Pate's Grammar School

2026 Admissions
Frequently asked questions

How does my child gain admission to Pate's Grammar School?

Pate's Grammar School is a selective school. To gain a place your child must first sit and achieve the qualifying standard in the Grammar School Entrance Test.

For 2026 entry, the test will be held on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Do I need to register for the test?

You will need to register using the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Central Registration Form. There will be a link for this on our website www.patesgs.org/admissions.

Registration will be online from 19 May 2025 (noon) until 27 June 2025 (noon).

It does not make any difference where your child sits the test – it is the same test on the same day at the seven Grammar Schools in Gloucestershire. You only need to register once and then tick on the online registration where you would like the test results shared. It is preferable for you to register online, and all communication can then be sent by email. However, paper registration is 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 child should bring.

What is the format of the test?

The test consists of multiple-choice style questions only. In one paper, children are assessed on their verbal skills (including comprehension, vocabulary and verbal reasoning). The other test paper assesses non-verbal reasoning and mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding. Each test paper will take around one hour and there will be a break between the papers.

Who is the test provider?

GL Assessment is the largest independent provider of educational assessments in the UK, also providing assessment materials to schools in over 100 countries worldwide. They have been developing selection assessments for over 40 years and provide tests to most of the grammar schools in the country. GL Assessment works hard to develop its material such that all children are able to demonstrate their levels of attainment and academic potential without excessive preparation.

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

GL Assessment provide familiarisation materials on their website - https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/.

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How should my child prepare for the test?

Beyond the familiarisation material, the best preparation for the tests is to read books and use mathematics on a regular basis.

What if my child is ill on test day?

Please contact the Testing school as soon as possible to let them know. In exceptional circumstances and with medical evidence a late test may be possible. Please refer to Pate's Grammar School Admissions Policy for further details.

Can other test data be taken into account?

No. SATs, CATs, 11+ tests from other areas, music tests etc. cannot be considered. Entry is based entirely on the entrance test.

What about siblings?

Sibling connections are not considered at all. It is purely down to the test.

If my child takes a test in another county, can I share the results with Pate's Grammar School?

The Gloucestershire Grammar School Entrance Test is only applicable in Gloucestershire, and we cannot share results from tests in other counties.

My child is eligible for Pupil Premium (PP). Do you take this into account?

The online registration form contains a section concerning Pupil Premium. You must complete this section at the time of registration, so that we can take this into account when we rank the results. For further information, please read our Admissions Policy.

When will I get the results?

The results will be sent by email around the middle of October 2025, in time for you to be able to complete your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF). You will receive a different email from each school that you chose to share with on the registration form.

If my child reaches the qualifying standard, how do I apply for a place at Pate's Grammar School?

If your child meets the qualifying standard for Pate's Grammar School, you can apply for a place by completing your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for allocation of school places. The deadline for this is 31 October 2025. Please note that you must complete the CAF for your own Local Authority if you live outside Gloucestershire.

How many places are there for entry in September 2026?

There are 150 places available, and these will be offered by Gloucestershire Local Authority to students who have met the required standard.

National Allocation Day is 2 March 2026.

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If my child has met the qualifying standard but is not offered a place on 2 March 2026, what can I do?

If your child is not offered a place at Pate's Grammar School, you can contact Gloucestershire Local Authority to request for them to be put on the waiting list. This must be done before the LA deadline in early March 2026. The waiting list will be held in rank order and will be held until 31 December 2026. If you wish to remain on the list after this time, please contact the school.

Can I make a formal appeal?

If you are dissatisfied with the way the admissions procedure was conducted, or if you believe that you have extenuating circumstances that may have affected your child's performance on the day of the test, you have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This can be done after 2 March 2026 and further details will be available on the website.

Can I come on a tour of the school with my child?

We usually have open evening in October and open mornings in March and June. Further details are available on the website, along with a link to the booking form. In addition, children who achieve the qualifying standard in the test will be invited back to the school after the results are sent out, so that they can have another look and ask any further questions they may have.

What is the Pate's Pledge for children in receipt of Pupil Premium?

Pate's Grammar School prides itself on providing equal access to a rounded education, including a wide range of co-curricular opportunities to support the personal development of our learners. Where appropriate (e.g., when in receipt of Pupil Premium), we can offer a range of support to your child, such as:

- Day-to-day support with trips, uniform and music lessons
- Academic support
- Wellbeing support

Please note that all dates are provisional at the time of printing.

For more information on Pate's Grammar School:
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