



## Admission to Year 7 in September 2025 Frequently Asked Questions

**IMPORTANT:** The school will not be able to give any further information about test results other than the information you have received in your email communications.

<b>Q</b>	<b>Please can you send me an application form.</b>
A	The process for application is via a link on our website. You will be prompted to register and complete key details. You will receive a confirmation email where you can verify your account and log in to complete the application for your child.
<b>Q</b>	<b>When is the closing date for applications?</b>
A	The closing date and time for applications is 4.00 pm on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What date is the entrance test?</b>
A	The entrance test is scheduled to take place on the morning of Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2024.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How should I answer the Free School Meal question on the application form?</b>
A	If your child is eligible for Free School Meals during the time of application and up to the application deadline date you should select 'Yes'. Please note that if you are awarded Free School Meals after the application deadline date, this will not be taken into consideration and will not change the outcome of your child's result.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Does my child need to wear their school uniform on the day of the entrance test?</b>
A	No, your child can wear casual clothing for the test.
<b>Q</b>	<b>My child has a SEND diagnosis. Is this considered during the application process?</b>
A	There is an opportunity for you to share any SEND or medical information during the application process.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What happens if my child requires additional support during the examination due to a SEND or medical need?</b>
A	Students with SEND or medical needs are supported in line with JCQ regulations.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Why have I not been told my child's test results?</b>
A	<p>Grammar schools only need to notify parents of whether their child has met the standard for entry.</p> <p>We want parents to be able to make informed decisions about which schools to name on their Local Authority Preference Form. We have found that publishing test results leads to confusion, uncertainty and misinterpretation especially on forums and via social media. This is particularly disadvantaging for families with English as an Additional Language.</p> <p>The Eligible Score is based on performance in English, Maths and Creative Writing. Students will be ranked based on their Maths and English scores and achieving the standard in Creative Writing.</p> <p><a href="#">Admissions Policy 2024</a></p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My child has achieved the eligible score. Will he/she be offered a place?</b>
A	<p>As part of The Blue Coat School's commitment to social mobility, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 27 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for free school meals and who achieve the eligible score.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remaining places will be available to all other highest scoring applicants who meet the eligible score.</li> </ul>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My child does not have a Creative Writing Mark – why not?</b>
A	Only those children who achieved the eligible score in English and Maths had their creative writing put forward for marking. If your child had their Creative Writing marked, you will see either ‘of the standard’ or ‘not of the standard’.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is my son’s raw score for each test?</b>
A	The Blue Coat School considers this information to be commercially sensitive under exemption 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states that information is exempt of information if its disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How do I access my child’s results?</b>
A	The outcome of the Entrance Test will be sent to the email address included on the application form.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many candidates sat the entrance test for The Blue Coat School in entry in September 2023</b>
A	A total of 1089 candidates sat the test at The Blue Coat School.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is my child’s raw score for each test?</b>
A	The Blue Coat School considers this information to be commercially sensitive under exemption 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states that information is exempt of information if its disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.
<b>Q</b>	<b>When will I know if I have been offered a place at The Blue Coat School?</b>
A	The National Offer date is 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I see my child’s test papers?</b>
A	It is not possible to see a candidate’s test papers as they are commercially sensitive and the property of FSCE Ltd.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can papers be remarked?</b>
A	<p>All the entrance tests are double scanned and checked using different optical mark readers and different staff. The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. We will therefore not undertake any test re-marks until after the national offer date (1<sup>st</sup> March 2024). The cost of a re-mark to parents is £75 per paper.</p> <p>Please note that Creative Writing is not eligible for a re-mark. This is because they have already been manually judged by a minimum of 10 individual members of staff from The Blue Coat School who are aware of the standard required for entry.</p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>I have received my child’s results and would like to know their ranking position?</b>
A	Ranking positions are only shared with applicants in Group B to help with making choices on the Local Authority preference form. Unfortunately, it is not school policy to share the Entrance Test ranking position to all applicants.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I appeal?</b>
A	You cannot appeal about your child’s test mark. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for an anonymised copy of the results.</b>

A	<p>This information will be published on the school's website in May 2025. We are not obliged under section 22 of the FOIA to provide information that is intended for future publication. In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.</p>
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