



Year 7 Places awarded on Academic Ability and for Aptitude in Sport and Music

Tests for places awarded on academic ability and assessments for places awarded on aptitude assessments for Year 7 entry take place in late September/early October before the year of entry.

Applications can be made for any or all of these entry routes and a minimum score is not required for any of the assessments.

Rankings will be sent to parents/carers after the Governors' Admission Committee have met and the rank order will be submitted to the Local Authority who offer places in rank order to those parents/carers who have selected the School as a preferred choice under the co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

OSHOT Test for places awarded on ability

The assessment test is presently the Old Swinford Hospital Online Test (OSHOT), a test designed to assess academic potential in a more objective and less stressful way than traditional IQ-type tests.

OSHOT is taken in the School at a computer terminal and whilst it requires familiarity with a computer keyboard and mouse, it is not a test of computer proficiency.

OSHOT is designed to be novel and engaging for candidates and comprises tests for the following qualities:

- assessing visuo-spatial skills
- assessing speed and accuracy in number skills
- tasks aimed to assess understanding in reading
- assessing abstract reasoning
- assessing vocabulary skills
- applying mathematical skills to novel situations

The nature of the tasks set means that there is little or no advantage to be gained from using commercially available materials to prepare for OSHOT. Results are age standardised.

Aptitude for Sport

The sport aptitude assessment will take place during a school day. It will consist of a series of sessions aimed at exploring various components of fitness. These will include:

Agility

Candidates begin by lying face down on the floor with arms spread. On a signal they rise and sprint a multi directional course in as quick a time as possible.

Co-ordination

Candidates throw a small rubber ball against a wall and catch it with alternate hands.

Leg power

Candidates are asked to make a two-footed horizontal jump from a standing start. The length of the jump is measured.

Speed

Candidates are timed to see how quickly they cover a 30 metre distance.

Upper Body muscular endurance

Candidates are asked to perform as many modified press-ups and also to perform as many modified pull-up exercises during a given time.

Lower Body muscular endurance

Candidates are asked to perform a modified squat jump exercise.

Flexibility

Candidates will sit on the floor with legs out straight ahead and reach forward along a measuring line as far as possible.

Stamina

Candidates complete a short cardiovascular endurance exercise.

The assessment will last approximately one hour that will include warmup/cool-down.

Please Note:

The School can accommodate applications for places awarded on aptitude from disabled pupils. The School should be informed of any disability at the earliest possible time to ensure that an appropriate aptitude assessment can be put in place. Please contact us on Admissions @oshsch.com or call 01384 817325

Aptitude for Music

The Music Aptitude Assessment will require you to:

- Listen to pieces of music and select what type of music you think it is from a list of options.
- Identify similarities and differences between two pieces of music.
- Describe why you like and/or dislike a piece of music you will hear in the assessment. You may want to talk about the sounds you hear and what instruments are included in the piece.
- Listen to short rhythms and melodies and select the best image from a group of four that represents what you have heard.
- Recognise the sound of specific instruments and name the instrumental family they belong to.
- Copy a rhythm clapped for you by a teacher.
- Notate a short melody.
- Draw musical notes.
- Answer questions on musical timings.
- Answer questions on musical instruments.

An example of how to complete each question will be given to you before you begin.

The assessment will last approximately one hour.

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