

# Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle

## 11 Plus and Admissions

### Our approach

Our aim is to offer 120 places to talented children who reach the required standard for grammar school entry. We give preference to those pupils who live within our traditional catchment area, but typically we also take around 30-40 pupils from outside our designated transport area.

### How to apply to QEGS

1. Your child needs to have taken the 11 plus. Places can only be offered to those that have reached the required standard.
2. The outcome of the 11 plus will be posted to your home address in mid-October.
3. QEGS needs to appear as one of your choices on the Local Authority's Common Application Form. This must be returned to the Local Authority by 31st October.
4. You will find out which school your child has been allocated just after 1st March.

### What is the 11 plus?

To be eligible for a place in at QEGS, children must demonstrate that they have reached the required standard for entry as determined by 11 plus testing. The tests are normally taken early in the last year of primary school. Children take a Verbal Reasoning Test and a Non-Verbal Reasoning Test, either in their own Primary Schools or at QEGS. No special preparation is needed.

### How do I apply?

If you want to apply for a secondary school place online, go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) and follow:

[Home](#) > [Schools and education](#) > [School admissions](#) > [Apply for a school place](#)

You can contact the Local Authority by email at [schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk), or by phone on 01522 782030. The customer service centre is open from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

### Where should I put QEGS on my preference form?

This may depend of whether you live inside or outside the school's Designated Transport Area. A detailed map of our designated transport area can be found at:

<https://qegs.lincs.sch.uk/images/Menu/AboutQEGS/catchment-area.gif>

If you live inside the designated transport area...the planned admission numbers for the three local schools, (QEGS, Banovallum and Barnes Wallis) provide for the number of children seeking secondary transfer. Oversubscription is therefore very unlikely. If you put QEGS as your first choice, and your child has met the required standard in the 11 plus, you are virtually guaranteed the offer of a place. If you do not put QEGS as your first choice, and your child has met the required standard in the 11 plus, you are likely to be offered a place at your first choice, and not QEGS.

If you live outside the designated transport area, the most certain way to gain a place at QEGS is to put the school as your first choice, provided that your child has met the required standard in the 11 plus. If your child has met the qualifying standard and you have made QEGS your second or third choice, the Local Authority will always try to respect your preferences in allocating spaces.

If you wish to change your application you can submit a revised application to amend your preferences. A revised application can only be made after you have received an offer of a school place.

### What if the school is oversubscribed?

In the event that the number of eligible applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, the criteria applied to decide which children to admit can be found within the school's admission policy, which can be found in the *Parents* section of the school website: [www.qegs.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.qegs.lincs.sch.uk).

### Remember...

We want any child who would benefit from a grammar school education to have the opportunity to come to QEGS, if they would like to! We take no notice of school preferences in our oversubscription criteria, but the Local Authority will always try to respect your stated preferences when allocating a place for your child.