



SOUTH WEST HERTS CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS
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Dear Colleagues,

The website and registration portal for parents to register their children to take tests for any of the SW Herts Consortium schools are now available. The schools are: Parmiter's, St Clement Danes, Croxley Danes, Rickmansworth, Queens', Watford Grammar School for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

The test registration website address is: www.swhertsschools.org.uk . There are links to each school's website, and a frequently asked questions section.

I hope the following information is helpful when you advise parents about the secondary transfer process. It might help calm any worries or overcome any opening day hitches to stress that the parents have seven weeks to register for the tests and there is no advantage in doing so on the first day.

Please feel welcome to contact any of the Consortium schools if you have any queries.

The following information for parents has been posted on all the Consortium schools' websites. It should be made available to Year 5 parents at your school.

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For and on behalf of the SW Herts Consortium Schools

Consortium School Admission Tests: Information for Parents

The SW Herts Admissions Consortium comprises the seven secondary schools in the area which operate admission tests for a proportion of their intake:

Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, Croxley Danes
Watford Grammar School for Boys, and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

If you are considering applying next term under the academic or music criteria for a place for your child at any of these schools, you will need to register with the Consortium before Friday 22nd June 2018. **No late registrations will be accepted.** Please read the following guidance carefully, particularly no.10.

1. The website for registering your son or daughter with the Consortium will open at midday on Monday 30th April. It will remain accessible until Friday 22nd June and you can register your child at any time in that period. There is no advantage in registering on the first day; indeed if too many parents try to do so, the website might not cope with the demand.
2. The website address is: www.swhertsschools.org.uk. There are links to each school's website and a frequently asked questions section.
3. You will be asked to register for the tests by creating an account, activating your account and then logging on to a parent portal using a password of your choosing. The password should be memorable and secure. You should ensure that the email address you use to register will remain unchanged and available throughout the period in which you will need to access information on the portal. **Once you have registered an email address, it will not be possible to change it for an alternative.**
4. Once you register you must regularly log on to the secure web page to view the initial registration of tests/the allocation of test centre/allocation of music audition times (if your child is successful after Music Stage 1) and the final results. (Please see the *calendar* for information on timescales and deadlines). It is your responsibility, as a parent, to log on to the secure website to view the information at the appropriate times throughout the testing process. You will not be contacted via email regarding any of the information relating to your child's test(s).
5. The Familiarisation Papers can be downloaded from the registration website: www.swhertsschools.org.uk
6. These papers will give your child an idea of the type of questions that are asked in the tests, though the standard in the test is different.

7. If you consider that your child might be disadvantaged under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act, or has special educational needs which require the test centre to make particular provision for the tests, you must provide written evidence of this from your child's current school Headteacher. This evidence must be sent immediately after registering for the test. Please send a copy with the name, date of birth of your child along with the SWH Reference given on registration either by email to the Test Co-Ordinator at swhsconsortium@gmail.com or by post to The Test Co-Ordinator, South West Herts Schools Tests, PO BOX 2439, Watford, WD18 1UZ. It is very important that you do this so the paperwork is received by Friday 22nd June, at the latest.
8. You will be allocated a test centre by Wednesday 4th July. This has absolutely no bearing on the schools to which you might eventually apply.
9. The tests will take place in September.
10. Please make sure that your child is eligible for a place at your preferred school under that school's admission criteria. These are published on each school's website. If your child is not eligible, there is no point in registering the child to take the tests.

Key Testing Dates 2018 for Secondary Transfer 2019

| Date - 2018 | Test |
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| Monday 30 th April | Online registration for the tests opens |
| Friday 22 nd June | Online registration closes |
| Wednesday 4 th July | Parents informed of test venue |
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| Saturday 8 th September | Academic test |
| Thursday 13 th September | Music aptitude test |
| Friday 14 th September or Tuesday 18 th September* | Queens' School sports aptitude test |
| w/c Monday 24 th September | Start of second round music tests |
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| Wednesday 17 th October | Scores notified to parents |
| Wednesday 31 st October | Secondary application deadline |

*Sports Test dates are allocated on an alphabetical basis **which cannot be changed**.

Please contact any of the Consortium schools if any of this information is unclear:

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The South West Herts Consortium Schools