



ENTRY TO



# Handsworth Grammar School

This admissions booklet deals with the procedure for entry in SEPTEMBER 2011



*The sequence of Open Evenings, Tests and Results starts in September 2010*

**Age Qualifications:**

Boys born between 1st September 1999 and 31st August 2000 (inclusive)

Many candidates will be starting their last year in Junior School (Year 6)



## GENERAL INFORMATION

140 places will be offered to boys born between 1st September, 1999 and 31st August, 2000, inclusive, who meet the criteria for selection.

Selection will be based on ability and aptitude and all applicants will take the same verbal reasoning (VR) test. They will all also take short tests in Mathematics and English, though these will only be consulted where candidates' VR test scores fall near the borderline.

The School has, in recent years, attracted applications from the whole of the City of Birmingham and beyond, and the Governors will be pleased to consider candidates from all areas of the West Midlands.

**We would like to welcome you to one of our Open Evenings, where you can find out more about the School.**



## THE SCHOOL

The Bridge Trust School for Boys was established in 1862, and in 1890 the name was changed to Handsworth Grammar School. The School has remained on its original site, though its buildings and numbers have grown considerably. A new Sports Hall was opened in September 2007 and we have now completed work on a prestigious new 'Learning Hub', which incorporates a library and ICT suite. We are currently developing new Art and Psychology classrooms.

Under the terms of the 1944 Education Act, the School became voluntary-aided and, following the introduction of the 1988 Education Reform Act, it applied for and was given Grant-Maintained Status on 1st January, 1991. When Grant-Maintained status ceased in March 1999, the School once more became voluntary-aided.

Our Governing Body is fully committed to the School's welfare and the Governors give generously of their time to support its work. There are eighteen members representing Parents, Old Boys, Staff, the Church and the University of Birmingham.

In addition, the Governors of "The Charity known as Handsworth Grammar School" manage the properties and investments inherited from the Bridge Trust Foundation.

There are just over 930 pupils in the School with more than 230 in the co-educational Sixth Form (years 12 and 13). There is a well qualified specialist teaching staff of over 50, with excellent administrative and secretarial support.



Parent/Guardian please complete the following:

\*Mr/Mrs/Ms  
(\*Please delete whichever is not appropriate)

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If your son has an older **brother/sister**, who is at present in attendance at Handsworth Grammar School, please state his/her name and year group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any other family connection with the School.

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*(Please complete both sides of this application form).*



Application Form for Admission to  
Handsworth Grammar School  
at 11+ in September 2011

Please will you kindly complete your son's details in **BLOCK CAPITALS**. (*PLEASE USE THE NAMES STATED ON YOUR SON'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE USED ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PREFERENCE FORM*).

SURNAME
FIRST NAME(S)
DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TELEPHONE No.
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT SCHOOL

Only those children born between 1.9.1999 and 31.8.2000 inclusive are eligible to take the tests.

(Please remember to enclose the photograph and the copy of the birth certificate).

*(Please complete both sides of this application form).*

Two Open Evenings have been arranged for Prospective Parents and their Sons. These will be held at the School between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on:

**Monday 20th September 2010  
Wednesday 22nd September 2010**

This will be an opportunity for you to meet staff and pupils before making an application on behalf of your son.

**TIMETABLE:**

**TESTS:  
Saturday 13th November 2010  
at 9.30 am**

*Please note that there will be two venues used for the test:-*

**Handsworth Grammar School  
Grove Lane, Handsworth  
Birmingham.**

and

**King Edward VI Handsworth School  
Rose Hill Road, Handsworth  
Birmingham**

*Parents will be informed by letter which venue to attend.*

Details of the test procedure will be sent to you by Friday 5th November 2010.

Those unable to sit the test on a Saturday for religious reasons please indicate by an accompanying letter.

Their Tests will be held on:

**Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 9.30 am**



**HOW TO APPLY?**

Please complete the attached application form and return it with a **full-face passport style photograph of your son, taken in the last twelve months**. Please print his name and date of birth on the reverse of the photograph so that we are able to confirm the eligibility of the candidate for entry.

**We also require a photocopy of your son's birth certificate to accompany his application. (please note: applications will not be accepted without the photo and the copy of the birth certificate).**

Completed application forms should be returned to:-

The Admissions Secretary  
Handsworth Grammar School  
Grove Lane, Birmingham B21 9ET

Please note that you will also need to add Handsworth Grammar School to your list of choices on the Local Authority Preference Form, which, for Birmingham Schools is obtainable from primary schools within the City or direct from Birmingham Education Department, Margaret Street. Candidates from outside Birmingham should obtain their Preference Form from their primary school or local education authority.

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS  
IS FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER 2010**

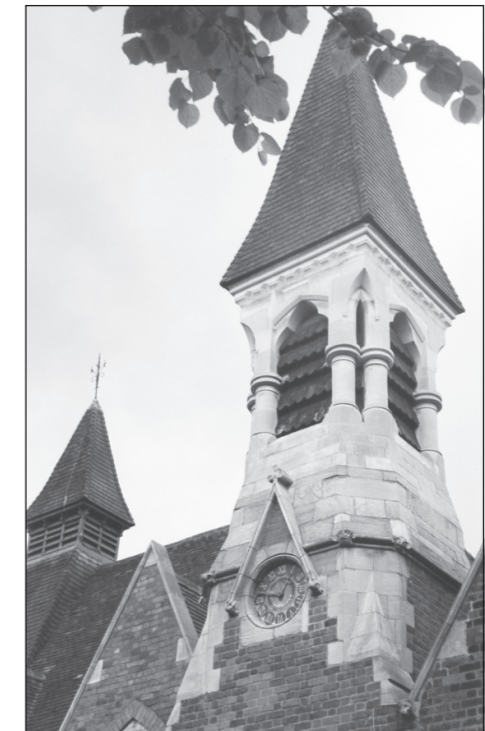
Along with your completed application form, you must also enclose the acknowledgement card with a postage stamp affixed, **which will be returned to you as proof** of your application being received by us.

**If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 14 days please telephone (0121) 554 2794 as we cannot be held responsible for application forms not reaching us.**



*Handsworth  
Grammar School*

Admission for Boys  
at 11 years of age



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