



2019 11+ Testing Information
for application to join Year 7 in September 2020

Please keep this booklet 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

Important Information for Parents

Bourne Grammar School is a mixed selective school with a large Sixth Form. All students who wish to apply for a Year 7 place at Bourne Grammar School must sit the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools' 11+ tests. These tests are designed to identify the **top 25%** of children by ability in the selective areas of Lincolnshire and students who achieve a qualifying score are likely to have the potential to do well within a Grammar School environment. For students currently in Year 5, 11+ testing is carried out in September 2019 for entry into Year 7 in September 2020.

There are two 11+ tests and both must be taken:

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.

Example of a Verbal Reasoning question:

In these questions, three of the five words are related in some way. Find the two words that do not go with these three and mark them both on the answer sheet.

violin orchestra guitar drums music

Answer

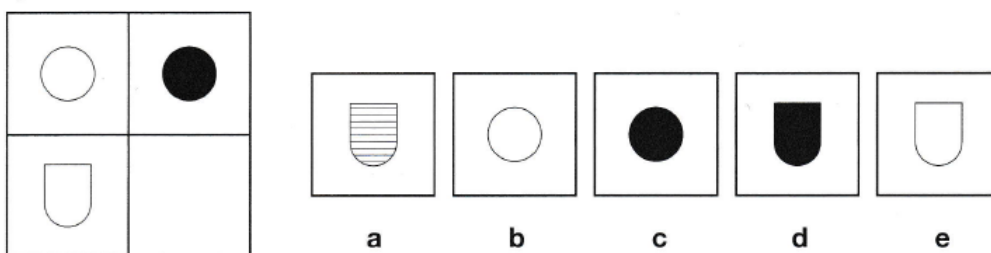
orchestra music

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 have been given by the invigilator, students will have **7 minutes to complete the 14 questions in the first section**. Students must 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.

Example of a Non-Verbal Reasoning question:

In the big square on the left of the example below, one of the small squares has been left empty. One of the five figures on the right should fill the empty square.



Answer: d

Scoring and Familiarisation

The Scoring Process

Each test is marked and the number of correct answers achieved, along with the age of the child (in years and months) at the time of taking the test are used to calculate a standardised score. The papers are equally weighted and the maximum standardised score on each paper is 141.

An overall 11+ score is obtained by adding together the standardised scores achieved in the Verbal Reasoning test and the Non-Verbal and Spatial Awareness test. A qualifying score is a combined score of **220 or above** (282 is the maximum possible standardised score). Any child who achieves a qualifying score of 220 or above is deemed to have 'passed' the 11+ test.

The standardisation process takes account of the age of the child (in years and months) at the time of taking the test. For example, a child born in September (i.e. one of the eldest in the year group) may have to achieve a raw score of 70/100 in order to achieve a qualifying score of 220. A child born in August (i.e. one of the youngest in the year group) may have to achieve a raw score of 62/100 in order to achieve an identical qualifying score of 220.

Please note that the raw scores stated above are for illustrative purposes only. Definitive guidance cannot be given on the raw score required on each paper in order to 'pass' the 11+ test and achieve a qualifying score. This is due to the fact the number of correct answers required to achieve an overall standardised score of 220 is determined each year only once all the tests have been taken across all the Grammar Schools and the results analysed. This is done by a third-party supplier and not by Bourne Grammar School.

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.

The 11+ Verbal Reasoning test and Non-Verbal Reasoning test used by Bourne Grammar School and the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools' are produced by GL Assessment. GL Assessment has made available samples of Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning tests which parents may wish to look at with their son/daughter to aid familiarisation. These practice papers are free of charge and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-familiarisation>. Please note that we do **not** use 11+ English or Maths tests so please ignore those sample papers.

Additional tutoring is not recommended but parents who wish to purchase similar styled 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 Pack 1: 978-0-7087-1987-9
Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 1: 978-0-7087-1986-2

Verbal Reasoning Pack 2: 978-0-7087-2049-3
Non-Verbal Reasoning Pack 2: 978-0-7087-2048-6

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.*

Practical Arrangements

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 as soon as you have registered your child. Note: 25% extra time allowance will not be granted 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. 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 **2 September 2019**.

Please note that the normal deadline for 11+ registration is **Thursday 1 August 2019**. 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 if your child no longer wishes to sit the test so that we can remove them from the testing arrangements.

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 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.

Test results

Results of the 11+ test will be communicated by letter posted first-class on **Friday 11 October 2019**. Results **cannot**, in any circumstances, be obtained by email, phone or in person from the School.

We do not include the standardised score achieved in the results letter but do include instructions on how to obtain the 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 standardised 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.

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 if they pass the 11+?*'

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 advise a guaranteed 'catchment area'.

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 2020 is **Thursday 31 October 2019**.

Offers of places in Year 7 will be made by the relevant Local Authority on **Monday 2 March 2020**.

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 Needs 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 main home address to the School

Further details can be found in the 2020 Admissions Policy on the School's website.

Appeals

Once the Local Authorities have offered Year 7 places on Monday 2 March 2020, 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 240th place offered)

All appeals are heard by an independent appeals panel and will normally be heard in May/June 2020. In the case of **Scenario A**, the appeals 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 to add the child to the waiting list.

In the case of **Scenario B**, the appeals 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 to 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 2 March 2020. 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

2018 GCSE Exam Results

Core Subjects	No. of Entries	% Grade 9	% Grade 9-7	% Grade 9-4
English Language	206	13%	50%	97%
English Literature	206	9%	44%	98%
Maths	206	16%	59%	99%
Biology	123	39%	85%	100%
Chemistry	123	37%	84%	100%
Physics	123	35%	80%	100%
Combined Science Trilogy (first grade)	83	2%	39%	98%
Combined Science Trilogy (second grade)	83	2%	23%	96%
Spanish	197	22%	54%	95%

Option Subjects	No. of Entries	% Grade 9	% Grade 9-7	% Grade 9-4
History	78	6%	47%	91%
Geography	140	11%	61%	94%
Religious Studies	59	10%	36%	92%
Drama	56	10%	45%	95%
Fine Art	42	2%	26%	98%
Music	18	0%	33%	83%
Physical Education	54	15%	46%	94%
French	9	89%	100%	100%
German	15	13%	33%	93%

Subject	No. of Entries	% A*	% A* - A	% A* - C
Further Maths	25	60%	100%	100%
Statistics	58	7%	88%	100%
Systems & Control (D&T)	45	7%	58%	96%

Progress 8 Score	+ 0.68
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2018 A-Level Exam Results

Core Subjects	No. of Entries	% A*	% A* - C	% A* - E
Biology	40	53%	83%	100%
Business	16	50%	94%	100%
Chemistry	31	45%	84%	100%
Computer Science	10	50%	90%	100%
Drama (Theatre Studies)	18	33%	94%	100%
Economics	22	23%	82%	100%
English Language	28	21%	96%	100%
English Literature	30	27%	83%	100%
Environmental Science (new)	First results due in 2020			
Fine Art	7	29%	71%	100%
French	4	100%	100%	100%
Further Maths	16	50%	88%	100%
Geography	21	29%	91%	100%
German	2	100%	100%	100%
History	21	24%	91%	100%
Law	16	6%	63%	100%
Maths	49	61%	92%	98%
Media Studies	12	17%	84%	100%
Music	3	33%	100%	100%
Physical Education (Sports Studies)	9	11%	100%	100%
Physics	28	46%	75%	100%
Psychology	28	18%	82%	100%
Religious Studies	16	19%	88%	100%
Sociology (new)	First results due in 2020			
Spanish	7	57%	100%	100%
Systems & Control	5	40%	80%	100%

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Summary of Important Dates

Event	Date
Open Evening	Thursday 27 June 2019 5:30pm - 8:30pm
11+ Registration deadline (registrations received after this date will not be able to attend the September testing dates)	Thursday 1 August 2019
11+ Verbal Reasoning test at Bourne Primary Schools, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's (Stamford)	Friday 13 September 2019
11+ Verbal Reasoning test at Bourne Grammar School	Saturday 14 September 2019
11+ Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test at Bourne Primary Schools, Malcolm Sargent and St Gilbert's (Stamford)	Friday 20 September 2019
11+ Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning test at Bourne Grammar School	Saturday 21 September 2019
Results posted first-class to home address (results cannot be emailed or obtained over the phone)	Friday 11 October 2019
Late 11+ tests at Bourne Grammar School (late registrations only)	Week commencing 7 October 2019
Closing date for applications for a Year 7 place in September 2019 (details of how to apply will be given by Primary Schools)	Thursday 31 October 2019
Offer of Year 7 places	Monday 2 March 2020
Appeals may be submitted from this date (Appeals must be submitted to Lincolnshire County Council and not Bourne Grammar School)	Monday 2 March 2020
Revised offer of places to take account of refusals and late entries	Monday 6 April 2020

Useful Websites

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

click on School Information, 11+ Registration to register your child for the 11+ tests

www.grammarschools.lincs.sch.uk

for more information on the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools'

www.gl-assessment.co.uk/free-familiarisation

for access to sample Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning questions and answers

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-appeals/132843.article>

for information on applying for a Year 7 place and the appeals process

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