

Dear Guildford Grammar School Families

Academic Assessment Services (AAS) Testing Day

As part of our preparation for your child to enter Year 7 we require them to complete some compulsory testing. This is **not** an entrance test. Your child's enrolment with us has already been finalised

The purpose of the testing is to provide the School with information about your child's literacy and numeracy skills. It assists us in identifying possible areas of need for learning enrichment (i.e. extension or assistance). It also provides an effective summary of how our students compare to a broader national population. This helps us provide a curriculum suitable for our students.

No one is assessed as passing or failing the tests; nor is the assessment seen as a conclusive statement of a student's ability. It is one of the measures we use, along with our own observations over time, that allows us to monitor each student's growth. We do not encourage families to get their children to study or prepare for the tests, the everyday knowledge that your child has is all they need. There are three ways that your child will be able to access the tests:

- 1. At Guildford Grammar School on Saturday 14 September this is for day students and regional families who would like to attend in the group setting.
- 2. At your child's regional primary school this is for out-of-area families and needs to be done with the permission of the school your child currently attends.
- 3. At your home this option is for out-of-area families. Computers must have a camera.

<u>Please complete the link provided in the Year 7, 2025 Welcome Letter to notify the School of which option you will choose.</u>

Information for students sitting tests at Guildford Grammar School on 14 September:

- All students start and finish the tests at the same time. No extra time is provided to students who are on adjustment plans, this time is built into the test.
- Please arrive at the Thwaites Centre Courtyard on the Senior campus of the School between 8.30 8.45am. You and your child will be greeted by staff, and then students will be escorted to the testing classrooms. Parents can collect students from the same meeting point at 1.15pm.
- Students should bring a blue or black pen and something to eat and drink during the recess break, and any medications required (asthma puffer, epipen etc.).

Kind regards

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