



2021 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.school at the appropriate time. If you would like an emailed 'REMINDER TO REGISTER 2021', this can be requested via our website. It is preferable for you to register online and all communication can then be by email. However, if you are experiencing problems please contact the school well in advance of the closing date (the school is not open on Saturdays and Sundays). Once you have registered, as we approach the date of the test, early in September, 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 from families entitled to claim Pupil Premium (PP)?

Yes, any candidates who meets the qualifying standard will be prioritised if they are eligible to attract Pupil Premium funding in accordance with our Admissions Policy. Independent and verifiable evidence of Pupil Premium entitlement will be required prior to sitting the test. Contact the Admissions Officer for details.



Key dates for 2021 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 the summer term of 2020, please email admissions@marling.gloucs.sch.uk with **REMINDER TO REGISTER 2021** in the subject line.

Register to sit the Entrance Test in Year 5	Monday 1 – Tuesday 30 June 2020
Entrance Test	Saturday 12 September 2020
Results	By Monday 12 October 2020
Local Authority 'Common Application Form' deadline	Thursday, 31 October 2020
Local Authority Allocation Day	Monday 1 March 2021
Local Authority acceptance of place OR request to be placed on the waiting list	After 1 March but BY Monday 8 March 2021
Local Authority notifies parents with outcome of waiting list requests	After Monday 29 th March 2021
Closing date for return of reply forms	Wednesday 7 th April 2021
Appeals	June 2021

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