



2018 11+ Testing Information  
for September 2019 entry

Please keep in a safe place for future reference. If you have any queries regarding the 11+ testing process or applying for a place at Bourne Grammar School, please contact Mrs Hardgrave at: [admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

## Important Information for Parents

Bourne Grammar School is a mixed selective school which uses the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools' 11+ tests in order to select the **top 25% of children** by ability in the selective areas of Lincolnshire.

There are two tests: a **Verbal Reasoning test** and a **Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test** and a qualifying score is a combined standardised score of **220 or above**. Standardising makes an allowance for a child's age but no firm guidance can be given on the 'raw', non-standardised percentage score needed on each paper in order to 'pass' the 11+ test. This is due to the fact that the number of correct answers required to achieve a standardised score of 220 is determined each year only once all the tests have been taken and the results analysed. This is done by a third-party supplier and not by Bourne Grammar School.

### The Verbal Reasoning test

This is the first test that is taken and it consists of **80 questions to be answered in 50 minutes**. The questions are split into 15 or more sections with 5 or 6 questions of the same type per section. Questions are **multiple-choice** and can be answered in any order throughout the 50-minute exam. Questions are answered on a separate answer sheet using a pencil to make a horizontal line against the chosen answer. Rough working may be done on the question booklet. The answer sheets are marked by a third-party organisation, using an optical mark reader.

### The Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test

This is taken one week after the Verbal Reasoning test and consists of **70 questions split into 5 sections** (3 Non-Verbal Reasoning sections and 2 Spatial Reasoning sections). The Non-Verbal Reasoning test must be answered one section at a time following precise instructions from the invigilator. At the start of each section the invigilator will read out the instructions and allow the students to answer 2 practice questions. Once the practice questions have been completed and the answers given by the invigilator, students will have **7 minutes per section to complete the 14 questions in each section**. Students must only complete each section as instructed by the invigilator and must not move on to the next section until they are told to do so. Likewise, a student must not go back to a section once the invigilator has told them to move on. Questions are answered on a separate answer sheet using a pencil to make a horizontal line against the chosen answer. Rough working may be done on the question booklet. The tests are marked as for the Verbal Reasoning test.

### 2018 11+ Testing dates

The 11+ tests are taken in the September of Year 6. Children who are currently in Year 5 and who will move into Year 6 in September 2018 will take the 11+ tests on the following dates:

Friday 14 September 2018	Verbal Reasoning test for children who attend Bourne Abbey, Bourne Elsea Park, Bourne Westfield, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's, Stamford
Saturday 15 September 2018	Verbal Reasoning test for children from all other Primary Schools
Friday 21 September 2018	Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test for children who attend Bourne Abbey, Bourne Elsea Park, Bourne Westfield, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's, Stamford
Saturday 22 September 2018	Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test for children from all other Primary Schools

**Official familiarisation papers** for both tests are sent out to the primary schools\* in the summer term of Year 5 once parents have registered their child with Bourne Grammar School's admissions department. Practice papers may or may not be marked by a primary school (according to the preferred practice of each primary Headteacher) and these official papers cannot be taken home. Additional tutoring is not recommended but parents who wish to purchase similar style papers to help familiarise their child with the style of questions on both tests should look for practice papers published by GL Assessment. The ISBN references for the multiple-choice practice tests are as follows:

Verbal Reasoning: 978-0-00-827804-5

Non-Verbal Reasoning: 978-0-00-827805-2

*\*Some primary schools do not carry out practice tests. Children who attend those schools will be invited to attend Bourne Grammar School for their practice tests. Bourne Grammar School does **not** mark practice tests.*

### Sickness on 11+ test days

If your child is unwell on the day of either test or is otherwise unable to attend for any reason (e.g. a family crisis or bereavement) please do not bring him/her to the test. Email [admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for your child to sit the test at Bourne Grammar School at a later date. It is not possible for follow-up sessions to be offered at individual primary schools, including those where Friday testing is conducted.

### Special arrangements

If your child requires any special arrangements in order to sit the 11+ tests please telephone Mrs Hardgrave at Bourne Grammar School (01778 422288) or email [admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) as soon as you have registered your child. Note: extra time cannot be given unless suitable formal evidence is provided and extra time is listed in the evidence. If your child is in the process of being assessed and the assessment has not been completed by the scheduled 11+ testing dates, it is strongly recommended that your child does not take the 11+ tests until any ongoing assessments have been completed.

### Registration and testing day arrangements

Please register your child for the 11+ tests as soon as possible using the registration form on the School's website [www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk). Early registration helps with the planning and administration of the testing process and ensures that sufficient practice papers are sent to the Primary Schools in good time. Once registered, details of the arrangements for each of the testing days will be posted to the home address listed on the registration form in the week commencing **3 September 2018**.

Please note that the deadline for 11+ registration is **Wednesday 1 August 2018**. Children for whom registrations are received after the deadline date will not be able to attend the main September testing dates. A late-registration catch-up session will be organised in October, and will be conducted at Bourne Grammar School.

*What should I do if I have registered my child but they no longer wish to take the test?*

Please notify Mrs Hardgrave at [admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) if your child no longer wishes to sit the test so that we can remove them from the testing arrangements.

### Test results

Results of the 11+ test will be communicated by letter posted first-class on **Friday 12 October 2018**. Results **cannot**, in any circumstances, be obtained by email or phone or in person from the School.

We do not include the actual score achieved in the results letter but do include instructions on how to obtain the actual score if you choose to request that information. Please note that once a child has achieved a qualifying score, we do not refer to the actual score achieved throughout the child's career at Bourne Grammar School, nor do we use it for setting purposes. The 11+ test is used solely in order to select students for entry to the School.

# Applying for a place at Bourne Grammar School

## How to apply for a Year 7 place

Details of how to apply for a Secondary School place will be provided by the Primary School that your child attends. The deadline for submitting applications for a Year 7 place in September 2018 is **Wednesday 31 October 2018**.

Year 7 place offers will be made by the relevant Local Authority on **Friday 1 March 2019**.

## Oversubscription Criteria

Year 7 places are offered to qualified students (those who have achieved a standardised score of 220 or above) in the following order:

- Any child with a statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care plan
- Any child in public care or who has previously been in public care
- Any child with a brother or sister on roll at the School (Year 7 – Year 13) at the time of application
- The distance from the child's home address to the School

Further details can be found in the 2019 Admissions Policy on the School website.

## Appeals

Once the offer of a Year 7 place has been made on 1 March 2019, all parents have the right to appeal if they have listed Bourne Grammar School as one of their School preferences and subsequently have not been offered a place at the School. It is important to note that an appeal cannot be made if Bourne Grammar School is not listed as one of the preferences.

The following scenarios have been the basis of appeals:

**Scenario A:** A child did not achieve a qualifying score and was therefore not offered a place at Bourne Grammar School on grounds of non-qualification

**Scenario B:** A child did achieve a qualifying score but was not offered a place on the basis of distance (i.e. their home address was further away from the School than that of the 240<sup>th</sup> place offered)

All appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel and will normally be heard in May/June 2019. In the case of Scenario A, the appeal panel must decide if the child is suitable for a grammar school education even though they have not achieved a qualifying score in the 11+ test. If the panel upholds the appeal, the child will be deemed to have achieved a qualifying score and the panel then has the power to instruct Bourne Grammar to offer a place or add the child to the waiting list.

In the case of Scenario B, the appeal panel must decide why a place at Bourne Grammar School is more suitable for the child than a place at another School closer to their home address. If the panel upholds the appeal, the panel may instruct Bourne Grammar to offer a place or add the child to the waiting list.

All appeals must be submitted through Lincolnshire County Council and cannot be made until Year 7 places are offered on 1 March 2019. Further details are available from Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions Team on 01522 782030 or via

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions/appealing-for-a-school-place/>

Further guidance on the appeals process can be obtained from Mrs Hardgrave at [admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

## Bourne Grammar School's 'Catchment Area'

We are frequently asked 'where do I need to live to ensure that my child is offered a place?'

The School is now able to offer 240 places in Year 7 and has therefore considerably increased its 'catchment area'. The 'catchment area' varies from year to year according to the cohort size, proportion of siblings and other unpredictable factors, so we cannot give a guarantee of 'catchment area'. We would normally expect qualified children living in the following areas to be offered a place:

- Bourne
- Villages surrounding Bourne
- Market Deeping including Deeping St James and Deeping St Nicholas
- Glington, Northborough, Helpston
- Stamford
- Spalding
- Corby Glen
- Peterborough (large parts of)

Areas that may be marginal include Ketton, Grantham, Sleaford and more distant parts of Peterborough (Ortons & Hamptons). Students living in these locations may not be offered a place on 1 March but may be, and often are, offered a place in the revised round of offers on 8 April. Mrs Hardgrave can offer advice on the waiting list size in any given year.

### Summary of Important Dates:

11+ Registration deadline (registrations received after this date will not be able to attend the September testing dates)	Wednesday 1 August 2018
11+ Verbal Reasoning test at Bourne Primary Schools, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's	Friday 14 September 2018
11+ Verbal Reasoning test at Bourne Grammar School	Saturday 15 September 2018
11+ Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test at Bourne Primary Schools, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's	Friday 21 September 2018
11+ Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test at Bourne Grammar School	Saturday 22 September 2018
Results posted first-class to home address (results cannot be emailed or obtained over the phone)	Friday 12 October 2018
Late 11+ tests at Bourne Grammar School (late registrations only)	Week commencing 8 October 2018
Closing date for applications for a Year 7 place in September 2019 (details of how to apply will be given by Primary Schools)	Wednesday 31 October 2018
Offer of Year 7 places	Friday 1 March 2019
Appeals may be submitted from this date (Appeals must be submitted to Lincolnshire County Council and not Bourne Grammar School)	Friday 1 March 2019
Final date for acceptance of a place	Friday 15 March 2019
Revised offer of places to take account of refusals and late entries	Monday 8 April 2019

# Life at Bourne Grammar School

## The Curriculum

All Year 7 students study Art, Citizenship, Computer Science, Design Engineering, Drama, English, EPR (Ethics, Philosophy and Religion), Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, PE (Physical Education), Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and Spanish across a two-week timetable.

The School day starts at 08:50 with registration and tutor time and ends at 15:35. There are five one-hour lessons. All subject lessons are initially taught in tutor groups. Setting by ability for English and Mathematics takes place before Christmas and these two subjects are then taught in ability sets for the remainder of Year 7.

## Sport

Sport is very popular at Bourne Grammar School and PE is often listed as one of the favourite Year 7 lessons. Most PE lessons will be taught as boys' or girls'-only groups, but some lessons may be mixed.

In Year 7, students are taught the following:

Boys – Basketball, rugby, football, orienteering, gymnastics, fitness, athletics, cricket, tennis and leadership

Girls – Netball, hockey, football, orienteering, gymnastics, fitness, athletics, cricket, tennis and leadership

There are also many sporting opportunities outside of PE lessons. Activities take place at break, lunch and after-school and include:

House matches, School teams and fixtures (home and away) in a wide variety of different sports, depending on the season.

A Sports Presentation Evening is held at the end of each year and students who have regularly committed their time to after-school clubs and teams may be awarded Half or Full Colours.

## Music, Drama and Dance

Music and Drama are studied by students from Year 7. Alongside their curriculum lessons, there are many opportunities to get involved with the popular School Productions, lunchtime music ensembles, concerts and performance evenings. Recent School productions include *Fame* (2017), *Singin' in the Rain* (2016) and *Hairspray* (2015); in 2018, students will be performing *Grease*. Students also have the opportunity to perform in a Dance Showcase event.

There are often trips to see major productions in London, along with smaller productions at Toletorpe and The Key Theatre in Peterborough.

Some of the Drama and Music clubs that students can take part in at Bourne Grammar School are: Drama Club (Years 7 and 8), Peripatetic music lessons (most instruments - extra cost), Key Stage 3 Choir, Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Concert Band and Orchestra.

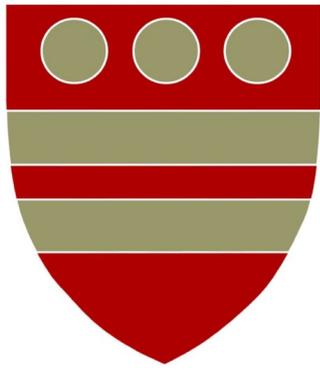
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## Exam Results

Subject	2017 GCSE Results		2017 A-Level Results		
	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-E
Art	20	88	17	100	100
Biology	79	98	44	84	100
Business	n/a		32	96	100
Chemistry	72	98	45	91	100
Computer Science	52	93	56	100	100
Drama	85	100	n/a		
Economics	n/a		22	96	100
English Language (9-1 grading at GCSE)	19	98	6	75	100
English Literature (9-1 grading at GCSE)	28	98	29	76	100
Extended Project Qualification	n/a		47	76	100
French	100	100	10	70	100
Further Mathematics	n/a		73	100	100
Geography	55	98	12	92	100
German	82	100	0	100	100
History	29	93	27	100	100
Law	n/a		10	90	100
Mathematics (9-1 grading at GCSE)	37	100	47	88	99
Media Studies	n/a		<i>First results due in 2017</i>		
Music	46	77	0	0	100
Physical Education	61	100	17	75	92
Physics	70	99	34	88	94
Psychology	n/a		11	66	100
Religious Studies	67	100	33	92	100
Additional Science	44	100	n/a		
Spanish	61	96	50	100	100
Statistics	67	98	n/a		
Systems & Control	27	91	71	100	100
Theatre Studies	See Drama		17	100	100

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## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28 June 2018

5:30pm - 8:30pm

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