Admission to Year 7 in September 2027
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.

Q	**Please can you send me an application form.**
A	The application process is completed online via a link on our website using the Applicaa platform. You will be prompted to register, enter the required information, and then select a test date. The link will be available on our website from Thursday 26 March 2026 at 3.30pm.
Q	**When is the closing date for applications?**
A	The closing date and time for applications is 4.00 pm on Friday 24th April 2026.
Q	**What date is the entrance test?**
A	Phase 1 slots are:- • Thursday 2 July 2026 (9.00am-10.15am, 10.30am-11.45am, 1.15pm-2.30pm) • Friday 3 July 2026 (9.00am-10.15am, 10.30am-11.45am, 1.15pm-2.30pm) • Saturday 4 July 2026 (9.00am-10.15am, 10.30am-11.45am, 12.00-1.15pm) Phase 2 Entrance Test for selected applicants will take place on Saturday 19th September.
Q	**How should I answer the Pupil Premium/Free School Meal question on the application form?**
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. 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.
Q	**Does my child need to wear their school uniform on the day of the entrance test?**
A	No, your child can wear casual clothing for the test.
Q	**My child has a SEND diagnosis. Is this considered during the application process?**
A	You will have the opportunity to provide any SEND or medical information during the application process. The application form includes a specific question where you can enter these details.
Q	**What happens if my child requires additional support during the examination due to a SEND or medical need?**
A	Students with SEND or medical needs are supported in line with school exam regulations.
Q	**Can my child receive 25% extra time due to a SEND need for the Phase 1 test?**
A	The Cambridge Primary Insight assessment provides lots of time for students to answer the questions. Typically, each question allows 2 minutes. Time allowances are generous so that there isn't a time pressure for children that would usually have extra time in exam conditions, most questions take seconds to answer. This would also be sufficient time for a human reader to read the question to the student. For this reason, we do not supply modified versions of the assessment and no extra time is available for students with special needs to complete the assessment. Additional time is only considered at the Phase 2 stage of the admissions process.
Q	**Does my child need to bring anything with them to the test?**
A	Candidates should bring two pens in a clear pencil case. The examination will be completed on a computer using a keyboard and mouse; however, a pen may be used for rough work if required. Please note that rough work is not permitted during the Arithmetic

	section. Paper will be provided by the school. Students should also bring a bottle of water. Please do not bring any bags, as these cannot be stored.
Q	**When will I receive my child's test results?**
A	Phase 1 test results will be sent on Wednesday 15 July 2026. For applicants who sit the Phase 2 test, results will be sent on 16 October. These timelines ensure that families receive all results before submitting their preference forms to the local authority.
Q	**Why have I not been told my child's test results?**
A	Grammar schools only need to notify parents of whether their child has met the standard for entry. 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.
Q	**My child has achieved the eligible score. Will he/she be offered a place?**
A	As part of The Blue Coat School's commitment to social mobility, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:- • 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. • The remaining places will be available to all other highest scoring applicants who meet the eligible score.
Q	**How do I access my child's results?**
A	The outcome of the Entrance Test will be sent to the email address included on the application form.
Q	**How many candidates sat the entrance test for The Blue Coat School in entry in September 2025**
A	A total of 1,055 candidates sat the test at The Blue Coat School.
Q	**What is my child's raw score for each test?**
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.
Q	**When will I know if I have been offered a place at The Blue Coat School?**
A	The National Offer Date is 1 March 2027. All school places will be allocated by the local authority.
Q	**Can I see my child's test papers?**
A	It is not possible to view a candidate's test. The materials are commercially sensitive and remain the property of CEM. As a result, The Blue Coat School is not permitted to share them.
Q	**I have received my child's results and would like to know their ranking position?**
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.
Q	**My child put their hand up and asked for assistance and there was a delay?**
A	Each test is conducted in a room with at a minimum of two invigilators present to supervise and support students. Prefects are also available to assist with logging into the test and support during the test. Invigilators actively monitor both the room and students' screens throughout the test and will respond promptly if a child requires assistance. Sometimes, after the test, children may feel there was a delay; however, supervision levels are designed to ensure that support is readily available and this does not disadvantage any child.
Q	**My child told me they experienced technical difficulties during the test. What should I do?**
A	If your child experiences any technical difficulties during the test, you will be informed when you collect them. Each testing room has spare computers available, and in the unlikely event of an issue, your child will be moved to another workstation so the assessment can continue without disruption. It is also normal for an occasional error message or technical notification

	to appear on screen; these are expected and do not affect the outcome of the test. Invigilators will be actively monitoring screens and providing assistance if required.
Q	**My child said they could not hear through their headphones.**
A	Before the test begins, every child completes a sound check so they can adjust the headphone volume to a level that suits them. Invigilators also carry out additional checks to ensure all children can hear clearly before and during the test.
Q	**Where will my child sit the test?**
A	The test will take place across a number of rooms equipped with computers. Using multiple rooms helps create a calm environment with fewer children in each space and ensures that pupils are not seated too closely together.
Q	**Can I appeal?**
A	You cannot appeal about your child's test mark. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1st March 2027 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.