

## THE CRYPT SCHOOL- ADMISSIONS INFORMATION – Entry September 2019

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

#### Qualifying Standard:

Children who achieve a qualifying score are eligible for consideration for a place at The Crypt School. **Please be aware that even if your son/daughter has achieved a qualifying score, this does not automatically guarantee a place.**

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your Common Application Form, showing your list of secondary school preferences, is returned to the Admissions & Transfers Team at Gloucestershire County Council by **31 October 2018**. If the form is not received by this date, your preferences will not be taken into account, and the County Council will allocate a school for you. This will not be a Grammar School. If, in light of these results, you wish to amend the form you have already submitted, please resubmit your online application or write to the Admissions & Transfers Team (Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP) by 31 October 2018, confirming any amendment you wish to make. If you are outside Gloucestershire, you need to apply to your local County Council Admissions Department.

#### How are places allocated?

Whether your son/daughter will be allocated a place at The Crypt School will depend upon:

- How many pupils ranked higher for our school than your child;
- How many of those children have stated a preference for our school, and
- How many of those children have stated a higher preference for another school and whether they have met the criteria for a place at that school.

Please do not be concerned if your child's rank appears to be low. Please consider :

1. Most importantly, you cannot compare your child's ranking at The Crypt School with the ranking of another single sex grammar school: you are not comparing like with like. This year, we had over 2000 children share their scores with us, which is our cohort, and includes both boys and girls. Single sex grammar schools will have a much smaller cohort; hence, it is likely that your child's ranking at a single sex school will be higher than it is for The Crypt;
2. It also includes a number of students for whom The Crypt School is not a real preference and these students will not apply for a place;
3. The Governors and I had to make a decision regarding how many of the 2047 children who shared their results with us, should achieve our qualifying standard, to enable us to: fill our 150 places, maintain the academic standard of entry into Year 7, and reasonably judge how many would choose another of the 6 grammar schools over The Crypt for their child's secondary education.

Of course, we can only recommend to parents to put schools on the Common Application Form in their absolute order of preference; however, please don't think your son or daughter has a 'safer' ranking at another school than Crypt, and that it would therefore be better to put another school as your first preference. Historically, any student who has gained a qualifying standard, and put The Crypt first on the preference form were offered a place.

The Local Authority will offer places on behalf of The Crypt School to the highest ranking children until they reach our admission number of 150. There are likely to be more pupils who pass the test than can be offered a place. Pupils who meet the qualifying standard, but have not been successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to go on a waiting list and may be offered a place should one become available. You are also entitled to appeal (see below).

### **Non-qualifying Standard:**

Children who did not achieve the qualifying standard are unable to be considered for a place at The Crypt School or to be placed on our waiting list.

### **Appeals:**

Places for children who do not meet the qualifying standard (or who met the qualifying standard and were not in the top 150 to be offered a place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019) can only be allocated a place by an Independent Appeal Panel. The Panel considers each case carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. Details of this process are available from the Admissions Officer at The Crypt School after 1 March 2019.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Scores:** Test scores will not be released.

**Remarks:** All question papers are marked twice by different OMR reading machines, and will only be remarked as part of the appeals process.

If you need any further information regarding admission to The Crypt School, please contact Mrs Sue Wales, Head's PA / Admissions Officer (tel: 01452 530291), [swales@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:swales@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk)

If you need any further information regarding allocation of school places, please contact the Admissions & Transfers Team [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) (tel: 01452 425713).