribston Hall High School does not have a catchment area.

When is National Allocation Day?

March 1st is National Allocation Day. Your local County Council admissions department will offer out places for Ribston Hall High School. Our current cohort for Year 7 is 150 places.

This information is based on the most up-to-date information available to us at the time and may be subject to change.