

## Reading School



### Admission to Year 7 in September 2023 Frequently Asked Questions regarding Admission Test Results

IMPORTANT: The school will not be able to give any further information about test results other than the individual test score that you have received in your letter.

<b>Q</b>	<b>What is the qualifying score for Reading School for entry in September 2023?</b>
A	<p>The eligible score for entry into Reading School in September 2023 is: Maths – 94.0 English – 94.0 Creative Writing – Of the Standard</p> <p>All applicants must achieve 94 in both English and Maths</p> <p>If your child is pupil premium, service premium or a looked after or previously looked after child it is Maths – 89 English – 89 Creative Writing – Of the Standard</p> <p>Meeting or exceeding the eligible score only means that the candidate <b>may</b> be offered a place at Reading School because, if the number of applicants exceeds the Admission Number for 2023 (138 day places, 12 boarding places), the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please see our on our website for more details on our oversubscription criteria.</p> <p><a href="#">Year 7 Policy for Day Applicants – 2023 Entry</a> <a href="#">Year 7 Policy for Boarding Applicants – 2023 Entry</a></p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My child does not have a Creative Writing Mark – why not?</b>
A	<p>Only those children who achieved the eligible score in English and Maths had their creative writing put forward for marking. If your child had their Creative Writing marked, you will see either 'of the standard' or 'not of the standard'.</p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>How do I access my child's results?</b>
A	<p>The results are available online. Please refer to the school website for details of how to access the results: <a href="https://www.reading-school-admissions.co.uk/">https://www.reading-school-admissions.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My child has achieved the qualifying score or above. Will he be offered a place?</b>
A	<p>Your son has achieved the qualifying score for Reading School and therefore may be offered a place depending on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including Reading School as a preferred school on your CAF</li><li>• The number of candidates with a score on or above the qualifying score who put Reading School on their CAF</li><li>• The application of the oversubscription criteria, if required (see below):</li></ul> <p><b>DAY APPLICANTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The applicant is a looked after child or previously looked after child and/or a child previously in care outside of England</li><li>2. Children with Pupil or Service Premium living within the Catchment area.</li><li>3. Children whose permanent home address is within the catchment area.</li><li>4. Children whose permanent home address is NOT within the catchment area.</li></ol> <p><b>BOARDING APPLICANTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The applicant is a looked after child or previously looked after child and/or a child previously in care outside of England</li><li>2. Children with Pupil or Service Premium.</li><li>3. The applicant has a boarding need.</li><li>4. All other applicants Documentary evidence will be required for all of the above.</li></ol>

<b>Q</b>	<b>I live outside the designated area and my son has achieved or exceeded the qualifying score. What is the likelihood of him being offered a place?</b>
A	Please see above. If your son was living outside of the catchment area after 31st August 2022 then it is unlikely that he would be offered a day place at Reading School due to the large number of applications received from those who live within the catchment area. After due consideration you may come to the decision that it is in the best interests of your child that he be considered for a boarding place. If this proves to be the case, then the admissions office must receive written confirmation of your wishes to change your application from day to boarding by 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 at the latest. I should remind you that the School is only able to accept an application for a boarding or a day place but not for both. Please email: <a href="mailto:admissions@reading-school.co.uk">admissions@reading-school.co.uk</a> if you wish to amend your application and arrange a tour of boarding.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many candidates sat the entrance test for Reading School for entry in September 2022?</b>
A	A total of 968 candidates sat the test at Reading School.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What was the highest total standardised score achieved for entry to Reading School?</b>
A	The highest total standardised score achieved was  English: 140.5 Maths: 135.9
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many candidates who took the test achieved Reading School's qualifying score of 94 or above (89 for Pupil Premium, Service Premium and Looked After Children) and were of the standard in Creative Writing?</b>
A	467 candidates achieved the eligible score and were of the standard in Creative Writing.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many day applicants who took the test achieved the eligible score or above and were living in the catchment area as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022?</b>
A	330 candidates who have registered for a day place achieved the qualifying score or above and were living within the catchment area as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many boarding applicants who took the test achieved the qualifying score or above?</b>
A	49 candidates who have applied for a boarding place achieved the qualifying score or above.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What was the lowest mark achieved by a candidate that was offered a place <u>last year</u> for September 2022 entry?</b>
A	The pass mark for entry in September 2022 was 95.0 for English and 95.0 for Maths.  For day places the lowest qualifying mark that was admitted in September 2022 was a mean standardised score of 111.6  For boarding places, the lowest qualifying mark that was admitted in September 2022 was a mean standardised score of 108.65
<b>Q</b>	<b>Where is my son's place in the rank order?</b>
A	Reading School does not know this information as we do not know at this stage who has applied for a place at Reading School and whether the application of our oversubscription criteria may need to be used.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is my son's raw score for each test?</b>
A	Reading School considers this information to be commercially sensitive under exemption 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states that information is exempt of information if its disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I see my son's test papers?</b>
A	It is not possible to see a candidate's test papers as they are commercially sensitive and the property of FSCE Ltd.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Which postcodes make up Reading School's catchment area?</b>
A	RG1, RG2, RG4, RG5, RG6, RG7, RG8, RG10, RG12, RG18, RG19, RG30, RG31, RG40, RG41, RG42, RG45.  RG9 1, RG9 2, RG9 3, RG9 4 & RG9 5 RG14 1, RG14 2, RG14 3, RG14 5, RG14 6 & RG14 7 RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6 & part of RG20 7 (east of A34) RG26 3, RG26 4 & part of RG26 5 (north of A339) RG27 0 & parts of RG27 8 & RG27 9 (north of M3)  GU15 1, GU15 2, GU15 3 & GU15 4 GU17 0 & GU17 9 GU19 5

	<p>GU46 6 &amp; GU46 7 GU47 0, GU47 8 &amp; GU47 9</p> <p>OX10 0, OX10 8, OX10 9 &amp; part of OX10 6 (south of A4130) OX11 9</p> <p>SL4 4 SL5 0, SL5 7, SL5 8 &amp; SL5 9</p> <p>For a map of the Catchment Area, please see: <a href="#">Map of Catchment Area</a></p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is Pupil Premium?</b>
A	Pupil Premium are those pupils who have received funding for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years or who are currently eligible for free school meals.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is Service Premium?</b>
A	<p>The service premium is designed to support children with parents serving in the regular British armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces;</li> <li>b) one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years or one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces</li> <li>c) the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)</li> </ul>
<b>Q</b>	<b>How does being eligible for Pupil Premium or Service Premium affect my son's application?</b>
A	<p>If your son's permanent home address is within the catchment area for Reading School and he is a pupil premium or service premium child, then he is eligible to be considered under section 2 of the oversubscription criteria. This means if he has achieved the qualifying score of 89 or above in English and Maths and is 'of the standard' in his Creative Writing, he will be offered a place at Reading School before sections 3 and 4 are applied. If this applies to your son, please ensure the admissions office has all the evidence required to ensure your son is ranked correctly.</p> <p>If your son sat the test at Reading School, verification of Pupil Premium or Service Premium was obtained from your son's current primary school via the Registration Form brought to the test day. Clarification may be sought if necessary.</p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can papers be remarked?</b>
A	All the entrance tests for Maths and English are double scanned and checked using different optical mark readers and different staff. The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. The Creative Writing paper is marked by experienced members of staff within the school using comparative judgement. We will therefore not undertake any test re-marks until after the national offer date (1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023). The cost of a re-mark to parents is £50 per paper.
<b>Q</b>	<b>When will I know if I have been offered a place at Reading School?</b>
A	The National Offer date is 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I appeal?</b>
A	You cannot appeal about your son's test mark. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for an anonymised copy of the standardised results.</b>
A	This information will be published on the school's website in May 2023. We are not obliged under section 22 of the FOIA to provide information that is intended for future publication. In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I have completed my CAF already but now wish to change my choices.</b>
A	Please contact your Local Authority directly to see if this is possible.