

Assessment Process for 13+ Candidates



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

Stage 1: Online CAT4

The first stage is an online Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4). Candidates will need to make arrangements to sit this test at their current school, a recognised test centre in the UK, or at local British Council Office, in early October. Wycombe Abbey Admissions will provide the appropriate access codes to enable your daughter to sit the test, and results will automatically be sent to the Admissions department at Wycombe Abbey. A reference from your daughter's current school will also be requested prior to the CAT4 test.

The CAT4 scores and school reference will be reviewed by the Headmistress, Deputy Head (Academic) and Director of Admissions. Selected applicants will be invited to go forward to the second stage of Assessment.

Stage 2: Assessment Day - selected candidates

The second stage is an Assessment Day for selected candidates, which provides your daughter 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 at Wycombe Abbey, in the January of the proposed year of entry (when your daughter is in Year 8). Your daughter will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff and will sit entrance examinations.

All candidates will take Entrance Examinations. Candidates will choose to sit a) Wycombe Abbey papers or b) Wycombe Abbey Scholarship papers.

Candidates will sit papers* in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, and a Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese). There are also optional papers in Latin and Greek.

Following the entrance examinations, firm offers and waiting list offers will be made in January. Scholarships will also be awarded at this point.

Firm offers are made on the basis of performance in the entrance exams and Assessment Day.

All places must be accepted, and a deposit paid by early March (date will be confirmed).

*Specimen papers are available on request from the Admissions team after candidates have been invited to stage two. Please email registrar@wycombeabbey.com