

Assessment Process for 13+ Candidates



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To be considered for a place at Wycombe Abbey, your child must be registered by 1 June in the year prior to entry (Year 7).

The assessment has two stages.

Stage 1: Assessment Day

The first stage is an Assessment Day, which provides your child with a taste of life at Wycombe Abbey, whilst enabling us to assess her academic ability and suitability for life at the School.

The Assessment Day takes place in the Autumn term prior to the proposed year of entry at Wycombe Abbey (when your child is in Year 8).

Candidates will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff and will take part in small group activities with different departments. Your child will also sit an online test of verbal, non-verbal and mathematical reasoning. Specimen papers are not available for this test and no preparation is necessary. A report from your child's current school will also be considered.

Following the Assessment Day, conditional offers will be made, subject to the Entrance Examinations.

Stage 2: Entrance Examinations

Pupils who have been made conditional offers will then be invited to take Entrance Examinations. Candidates can either sit a) Common Entrance papers or b) Scholarship Examination papers.

Pupils will sit the Entrance Examinations, whether Common Entrance or Scholarship Examinations, in the January prior to entry (when your child is in Year 8).

Firm offers are made on the basis of performance in the Entrance Examinations. All places must be accepted and a deposit paid by the first Monday in March.

ISEB Common Entrance

If your child opts to take Common Entrance, she will sit papers in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies and a Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese). There are also optional papers in Latin and Greek.

If your child attends a school registered with the Independent Schools Examination Board (ISEB), her school will enter her for Common Entrance and administer the examinations. Alternatively, if your child's school is not registered with the ISEB, she must be entered directly with the ISEB (by 1 December) and sit the papers at a local British Council office.

Past papers and syllabuses are available from the ISEB website www.iseb.co.uk.

Pupils who do not study the Common Entrance syllabus or who already attend a senior school, have the option of taking Wycombe Abbey's alternative papers for the Humanities subjects (History, Geography and Religious Studies). Past papers are not available for our alternative papers.

Wycombe Abbey Scholarship Examinations

As an alternative to Common Entrance, pupils may sit our Wycombe Abbey Scholarship examinations. If your child chooses this option, she will sit papers in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies and a Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese). There are also optional papers in Latin and Greek.

The Scholarship examinations are sat at Wycombe Abbey or at British Council offices overseas and applicants must be registered by 1 December.

Specimen papers are available on request from the Admissions team after conditional offers have been made. Please email registrar@wycombeabbey.com.