



SEPTEMBER 2018 ENTRY RESULTS OUT – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. You will be notified if your son has met the qualifying standard and if so, you will be given a rank for Marling School. Please read the email carefully as it explains how the ranking is affected by many students for whom Marling is not a genuine preference. This is not an offer of a place but it will give you an indication of the likelihood of being offered a place at Marling School by The Local Authority (LA). You **cannot** be considered for a place or put on the waiting list of a grammar school without having met the qualifying standard.
2. You have the option to list up to 5 schools on your preference list on the Common Application Form (CAF). The LA will only offer you one school place and they will work downwards from the highest placed of your 5 preferences for which your son has qualified/met the entrance criteria. All schools are now equal ranked which means that if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place at your 1st choice school, your 2nd choice then effectively becomes your top choice (and is treated as if it were a separate application) and so on, until your child is allocated a school place. This “equal preference” system ensures that you can put a grammar school as first preference on your list and then not be disadvantaged when being considered for a non-grammar school further down your preference list. If none of your 5 choices are allocated, the LA will allocate a place at the nearest school/academy with space available.
3. You will need to complete and return your Common Application Form to the Local Authority, Gloucestershire County Council by **31 October 2017** (*If you live outside of Gloucestershire you need to apply to your home local authority who then liaise with Gloucestershire County Council*). You have the option to list up to 5 schools for your preferences.

N.B. Marling School has an Open Evening on **Monday 16 October 2017, 4.30 to 7pm** should you wish to take a look around the school before completing your Common Application Form. The school is open to visitors from 4.30pm with Headteacher talks repeated at 4.30, 5.30 and at the close of the evening, 7.00pm.

4. **Wednesday 1 March 2018** is Allocation Day and you will hear from your Local Authority which secondary school your child has been allocated.
5. **By Thursday 8 March 2018** – Closing date to return your reply form accepting your school/academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s (*if you live outside of Gloucestershire and were unsuccessful in gaining a place at a Gloucestershire grammar school you should contact Gloucestershire County Council directly to request to be put on a waiting list/s, providing your son has met the qualifying standard of a particular grammar school*).
6. **After Friday 30 March 2018** – Parents informed on the outcome of waiting list requests.
7. **By Friday 6 April 2018** – Closing date for return of acceptance reply, following waiting list offers.

What if my son didn't meet the Qualifying Standard and I place it on the CAF as one of my preferences?

Your son will **not** be considered for a place at a grammar school (*or placed on their waiting list*) without having met their qualifying standard.

What if my son did meet the Qualifying Standard and I am not offered a place on 1 March?

Your son will be eligible to request to be put on a school's waiting list/s providing you reply to Gloucestershire County Council by Thursday 8 March 2018. Any late applicants are eligible to sit a post-allocation test in March 2018 and providing the late applicants meet the qualifying standard, will be ranked and slotted into the waiting list according to their test result.

N.B. The Local Authority strongly encourage you to accept the school place offered, even if you go on another school's waiting list, to ensure your child has a school place in September 2018.

What if I am still not happy with my allocated school place?

If your son met the qualifying standard but was not offered a place because the school was filled with boys who ranked higher in the test, or you are dissatisfied with the way the admission procedures were carried out, or if you believe extenuating circumstances may have affected your son's performance on the day of the tests, you have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Details of how to appeal are available from the Admissions Officer after 1 March 2018.