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Dear Parents/Carers

South West Herts Schools Consortium Testing information for Parents of secondary transfer 2020

If you are considering applying next term under the academic or music criteria for a place for your child at the following schools, you will need to register with the Consortium. You will be able to do this from Monday 22nd April 2019 and must apply before Friday 21st June 2019. Please be aware that no late registrations will be accepted.

**Croxley Danes
Parmiter's
Queens'
Rickmansworth
St Clement Danes
Watford Grammar School for Boys
Watford Grammar School for Girls**

The test registration website address is

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

There are links to each school's website, familiarisation papers and a frequently asked questions section. We have attached an information sheet for parents, which will explain the process and gives you key dates.

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

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Consortium School Admission Tests: Information for Parents

The SW Herts Admissions Consortium comprises the seven secondary schools in the area which operate admission tests for a proportion of their intake:

Croxley Danes, Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, Watford Grammar School for Boys, and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

If you are considering applying next term under the academic or music criteria for a place for your child at any of these schools, you will need to register with the Consortium before **Friday 21st June 2019**. **No late registrations will be accepted.** Please read the following guidance carefully, particularly no.10.

1. The website for registering your son or daughter with the Consortium will open at midday on Monday 22nd April. It will remain accessible until Friday 21st June which is a period of almost nine weeks and you can register your child at any time in that period. There is no advantage in registering on the first day; indeed if too many parents try to do so, the website might not cope with the demand.
2. The website address is: www.swhertsschools.org.uk. There are links to each school's website and a frequently asked questions section.
3. You will be asked to register for the tests by creating an account, activating your account and then logging on to a parent portal using a password of your choosing. The password should be memorable and secure. You should ensure that the **email address you use to register will remain unchanged and available throughout the period in which you will need to access information on the portal.** **Once you have registered an email address, it will not be possible to change it for an alternative.**
4. Once you register you must regularly log on to the secure web page to view the initial registration of tests/the allocation of test centre/allocation of music audition times (if your child is successful after Music Stage 1) and the final results. (Please see the *calendar* for information on timescales and deadlines). It is your responsibility, as a parent, to log on to the secure website to view the information at the appropriate times throughout the testing process. You will not be contacted via email by the Consortium Administration Team regarding any of the information relating to your child's test(s).
5. The Familiarisation Papers can be downloaded from the registration website: <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>
6. These papers will give your child an idea of the type of questions that are asked in the tests, though the standard in the test is different.
7. If you consider that your child might be disadvantaged under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act, or has special educational needs which require the test centre to make particular provision for the tests, you must provide written evidence of this from

your child's current school Headteacher. This evidence must be sent immediately after registering for the test. Please send a copy with the name, date of birth of your child along with the SWH Reference given on registration either by email to the Test Administrators at swhsconsortium@gmail.com or if you are unable to send it by email, by post to The Test Administrators, South West Herts Schools Tests, PO BOX 2439, Watford, WD18 IUZ. It is very important that you do this so the paperwork is received by Friday 21st June, at the latest. Please note, it is your responsibility and not the responsibility of your child's primary school to ensure we receive this information.

8. You will be allocated a test centre by Wednesday 3rd July. This has absolutely no bearing on the schools to which you might eventually apply.
9. The tests will take place in September.
10. Please make sure that your child is eligible for a place at your preferred school under that school's admission criteria. These are published on each school's website. If your child is not eligible, there is no point in registering the child to take the tests.

Key Testing Dates 2019 for Secondary Transfer 2020

Date - 2019	Test
Monday 22 nd April	Online registration for the tests opens
Friday 21 st June	Online registration closes
Wednesday 3 rd July	Parents informed of test venue
Saturday 7 th September	Academic test
Monday 9 th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 13 th September or Tuesday 17 th September*	Queens' School sports aptitude test
w/c Monday 23 rd September	Start of second round music tests
Wednesday 16 th October	Scores notified to parents
Thursday 31 st October	Secondary application deadline

*Sports Test dates are allocated on an alphabetical basis **which cannot be changed**.

Please contact the Test Administrators on swhsconsortium@gmail.com if any of the above is unclear or if you have any queries that cannot be answered by the FAQ pages. Please note that there is no facility to telephone the Test Administrators, however, every effort is made to ensure all email queries are answered within 48 hours during term time school hours. You may not expect a response outside of term time school hours.