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Dear Interested Parties,

Notice of Consultation: Admissions Arrangements at Marling School for September 2024

Under the Admissions Code September 2021, we will be consulting on our admissions arrangements for September 2024 entry over the next six weeks. The substantive change to the admissions arrangements is a change of test provider for the entrance test to the school.

Why the need for a change of provider?

Our existing supplier of entrance tests, CEM (Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring at Cambridge Assessment), has decided not to offer schools any further paper-based entrance tests from September 2023 onwards. Marling School in partnership with the other 6 grammar schools in Gloucestershire has therefore been required to find a new test provider.

Who is the new provider?

The new test provider for Marling School and the other 6 Gloucestershire grammar schools will be GL Assessment.

GL Assessment is an established supplier of paper-based, and online entrance and other tests that are used by many grammar schools and other schools nationwide. Therefore, for 2024 entry to any one of the seven Gloucestershire grammar schools, applicants will sit two GL Assessment entrance papers. The seven Gloucestershire grammar schools, and other grammar schools who were using the CEM entrance test, have decided that GL Assessment offers the best possible entrance test available, and will also provide all its schools with a comprehensive and reliable service. One of the services that GL Assessment can offer to schools, and to families helping support their child when making decisions regarding whether to sit the entrance test, is the availability of familiarisation materials, derived from GL Assessment's long track record of supplying entrance and other tests to the grammar school sector. In its entrance tests and online familiarisation materials, GL Assessment also shares with the seven Gloucestershire grammar schools a commitment to widening participation.

How can I find out more information?

Please view our school website for more details about the 2024 entrance test, as well as details regarding school open events, where more information will be available.

How can I contribute to the consultation?

You have received this letter as part of this consultation in order to seek responses from as wide a group as possible. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from 12 noon, Monday 3 October 2022 until 12 noon, Monday 21 November 2022.

If you would like to submit any comments or feedback then please forward them in writing to Admissions Officer, at Marling School, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 4HE or email to admissions@marling.school

Yours sincerely,

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