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# 11 Plus Process

## Information Pack

**How does the 11 plus process work?**

*Please keep this pack until after your child has sat the 11 plus exam, to refer back to when needed.*

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This document aims to answer some of the questions you may have regarding the 11 plus process leading up to the exam, and also about the process once you have received your child's 11 plus results.

The information in this pack is specific to the GL exam board for the grammar schools in the West Midlands. Please note that grammar schools outside of this region may have different requirements and processes.

## Which exam boards does Broad Horizon cover?

As of January 2023, all the local grammar schools have opted for the **GL exam board**, so all of our content at Broad Horizon is based on the GL content. CEM no longer creates 11 plus exam papers.

## How many application forms do I fill out?

**One.** One application form covers all the grammar schools in Walsall, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shropshire and Warwickshire. On page 10 you can see which grammar schools fall under this application.

## When and where do I apply for the exams?

The exam application will be completed online. Your tutor will send you the link to apply for the exams once the applications are open, usually around the first week of May of Year 5.

**Please refer to the timeline on the next page.**

(Usually between 5000 to 8000 children apply for these exams.)

**If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, then you MUST mention this on your application. (see page 9)**

## Exam Timeline

### **May of Year 5**

In May of Year 5, the application portal opens, usually in the first week of May.

### **June of Year 5**

The application portal closes in June, usually around June 27th, you cannot apply for the exam after this date.

### **September of Year 6 (exam month)**

The 11 plus exam is usually around the middle of September.

### **October 17<sup>th</sup> of Year 6**

Around October the 16<sup>th</sup> you should **receive your results**.

Further down we will discuss what the results mean and how to interpret them, as it not as simple as a pass or a fail.

**(refer to pages 5 to 8 )**

### **October 31<sup>st</sup> of Year 6**

This is the deadline to make your child's secondary school choices to your local authority through your child's primary school. On the next page, we will discuss how to make your choices. **(refer to pages 5 to 8)**

### **March of Year 6**

Around March 1<sup>st</sup> your child will officially be offered a place in a secondary school. **This is when you officially find out if your child has passed the 11+**



## Filling out the Local Authority Preference form

By October 31<sup>st</sup> of Year 6, you will have to submit a form to your local authority with your preferences for your child's secondary schools. You will submit a first, second and third choice. Your child's primary school will guide you through this process.

**Important:** If you do not put the grammar school you wish for your child to attend as your first choice, then that grammar school **will not** prioritise your application as you did not prioritise them on your school choices even if your child passes the exam for that grammar school.

**You will need to decide on your secondary school preferences by analysing your child's results as explained below.**

## October Results Explained

Under normal circumstances, you will receive your results by October 16<sup>th</sup> of Year 6, so you will have an idea of how your child has performed before submitting your secondary school choices to your local authority.

Unfortunately, when you receive the results letter in October of Year 6, **this letter/email will not tell you whether your child has passed or failed.** This letter/email is not where you are officially offered a place in a secondary school. School places are officially offered in March of Year 6 **(see timeline page 4).**

This **letter or email will simply contain a number with your child's score.**

You will also be given the score achieved by the **last child** to be offered a place for the **previous two years** (in recent years this information is uploaded online and is not contained within your results letter/email). There is usually only a little fluctuation in the previous year's scores, so **comparing** your child's score against these numbers will give you enough indication to fill out your local authority preference form. At Broad Horizon we can help guide you through this. **Example on the next page.**

## Has my child passed or failed? (October Results)

**The October results are not the official offerings of a place in a school.**

**Below is a colour coded example of the results you will receive in October.**

“Your child has achieved a total standardised score of 267”

“The table below provides information on the highest and lowest scores on the test for the last 3 years. The **average score is around 200**, so this should give you an idea how well your child has performed.”

Year of entry	Number of places available	Lowest Score on Test	Highest Score on Test	Qualifying score	Lowest Score allocated a place
September 2025 (current)	180			200	
September 2024	180	124	270	200	218
September 2023	180	132	267	200	222

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The lowest, highest and average scores are **irrelevant** in terms of making a judgment on whether your child has passed or failed, despite the letter informing you that these scores “should give you an idea” – they don’t.

Your child achieving a score **higher** than the “Qualifying score” **does not mean your child has passed their 11 plus**. This just means the grammar school will now **consider** your child’s application.

If 200 children achieve a score higher than the qualifying score, but there are only 180 places on offer in the grammar school, then your child still needs to have achieved a score higher than the other 20 children.

If your child achieves a score **lower** than the “Qualifying score”, the grammar school **will not** even consider your child’s application for entry into their school so **do not** select that grammar school as any of your school choices.

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**The “lowest score allocated a place” (also known as the cut off score)** is what you need to compare your child’s results against.

**If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium** then you compare against the Pupil Premium score (You needed to have mentioned on your application form that your child is eligible for pupil premium). On the next page we will explain how to interpret these scores.

**If your child is not eligible for pupil premium,** then you compare against the non-pupil premium scores.

**(See page 9 for information on Pupil Premium.)**

The **“lowest score allocated a place”** is the best indication as to whether your child has passed the 11 plus or not. This score is the results achieved by the **last** pupil to gain entry in the last two years (so all the other pupils granted entry would have achieved higher). This number changes every year.

**If your child’s results are far below** the previous year’s cut off scores (Lowest score offered a place), then it is better if you consider another school as your first preference, because it is highly unlikely your child will be offered a place and you do not want to miss out on choosing a more realistic option as your first choice instead.

**If your child’s results are a little lower or similar** to the previous year’s cut off scores (Lowest score offered a place), we recommend you place that grammar school as your first choice (if it is your first choice). This is because between October and the end of the Academic year (July) there is often some movement on the waiting list, with people who have been offered places deciding they do not want a place due to their own personal circumstances.

**If your child’s score is significantly higher** than the previous year’s lowest score allocated a place, then there is no reason why your child should not be offered a place and you may consider this as a pass without waiting for the official letter in March. However, for most of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham you will still need to consider whether you fall into their catchment areas. **(see page 10)**



## **Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?**

Grammar schools now reserve a certain number of seats for children who are eligible for pupil premium. Pupil Premium is additional funding paid to schools by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

For example, Queen Mary's Grammar Schools currently reserve 30 out of 180 seats for pupil premium students.

**If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, then you MUST mention this on your application in April / May of Year 5.**

For children who are Pupil Premium, the “lowest scores offered a place / Cut off score” is lower than non-pupil premium – so this lowers the score your child will need to achieve to gain entry into the grammar schools. (See the green section on page 7)

**All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their household circumstances are entitled to pupil premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:**

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less.

**If you are unsure whether your child is eligible for pupil premium, please check with your child's primary school to confirm – before you fill out the exam application form in April / May of Year 5.**

## List of Grammar Schools and Catchment Areas

Schools **with** a catchment area will first **prioritise** the students who live in their catchment area, you can still apply to these schools, but you will not have priority.

### Walsall, Wolverhampton, Shropshire and Warwickshire

There is currently **no catchment area** for any of these five schools.

#### Boys

**Walsall** – Queen Mary’s Grammar School

**Shropshire** – Adams Grammar School (25 miles from Walsall)

#### Girls

**Walsall** – Queen Mary’s High School

**Wolverhampton** – Wolverhampton Girls High School (10 miles from Walsall)

**Shropshire** – Newport Girls High School (25 miles from Walsall)

### Birmingham

**All the King Edward Schools consider catchment areas. See page 11.**

#### Boys

King Edward VI Aston School (**Catchment area**)

Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School for Boys (**No Catchment area**)

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys (**Catchment area**)

King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (**Catchment area**)

#### Girls

Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls (**No Catchment area**)

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls (**Catchment area**)

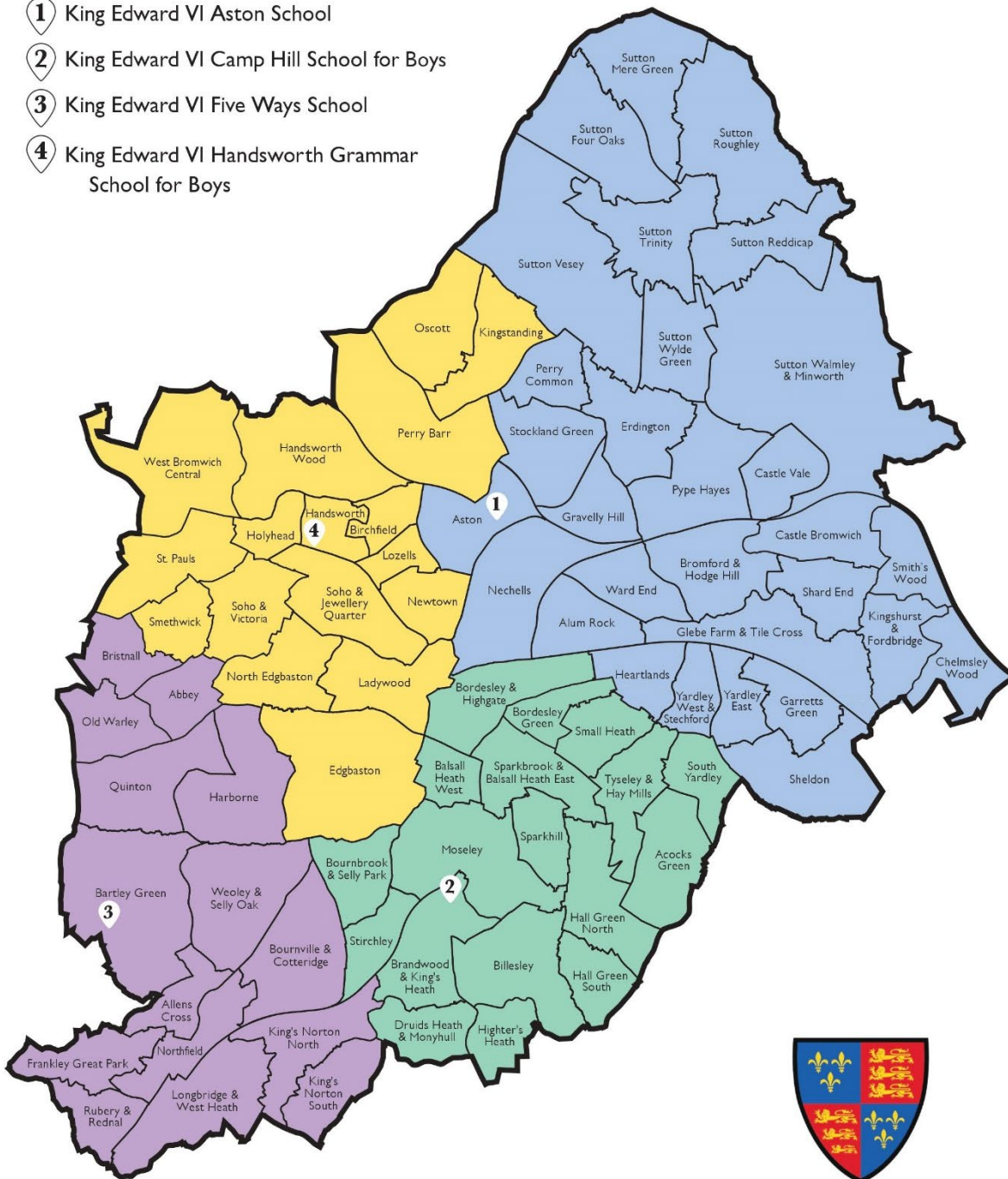
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls (**Catchment area**)

#### Mixed Boys and Girls

King Edward VI Five Ways School (**Catchment area**)

## *King Edward VI Grammar School Catchment Areas - Boys*

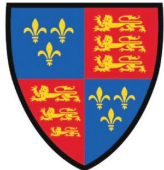
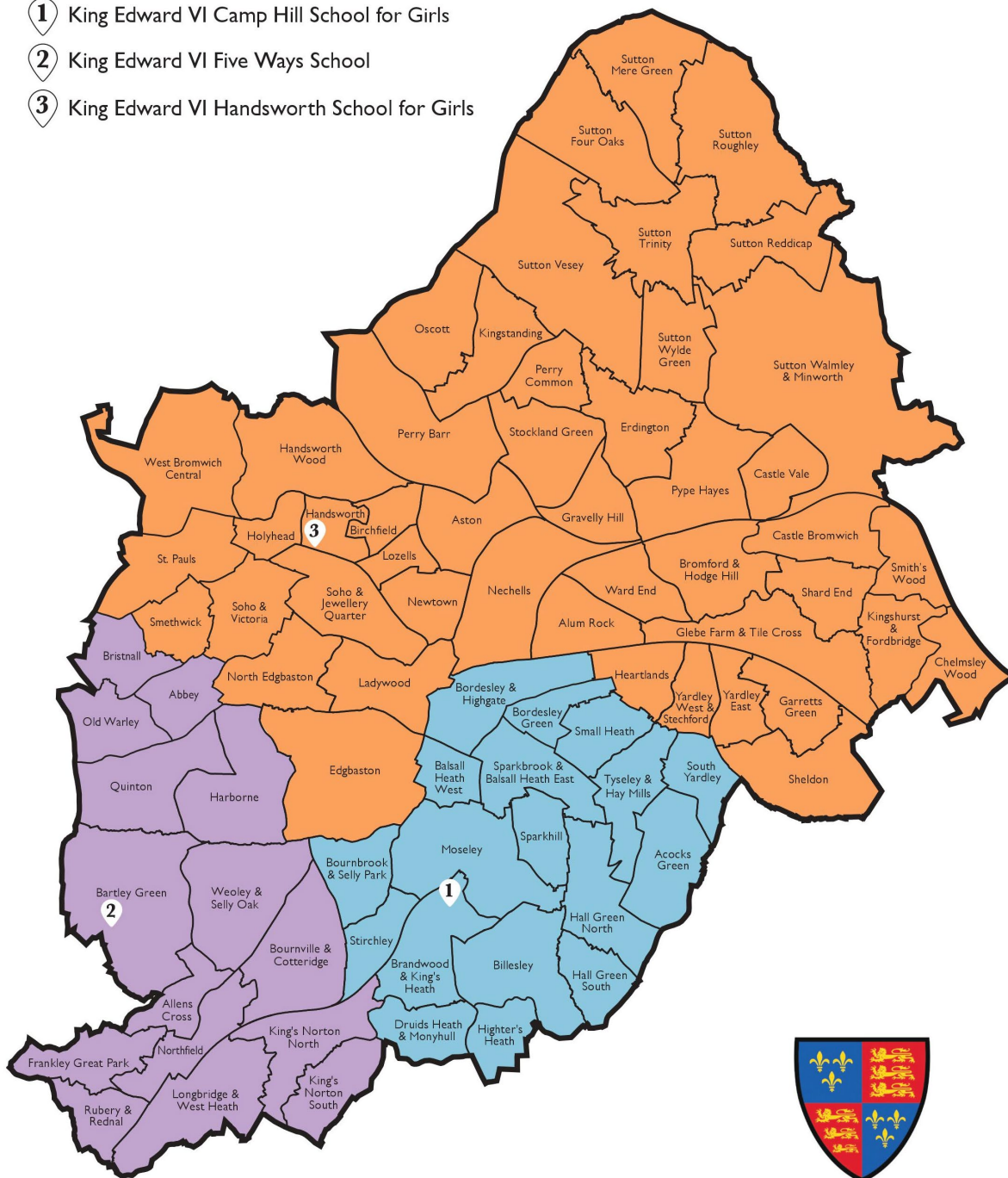
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# King Edward VI Grammar School Catchment Areas - Girls

- 1 King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls
- 2 King Edward VI Five Ways School
- 3 King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls



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**This information is correct as of March 2025.**

The grammar school consortiums may change and update their policies at any time, please check with your tutor or the school in question for up-to-date information on each of the schools.

*If you have any further questions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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