

## Applying to year 7 at BHSA

Information booklets for entry to year 7, with the LA preference form, are available to download from the Local Authority website in September for entry the following year.

- BHSA does **not** select on ability or catchment.

### How does admission to BHSA work?

- Complete the LA preference form, regardless of whether your daughter/ward is already in the Junior School of BHSA. If your daughter is currently in the school and you wish her to continue, BHSA should be your first choice.
- Parents are also required to complete the academy's Supplementary Form, which is available from the school office or the school website, indicating whether you wish your daughter to sit the Music Aptitude Test.
- The closing date for the LA preference form and the BHSA supplementary form is 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- All girls who name BHSA on the preference form, are invited to sit the non-verbal reasoning assessment in November, and may also choose to sit a Musical Aptitude Test.
- BHSA Year 6 pupils are not required to sit the assessment and are given priority to transfer to year 7 in September.
- 10% of students are allocated a place based on the results of the Music Aptitude Test, irrespective of what band they fall into on the NVR assessment, and those music candidates who are not successful remain in the banding selection pot.
- All external pupils who sit the assessment are placed into the 5 ability bands (including music candidates). The Local Authority then processes them and informs us as to those students who have successfully gained a place.
- Priority is given in accordance with our criteria:
  - Children Looked After
  - Children with an Educational Health Care Plan
  - Girls who are currently in our Year 6
  - Girls with siblings in the school
  - 10% places offered from outcomes of the Music Aptitude Test
  - Staff (teaching/support) who have been at BHSA for more than 2 years
- You will be informed by letter or email (if applied on line) from the Local Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Once the 108 places are filled the banding then becomes irrelevant. It is used only for ensuring that there is a comprehensive intake.
- If we are oversubscribed, there is a possibility that some 1st choices will not be offered a place here, hence appeals.
- Appeals are heard by an Independent Panel, processed through the academy. Further guidance concerning the appeals process is available from the school.