

# SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL



## 11+ Tests and Admissions

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the arrangements for the 11+ tests?

- The tests take place at Spalding Grammar School on two consecutive Friday or Saturday mornings during September. Boys who attend Lincolnshire primary schools will attend on the two Saturday mornings and boys who attend schools outside of Lincolnshire will attend on the two Friday mornings
- Your son will take the tests with pupils from his own primary school in a room supervised by staff from the Grammar School
- He will need to bring two pencils and a rubber to complete the tests
- There is no parking on site and there will be no place for you to stay on site during the tests
- Please be aware that the roads around School will be congested on the morning of the tests

## **What do I do if I want to register my son for the 11+ tests for this year?**

- It is still possible to register for the 11+ tests for this September
- You need to speak to Mrs Haslam or Mrs Abraham, as soon as possible – ideally this evening!

## **How do I register my son for the 11+ tests next year?**

- At the beginning of Term 3 we send information to parents of Year 5 boys via primary schools which contains a link to our on-line registration form. The registration form is also available on the Spalding Grammar School website: [www.spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk)
- The registration form must be completed by the deadline date which will be confirmed on the form

## **How are the 11+ tests structured?**

- The tests are set and marked by GL Assessment for all Lincolnshire Grammar Schools
- There are two tests: a Verbal Reasoning (VR) test, and a non-verbal reasoning (NVR) with spatial awareness test. Each child must complete both tests, and achieve a total of at least 220, to reach the standard for entry into a Lincolnshire Grammar School
- Answers to each question are recorded on an OMR sheet

## **Why is 220 the required total to reach the standard of entry for Lincolnshire Grammar Schools?**

The tests are standardised by GL Assessment to ensure a score of 200 represents the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile i.e. average ability. A score of 220 represents the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile i.e. the top 25% of the ability range lie above that score

## **What if my son has special educational needs?**

- We make special provision in 11+ tests for boys with special educational needs provided that reflects his usual way of working. You will need to identify those needs on the registration form and they will need to be confirmed by his primary school
- If your son achieves the standard for entry he will be well supported in school, academically and socially, by our large, experienced Additional Needs department

## **When do I hear the result of my son's 11+ tests and how do I apply for a place at Spalding Grammar School?**

- The OMR sheets are all marked by GL Assessment. The final scores are adjusted to take each child's age into account
- Your son's results will be emailed to parents during October
- After learning the result of your son's 11+ tests you need to apply for a place either through Lincolnshire County Council or through your own County Council if you live outside of Lincolnshire.
- You will learn which secondary school your son has been allocated when Lincolnshire County Council send out the offers on 1 March

## **Is it worth going to appeal if my son narrowly fails to reach the required total marks for entry into Spalding Grammar School?**

- Lincolnshire Local Authority run the independent Appeals Panel for this school. The grounds for successful appeals usually relate to exceptional circumstances that adversely affected a child's performance in at least one of the 11+ tests
- The Appeals process starts after the offers of places to secondary schools on 1 March
- The Appeal documents are available on the Lincolnshire County Council's (or your own County Council's) website