



2019 Admissions (Frequently asked questions)

What is the Published Admission Number for Marling School?

150

How does my son gain admission to Marling School?

Marling 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.

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

You must complete a Grammar School Registration to enable your son to sit the entrance test. Information on this will be found on the Marling School website www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk at the appropriate time. If you would like an emailed 'reminder to register' for 2019 Entry this can be requested via our website. It is preferable for you to register online and all communication can then be by email. However, paper registration forms are available from the school by request. Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test you will be sent details of timings of the day and what your son should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of questions on verbal ability (comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning), numerical reasoning and non-verbal reasoning. Instructions are provided by a prepared audio soundtrack. 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.

Why do we use the CEM test?

CEM are one of the largest independent providers of educational assessment and monitoring systems in the world. They have been developing selection assessments since 1999, and provide tests for a number of grammar schools in other counties. CEM design their tests to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential without excessive preparation.

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

A familiarisation booklet is available on the school website which gives examples of the sorts of questions used in the test. CEM does not produce commercially available practice materials. Please be aware that materials sold on the internet or provided by tutors, other than CEM familiarisation and practice materials, are not genuine CEM samples.

How should my son prepare for the test?

Beyond the familiarisation material, CEM advise that the best preparation for the tests is to read books that challenge the reader and practise mathematics on a regular basis.

When will I get the results?

The results will be available before submission of your Common Application Form (CAF) to the Local Authority, giving you another opportunity to visit the school at our October Open Evening.

If my son reaches the qualifying standard how do I apply for a place at Marling School?

If your son meets the qualifying standard you will be informed and can apply for a place at Marling School by completing the Local Authority's CAF for allocation of school places. The deadline for this is usually 31 October.

Does the school have a catchment area?

Marling School does not have a catchment area.

Does the school give priority to candidates attracting Pupil Premium (PP) Funding?

Yes, any candidates attracting Pupil Premium funding (*those who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the six years prior to the closing date for registration for the Test*) **who have met the qualifying standard** should be offered a place by the local authority.



Key dates for 2019 Entry (current Year 5)

If your child is currently in **Year 5** and you would like an emailed reminder when the registration window opens in June 2018, please email admissions@marling.gloucs.sch.uk with **REMINDER TO REGISTER** in the subject line.

Register to sit the Entrance Test in Year 5	1 June until 12pm on 30 June 2018
Entrance Test	Saturday 15 September 2018
Results	Friday 12 October 2018
Local Authority 'Common Application Form' deadline	Wednesday 31 October 2018
Local Authority Allocation Day	Friday 1 March 2019
Local Authority acceptance of place OR request to be placed on the waiting list	After 1 March but BY Friday 8 March 2019
Local Authority notifies parents with outcome of waiting list requests	After Friday 29 March 2019
Closing date for return of reply forms	Friday 5 April 2019
Appeals	June 2019

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