

# Wandsworth Year 6 Admissions Test Scores - Frequently Asked Questions

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## 1. When will I be notified of the test results?

You will be notified of your child's test results in the week commencing 18 October 2021. The notification will provide information about:

- how the test scores are used by the schools
- previous years' admissions selective places, and
- ability bands at Wandsworth schools.

This will help you to assess whether your child may be eligible for a selective (ability) place if you are considering applying for a place at Burntwood School, Ernest Bevin College or Graveney School. It will also be a guide as to which ability band your child may be placed in if you apply for Ashcroft Technology Academy or Chestnut Grove Academy.

Each of these schools has its own [admission criteria](#). A score that results in an offer of a place at one school will not necessarily result in an offer at another.

You will be sent a letter via your child's primary school if your child attends a state primary school in Wandsworth. Otherwise, you will be sent the results by email using the email address used when you registered for the test.



## 2. How are the test scores used?

Five secondary schools in Wandsworth use the test scores for admissions purposes. The test scores are being provided at this stage to help you assess the likelihood of being offered a place should you make an application for one of the schools.

### SCHOOLS WITH SELECTIVE PLACES

**Burntwood School, Ernest Bevin College and Graveney School** all have a proportion of 'selective' places which are offered to applicants with the highest total score from the test. As it is not yet known who will apply for the schools, it is not possible to advise you of the minimum score needed to secure a selective place at one of these schools. This varies from year to year depending on the number of applicants and the test scores achieved by all pupils applying for a place. However, information is given on page 2 about the minimum score needed to be offered a place in the last three years. This is intended as a guide only for you consider whether you wish to apply for one or more of these schools. Please note scoring the minimum score for a previous year does not guarantee an offer of place for 2022 admission. All of these schools also

offer 'non-selective' places for children living closest to the school or who have a sibling at the school regardless of their test score.

**(Minimum total NVR and VR score to be offered a selective place on initial offer day and by 31 August)**

**Burntwood School** (total NVR and VR score used)

Year of Entry	1st March offer date	By 31 August
2021	224	All applicants offered
2020	214	All applicants offered
2019	208	All applicants offered
2018	214	178

**Ernest Bevin College** (total NVR and VR score used)

Year of Entry	1st March offer date	By 31 August
2021	175	All applicants offered
2020	184	All applicants offered
2019	201	All applicants offered
2018	211	All applicants offered

**Graveney School** (total NVR and VR score used)

Year of Entry	1st March offer date	By 31 August
2021	256	246
2020	253	245
2019	255	247
2018	252	248

**SCHOOLS WITH BANDING**

**Ashcroft Technology Academy and Chestnut Grove Academy** use the test scores to split applicants into five equal ability bands. This helps the schools achieve a comprehensive intake of pupils. Ashcroft uses the NVR test scores only and Chestnut Grove use the average of score from the NVR and VR test for each applicant. As it is not yet known who will apply for the schools, it is not possible to advise you which band your child may fall into if you apply for one of the schools. This varies from year to year depending on the number of applicants and the test scores achieved by all pupils applying for a place. As a guide, information is given on below about which bands applicants were placed into according to their test score. The test score is used only to place an applicant into a band. Places are then offered according to the school's admission criteria.

**(Band widths based on test scores)**

**Ashcroft Technology Academy** (NVR test score only)

Year of Entry	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E
2021	More than or equal to 112	104-111	97-103	89-96	Less than or equal to 88
2020	More than or equal to 112	103-111	96-102	87-95	Less than or equal to 86
2019	More than or equal to 113	104-112	96-103	88-95	Less than or equal to 87
2018	More than or equal to 110	102-109	95-101	87-94	Less than or equal to 84

**Chestnut Grove Academy** (average of NVR and VR test score)

Year of Entry	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E
2021	More than or equal to 116.5	107-116	98.5-106.5	90-98	Less than or equal to 89.5
2020	More than or equal to 114	106-113	99-105	91-98	Less than or equal to 90
2019	More than or equal to 115	106-114	98-105	90-97	Less than or equal to 89
2018	More than or equal to 115	106-114	97-105	89-96	Less than or equal to 88

**3. What is the minimum and maximum test score?**

The minimum and maximum scores for each test are 69 and 141.

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**4. Can the test score be expressed as a percentage?**

No, as the test scores are standardised taking into account your child’s age when he/she took the test the test score cannot be expressed as a percentage.

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**5. How are the tests marked?**

All the test papers are scored by [GL Assessment](#). Using an independent organisation to do all the scoring makes sure that the tests are marked fairly and consistently. Your child's age will be taken into account in the final test scores.

GL Assessment send your child's test scores Wandsworth Council to forward to the schools which use the test for admissions purposes if you make an application for them. The Council will also pass on the details to your child's primary school if the school is in Wandsworth.

You will be sent a letter via your child’s primary school if your child attends a state primary school in Wandsworth. Otherwise, you will be sent the results by email using the email address used when you registered for the test.

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**6. How will I be notified of the test results?**

You will be sent a letter via your child’s primary school if your child attends a state primary school in Wandsworth. Otherwise, you will be sent you the results by email using the email address used when you registered for the test.

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**What tests are used?**

The test has been specially prepared for Wandsworth by GL Assessment (formerly called NFER-Nelson), an independent organisation which designs and scores educational tests.

The test is in two parts, with a short practice session at the beginning and a break between the two parts:

- Part 1: **non-verbal reasoning** - 55 minutes total test time including introductory guidance from the invigilator and time allowed for practice questions. The test consists of four sections (three of 10 minutes with 19 questions in each and one of 9 minutes to answer 18 questions.)
- Part 2: **verbal reasoning** - 50 minutes to work through 80 questions excluding introductory guidance

**Non-verbal reasoning.** Non-verbal reasoning questions are designed to test children's ability to work out problems, regardless of their knowledge of English. They use abstract figures to test children's ability to work out similarities and sequences of shapes or codes.

**Verbal reasoning questions.** Verbal reasoning questions test children's ability to reason with words. They use word games, such as matching words with similar meanings, or using the letters from one word to make another.

For both parts, your child will be given a pre-printed answer sheet to fill in. The answer sheet lists the different possible answers and the child has to put a pencil mark by the side of the correct answer.

The tests are scored by a computer which reads the pencil lines. There is no writing involved.

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**7. Do I have a right of appeal against my test score?**

You cannot appeal against your test score. However, if you are not offered your preferred school on national offer day or a later date, you will have a formal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to offer a place. Further information about this will be provided with your application outcome notification in March.