

# CSSE

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

# 11+

## Selective Test

## Information Guide 2027 Entry

## Saturday 19th September 2026

Practice packs can be purchased using our online ordering system.

Free familiarisation papers can be downloaded from our CSSE website  
[www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)

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To gain entry to the following selective schools ONLY:

- Colchester County High School for Girls
- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- King Edward VI Grammar School
- Shoeburyness High School
- Southend High School for Boys
- Southend High School for Girls
- St. Bernard's High School
- St. Thomas More High School for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Girls

*All dates and arrangements are correct at the time of publication.*

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# Checklist

It is very important that the information is the formal/legal details for your child and that the same information is entered on the Local Authority Application form. If the details are different, it could mean your child's result from the test can not be matched to your Local Authority application.

Have you completed the Registration Form correctly? Please check the following before submitting your form.

- Child's surname followed by first name only. This must be exactly the same name you use on the Local Authority application form.
- Correct date of birth, as on birth certificate or passport.
- Address: The address should be where your child resides most of the school week. If you move house, please notify the CSSE office by email.
- Your email address: This will be used to send communications and your child's test results.
- Home Local Authority – the Authority in which you live.
- Test Centre – nominate only one of the CSSE schools as a test centre.
- Religious objections/exceptional circumstances – please notify us by email if you have a religious objection or exceptional circumstances that may prevent your child sitting the test on Saturday 19th September.
- Medical circumstances/Special Needs – Please refer to the CSSE Guideline and Notification Form on the CSSE website or request by phoning the CSSE office. Any request for special adjustments must be made in writing by the 26th June 2026.

- Primary School Notification. Please tick box/circle yes if you give permission for the CSSE to share your child's test results with their Primary School.
- A number of the CSSE schools reserve places for pupils who receive free school meals, are entitled to Pupil Premium, and those who are or have been in social care. Please tick any box that applies to your child on the Registration Form.

If you make an application to the CSSE schools you will need to complete the Pupil Premium Form that is available on the CSSE website.

Forms can be completed online OR by post. Please complete only one CSSE form for each child being registered.

- Postal forms must be signed and dated.
- Postal forms – please ensure you pay the correct postage when sending your forms. Underpaid items will not be delivered to the CSSE office.

Postal registrations – Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your completed form. A copy of your completed form will be sent to you as acknowledgement of receipt.

Please note that by completing the CSSE Registration Form you are registering your child to sit the CSSE 11+ Examination to gain entry into the ten CSSE Schools listed in this booklet. The form is not an application to the schools. You can only make an application by completing your Home Local Authority Application Form.

# Introduction

## Welcome to the CSSE.

*This CSSE booklet has been compiled to answer the most frequently raised questions in respect of the selective procedure.*

*If you have a query not covered in this booklet please contact the CSSE Office on telephone number:*

# 01245 348257

*CSSE postal address:*

**PO Box 3087, Chelmsford  
Essex CM1 3SY**

*Email:* **admin@csse.org.uk**

*Website:* **www.csse.org.uk**

*Opening Hours:* (school term time only)

**AUTUMN TERM – CSSE OFFICE OPENS FROM  
3RD SEPTEMBER 2026.  
9.30am-3.30pm (Monday-Friday)**

**FREE ENGLISH AND MATHS FAMILIARISATION PAPERS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CSSE WEBSITE: [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)**

PRACTICE MATERIAL CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE CSSE WEBSITE. PLEASE SEE THE ONLINE ORDER FORM AT [WWW.CSSE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CSSE.ORG.UK)

CSSE TELEPHONE SERVICE CLOSURE DATES: TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSING OF TEST ADMINISTRATION THE CSSE PHONE SERVICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES: 29TH JUNE-3RD JULY 2026; 17TH, 20TH JULY; 1ST-2ND SEPTEMBER 2026; 5TH-9TH OCTOBER 2026.

THE CSSE OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. ALL PRACTICE PACK ORDERS RECEIVED DURING OUR HOLIDAY CLOSURE PERIOD WILL BE PROCESSED AND DESPATCHED WHEN THE OFFICE REOPENS.

## BACKGROUND

The CSSE was formed in 1993 as a voluntary association. The same selective test is utilised by ten CSSE selective schools and saves children, whose parents express a preference for more than one selective school, having to take multiple tests.

## TESTING

Your child will take two separate tests, one in English and one in Mathematics.

Your child will take the tests in the selective school you as parents have nominated as your preferred test centre. **In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. If all schools reach the maximum capacity for main day testing, your child will be allocated the Tuesday test date.** Test dates will not be changed to accommodate school trips or test dates arranged by other authorities. Please ensure you check all other commitments **prior** to registering with the CSSE office. We suggest you register as early as possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
12th May 2026	CSSE registration will open for 2027 Entry.
June/July 2026	CSSE Schools Open Days/Evenings Summer Term 2026.
19th June 2026	Absolute CSSE deadline to register online OR by post.
26th June 2026	Absolute CSSE deadline for receipt of Special Adjustment requests and supporting documents.
July 2026	Test centre information will be despatched from mid July. By the 15th July all candidates should have received their test centre information by email.
31st August 2026	If you wish to withdraw your child from the test, please email the CSSE Office at <a href="mailto:admin@csse.org.uk">admin@csse.org.uk</a> by 31st August 2026.
<b>19th September 2026</b>	<b>11+ Tests take place.</b>
29th September 2026 *	Tuesday test day for religious, illness or exceptional circumstances only.
12th October 2026	Results will be sent out by email to all candidates after the close of business on 12th October.  <b>Please allow 24 hours for receipt.</b>
Sept-end of October 2026	Parents make an application for secondary school place/s to their Local Authority.
31st October 2026	Closing date for the return of your completed Local Authority Application form to your home Local Authority.
31st October 2026	Deadline for sending the completed Pupil Premium forms to the CSSE schools you have named on your Local Authority Common Application Form. (Please do not send these to the CSSE Office.)
1st March 2027	National Offer Date for Local Authorities to send out secondary school offers to parents.

\* If your religion does not allow your child to take the tests on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply medical evidence, arrangements will be made for your child to take the test on Tuesday 29th September 2026. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss. Evidence will be required. The Tuesday test date will not be offered to accommodate tests held by other authorities.

**ALL DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION.**

# APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SELECTIVE PLACES AT THE TEN CSSE SCHOOLS

## How do I Apply for a Place at a CSSE School?

To apply for a place at a CSSE School for your child you must name the school as one of your preferences on your Local Authority Common Application Form and register your child to sit the 11+ tests by completing the CSSE's Registration Form. Please make every effort to ensure your child's personal details are the same on both forms. If you change your address before completing your Local Authority form, please notify the CSSE Office in writing.

## Naming your Selective School Preferences on the Common Application Form.

Your Local Authority Common Application Form and Guidance Notes will be available to all parents of Year 6 children in September 2026. All CSSE Schools that you wish to apply for must be named as preferences on this form. This form must be returned to your Home Local Authority.

The Secondary Schools Admission booklet for 2027 Entry is available to download from your Local Authority's website or by requesting a copy to be posted to you.

## Stating a Preference on the Local Authority Common Application Form is the only way of Applying for a Place at a CSSE School.

Application for places must be made on your Local Authority Common Application Form. Completing only the test registration form does not constitute a valid application for a place at a CSSE School. Parents must use the Common Application Form of the Local Authority in which they live, even if the schools that they name as preferences on the form are in a different Authority.

## Date for the Return of your Local Authority Application Form.

The 31st October 2026 is the date for the return of Common Application Forms to the Essex Local Authority and to the Southend Local Authority. There can be penalties for late application imposed by Local Authorities, so please ensure that your form is returned on time. If you live in a different Local Authority then you should adhere to that Authority's deadline for the return of your Common Application Form.

### 1. Below are the addresses for the Essex and Southend Authorities:

School Admissions  
Essex County Council  
County Hall  
Market Road  
Chelmsford CM1 1QH  
Email: [admissions@essex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@essex.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

School Admissions Team  
Southend Borough Council  
Civic Centre  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER  
Email: [admissions@southend.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@southend.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.southend.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions)

### 2. The CSSE Office, which supplies this booklet can be contacted to answer queries about 11+ registration. If you are registering by post your child's Test Registration Form must be returned to the CSSE office at the following address:

CSSE Administrative Office,  
P.O. Box 3087, Chelmsford,  
Essex CM1 3SY  
Telephone: (01245) 348257  
Website: [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)  
Email: [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk)

# USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## Registering Your Child to Sit the 11+ Tests.

From 12th May 2026 parents can complete the registration form online or on paper. Online registration is provided via our website [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk). Alternatively, please print the registration forms from the website and return them to the CSSE Office (address on page 2).

The absolute deadline to register your child online **OR** by post is 19th June 2026.

## Information that you will receive from the CSSE Office.

Parents who have completed a valid Registration Form will receive communications from the CSSE Office as detailed below.

## Confirmation that the Office has received your child's test centre registration form.

If you have registered online, you will receive an automated email confirmation.

If you have applied by post and provided an email address, confirmation will be emailed to you. Otherwise **please ensure you have affixed the correct postage, underpaid items will NOT be delivered to the CSSE office.** Please email the CSSE Office: [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk) if you do not receive confirmation within ten working days.

## Photographing of Candidates on the 11+ Test Day at CSSE Test Centres

CSSE test centres will be photographing each candidate (with their name label on them) at the time of registration for the 11+. The photographs will be kept until the end of the Autumn term in which the candidates would be in Year 7 and then destroyed. Further details will be sent with your child's test centre letter.

## Information that you need on the 11+ test day.

From mid July a letter will be emailed to you confirming where you should take your child for the selection test on **Saturday 19th September 2026 and at what time you should arrive.** You should receive this letter by 15th July. In some cases a school may need to have more than one sitting to accommodate the number of candidates. **In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. If all schools reach the maximum capacity for main day testing, your child will be allocated the Tuesday test date.** We suggest you register as early as possible. As we are unable to confirm whether morning or afternoon sittings have been allocated, you are asked to keep the whole day free.

**We are unable to alter test sittings once they have been allocated. If you have exceptional circumstances that prevent you from attending your confirmed sitting please contact the CSSE immediately.**

## 11+ Test Results.

(Please refer to our guidance on page 13.)

Test results will be sent by email to all candidates on the 12th October 2026. A guidance sheet will be published on our website. This will detail the scores of the last selective places offered at each CSSE school on National Offer Day 1st March 2026. There is no guarantee of a place based on the historical information supplied.

## Place Offers will be sent to you by your Local Authority.

**March 1st** is National Offer Day when all Local Authorities are required to inform parents of the outcome of their applications to secondary schools. If National Offer Day falls on a weekend your Local Authority will notify you on the next working day. Any questions that you may have should be addressed to your Local Authority.

# Most frequently asked questions about the Selective Tests:

**Q** Should my child sit the tests even if I don't intend to name a Selective School on the Local Authority form?

**A** –No. The purpose of the tests is to gain entry into one of the CSSE schools.

**Q** How old should my child be when he/she sits the test?

**A** –The test is normally available to children registered in Year 6 from September 2026 and who are aged 11 years but under 12 years on the 31st August 2027. Your child's date of birth should fall between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. Many children will be 10 when he/she sits the test but they should be 11 by the time that they start secondary school.

**Q** What if my child is less than 11 years old on 31st August 2027 and I want him/her to sit the test?

**A** –The CSSE does not encourage early entry other than in exceptional circumstances. The decision to allow a pupil to take the 11+ examination early lies with the admissions committees of the school/s for which a parent expresses a preference. Under-age pupils are those who would be less than 11 years old on 31st August 2027 and must be registered in Year 6 at the time of sitting the test. Please contact the CSSE for further details on "under-age" entry arrangements.

**Q** What if my child is more than 11 years old because, for example, he/she was summer born and started school late?

**A** –In line with the School Admissions Code (2021) the parents of a summer born child (born between 1st April to 31st August) may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group to reception rather than Year 1. So long as that child has moved up one year group each year and is registered in Year 6 at the time of sitting the test, they will be allowed to sit the test. Consortium Schools do not otherwise accept over aged applicants unless there are verified exceptional circumstances. Please contact the CSSE for further details on "over-age" entry arrangements.

**Q** What are the tests?

**A** –Candidates will sit two tests. One in English and one in Mathematics. The English paper will last sixty minutes with ten minutes additional reading time. The Mathematics paper will last sixty minutes. The final scores for the individual papers are mathematically standardised and 'weighted', each being worth 50% of the marks. The results of all candidates will be analysed, by date of birth, to determine if a statistical age-adjustment is required.

**Q** When do the tests take place?

**A** –**The tests will take place on Saturday 19th September 2026.** If your religion does not allow your child to take them on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply medical evidence, arrangements will be made for your child to take the tests on Tuesday 29th September 2026. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss. The Tuesday test date will not be allocated to accommodate tests arranged by other authorities.

**Q** Will my child have the opportunity to take practice papers?

**A** –Your child's present school may help you with this, but remember that children only need a limited amount of practice to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and timing. The Mathematics and English tests will be based on Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum. Suitable practice material is available commercially from major booksellers. However, please note that these are tests based at a similar level but are not of the same format as the 11+ papers. Please refer to our website [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk) for free familiarisation papers that you can download. Other practice material can be purchased from the CSSE website. Please see the online order form at [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)

**Q What should I do if I wish to withdraw my child from the test?**

**A** – The CSSE Examination is not compulsory and you may change your mind about your child sitting the test, or you may decide you want your child to sit a test held by another authority on the same day. If you wish to withdraw your child after you have registered, please email the office at [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk) by 31st August. Early notification assists the test centres with test day administration.

**Q Where does my child take the tests?**

**A** – Your child will usually take the tests in the selective school you have nominated for the test. In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. We suggest you register as early as possible. **Important: Once your nominated test centre has been confirmed we will be unable to alter it.** Your child will take the tests either in a large hall or classroom. There will be adults in charge of each room overseeing the conduct of the tests who will answer any questions the candidates have before the tests start. It is important to arrive in time for your child to be shown where the toilets are and for him/her to settle into the test room well before the tests begin.

**Q What should I do if my child has a medical condition or requires access arrangements for the test?**

**A** – A copy of our Access Arrangements Guideline and Notification Form can be downloaded from our website or requested from the CSSE office. You should complete the relevant section on the registration form and the notification form. The deadline for receipt of requests for adjustments and supporting documentation is 26th June 2026.

**Q What happens if something else occurs near (or on) the day of the test which prevents my child performing at their best?**

**A** – When you present your child for the test it is expected that you are satisfied that there are no other circumstances that have occurred that will prevent him/her from performing to their best. If anything has occurred that you know may affect their performance you must advise the test centre prior to the test being taken.

**Q What happens if my child is ill on the day of the test?**

**A** – If you are at all uncertain about your child's health on the day of the test please withdraw your child by contacting the test centre direct. **Subject to medical evidence**, we will arrange for the test to be taken on an alternative date.

Where a candidate becomes indisposed during the test day, the test centre will make appropriate arrangements to care for the child and to inform his/her parents.

These arrangements may include allowing the candidate to leave the test room for a short period under supervision; returning to finish the tests. Candidates who leave the room during the tests will not be given extra time. If the candidate is too ill to continue and leaves the premises then he/she will not be allowed to finish any test that he/she has already started.

**Q What happens if we have difficulty getting to the test centre?**

**A** – Please ensure you plan your journey to your child's test centre and allow sufficient time to get there. The test centres will not test any child who arrives late. There will be congestion on the roads, particularly near the test centres and you are advised to listen to the weather and traffic reports on Essex radio stations prior to starting your journey. Cancellation of the tests due to atrocious weather conditions will also be announced on these radio stations. If the bad weather conditions are local to you, telephone the CSSE Office. In all other circumstances you should telephone the school where you are taking the test for advice.

**Q What should my child bring with them to the test centre?**

**A** – Your child need only bring a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. Your child does not need to wear school uniform. **Please note that the use of highlighter pens, dictionaries, electronic calculators of any description or smart watches (eg Fitbit) is not permitted. Please do not allow your child to bring them to the examination. Mobile phones should not be brought to test centres by children.**

Drinks and snacks are not permitted during the tests unless you have notified us in writing of a specific medical condition. Refreshment break arrangements will be confirmed with your test centre letter.

## Questions in relation to Preference/Admissions/Appeals

### **Q** What advice would you give about the order that I put my preferences on the Local Authority Form?

**A** –Our advice is that you should list your chosen schools in your true order of preference. If your first choice is one of the CSSE Schools then you should put it first on your list. This will not prejudice your application to the other schools in your list of preferences.

### **Q** Will the Local Authority offer my child one school place only or offers at all my chosen schools for which my child has met the Admissions Criteria?

**A** –The Local Authority will only offer your child one school place. This will be the highest placed school in your list of preferences for which your child meets the Admissions Criteria. You will not be offered additional places at the other schools lower on your list, even if your child meets their Admissions Criteria.

If your child does well enough in the 11+ tests to be offered a place at one of your chosen CSSE Schools and you have placed this school as your first preference then a place will be offered to him/her at that school. If, however, you place another school above the CSSE School and your child meets the Admission Criteria for this other school, then the Local Authority will offer your child a place at the other school.

### **Q** My child qualifies for Pupil Premium and I wish to apply to the CSSE school(s) under their Special Considerations Criteria. Do I need to complete any additional forms?

**A** – Confirmation from your child's primary school must be submitted to your preferred CSSE school(s) using the Pupil Premium Form which can be found on the CSSE website. Please note, one form should be sent to each of the schools you apply to. Please do not return your forms to the CSSE Office.

### **Q** What happens if my Child does not meet the Admissions Criteria for my First Preference School?

**A** –If your child does not meet the Admissions Criteria of your first preference school then your second preference moves up the list and is treated as your new "first preference" by the Local Authority. The Local Authority will apply this school's Admission Criteria and decide whether or not your child meets them and should be offered a place.

### **Q** Can I name more than one CSSE School on my Local Authority Common Application Form?

**A** –Yes, you can name as many CSSE Schools as you like, as long as you do not exceed the number of preferences allowed by your Local Authority.

### **Q** Can I appeal against the decision to refuse my child a place at one of my chosen schools?

**A** –Information about how to appeal against a refusal of a school place will be sent to you by your Local Authority when you receive your secondary school offer in March 2027. Where any applicant has not been admitted to a preferred school, any parental appeal will be heard by an independent appeal panel established for that school.

# OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS SUMMER TERM 2026

Opportunities for Year 5 Pupils & Parents to visit CSSE Schools

(For marked events \* it is essential that you contact the school to make an appointment; further details are available on the school websites)

# CSSE

## Colchester County High School for Girls

Executive Principal: Mrs. G. E. Marshall  
Norman Way, Colchester,  
Essex CO3 3US. Tel: 01206 576973  
Website: [www.cchsg.com](http://www.cchsg.com)

### Year 5 Information Evening Wednesday 10th June 2026

Year 5 Tour of the school Mon. 29th June-Tue. 30th June,  
Thur. 2nd July-Fri. 3rd July & Mon. 6th July 2026. Booking for each  
event will be available on our website on Mon. 20th April 2026.\*

## Colchester Royal Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. J. Russell  
Lexden Road, Colchester,  
Essex CO3 3ND. Tel: 01206 509100  
Website: [www.crgs.co.uk](http://www.crgs.co.uk)

### Tuesday 23rd June 2026 6.30pm-9pm

## King Edward VI Grammar School

Headteacher: Ms. N. Wilson  
Broomfield Road, Chelmsford,  
Essex CMI 3SX. Tel: 01245 353510  
Website: [www.kegs.org.uk](http://www.kegs.org.uk)

Year 5 tours and talk by Headteacher  
Ms. N. Wilson on 30th June and 1st July 2026 morning  
29th June, 2nd July and 3rd July 2026 afternoon  
Places must be booked and bookings open 6 weeks prior  
via the KEGS website [www.kegs.org.uk](http://www.kegs.org.uk)\*

## St Bernard's High School (Girls)

Headteacher: Mrs. H. Barnes  
Milton Road, Westcliff on Sea,  
Essex SS0 7JS. Tel: 01702 343583  
Website: [www.st-bernards.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-bernards.southend.sch.uk)

### Thursday 9th July 2026 5.30pm-8.30pm Headteacher's talks 5.45pm & 6.45pm

## St Thomas More High School (Boys)

Headteacher: Mrs. G. Ackred  
Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea,  
Essex SS0 0BW. Tel: 01702 344933  
Website: [www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

### Thursday 9th July 2026 4pm-7pm Headteacher's talk at 5pm and 6pm

## Shoeburyness High School

Headteacher: Teri-Leigh Jones  
Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness,  
Essex SS3 9LL. Tel: 01702 292286  
Website: [www.shoeburyness.secat.co.uk](http://www.shoeburyness.secat.co.uk)

### Thursday 17th September 2026 6pm to 8pm

## Southend High School for Boys

Headteacher: Mrs. R. Worth  
Prittlewell Chase, Southend on Sea,  
Essex SS0 0RG. Tel: 01702 606200  
Website: [www.shsb.org.uk](http://www.shsb.org.uk)

### Thursday 25th June 2026 4.30pm-8.00pm Headteacher's talks 5.45pm, 6.45pm & 8pm

## Southend High School for Girls

Headteacher: Mr. J. Carey  
Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea,  
Essex SS2 4UZ. Tel: 01702 588852  
Website: [www.shsg.org](http://www.shsg.org)

### Thursday 2nd July 2026 5pm-8pm Headteacher's presentations at 5.15pm, 6.15pm & 7.15pm

## Westcliff High School for Boys

Headmaster: Mr. M.A. Skelly M.A.  
Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea,  
Essex SS0 0BP. Tel: 01702 475443  
Website: [www.whsb.essex.sch.uk](http://www.whsb.essex.sch.uk)

### Tuesday 23rd June 2026 5pm-9pm Headmaster's talks 6.30pm & 7.30pm

## Westcliff High School for Girls

Headteacher: Miss Emma Matthews  
Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea,  
Essex SS0 0BS. Tel: 01702 476026  
Website: [www.whsg.info](http://www.whsg.info)

### Tuesday 30th June 2026 5pm-8pm Headteacher's talks 5.15pm, 6.15pm & 7.15pm

# CSSE SCHOOLS

Please contact the schools direct for a current prospectus and admissions policy.

## Colchester County High School for Girls

Executive Principal and CEO (Alpha Trust): Mrs. G. E. Marshall

Norman Way  
Colchester  
Essex CO3 3US  
Tel: 01206 576973  
Website: www.cchsg.com  
E-mail: office@cchsg.com  
School Number: 881 5454



Wisdom Giveth Life

Published Admission Number for 2027

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***“The mission of this school is to prepare resilient, highly motivated and responsible leaders, who are able to contribute positively to society and compete in a global economy. We promote high aspiration and personal achievement through outstanding teaching and learning and by nurturing good mental and physical wellbeing. We are unashamedly ambitious for the future success of our students.”***

– Colchester County High School for Girls

## Colchester Royal Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. J. Russell

Lexden Road  
Colchester  
Essex CO3 3ND  
Tel: 01206 509100  
Website: www.crgs.co.uk  
E-mail: office@crgs.co.uk  
School Number: 881 4036



Faith is the Crown of Life

Published Admission Number for 2027

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***“We strive to provide the best possible education to academically able 11-18 year olds by creating a supportive and inclusive environment, where high calibre teaching staff raise the personal and professional aspirations of all students and help them to reach their full potential.***

***We are dedicated to providing an exceptional education for our students and aim at excellence in all that we do. High standards and expectations permeate every aspect of school life and will be evident in our respect for others, conduct, achievement and attitude of our students”.***

– Colchester Royal Grammar School

## King Edward VI Grammar School

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***“Our core purpose is to nurture all of our students as uniquely talented individuals and principled global citizens, maximising their academic outcomes, the scope of their personal development and their capacity to be independent, autonomous learners.”***

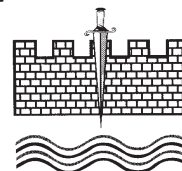
– King Edward VI Grammar School

# Shoeburyness High School A Community Academy

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School Number: 882 4034



Expect Excellence

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***“Shoeburyness High School has raised expectations about what pupils should achieve. The school has ensured that, across the curriculum, the important knowledge pupils should learn is clearly defined. Pupils are remembering more and producing higher-quality work as a result. They study a broad and ambitious curriculum. The school has put in place clear expectations that are understood by all.” – OFSTED June 2024***

– Shoeburyness High School

## Southend High School for Boys

Headteacher: Mrs. R. Worth

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School Number: 882 5446



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***“At Southend High School for Boys, talent is nurtured and learning is valued. Challenge is welcomed, participation is expected and achievement is prized. Pupils are happy, and prosper at the school. As a grammar school, high academic expectations are central to our purpose, and these are sustained through an extensive programme of support and guidance. Pupils develop their confidence and enthusiasm through a wide range of creative, sporting and other endeavours. Our school preserves values and traditions from the past, and prepares pupils through a contemporary curriculum for the world of tomorrow.”***

– Southend High School for Boys

## Southend High School for Girls

Headteacher: Mr. J. Carey

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School Number: 882 5428



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***Southend High School for Girls is an outstanding grammar school where ‘pupils flourish and excel’ (Ofsted, July 2024), achieving first-class results that place the school as one of the top performing schools in the country. As well as promoting academic excellence, we nurture students’ talents and interests and develop their leadership skills as ambassadors and captains. At the heart of SHSG is our family ethos and the exceptional support for students’ well-being, ensuring they are safe, happy and successful. ‘Pupils appreciate the exemplary support and encouragement they get from staff. Pupils see the school as a family.’ (Ofsted, July 2024.)***

– Southend High School for Girls

# St. Bernard's High School (Girls)

*A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science*

Headteacher: Mrs. H. Barnes

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School Number: 882 5465

***“St Bernard's High School is a welcoming, inclusive school. Leaders have high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour. Pupils live up to these expectations. Most pupils are highly ambitious. They have extremely positive attitudes towards their learning.”***

Catholic School Inspection Quote: ***The behaviour of students is exemplary both in lessons and throughout the school as they strive to live out the mission statement, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.***

– St. Bernard's High School



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***If St. Bernard's High School is one of your choices, you must complete the school's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to enable the Governing Body to apply its admissions criteria. This will be available on the Open Evening or can be downloaded from our website.***

# St. Thomas More High School (Boys)

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School Number: 882 5447

***A Catholic School in the Brentwood Diocese***

***“The fundamental purpose of the school today is to provide the very best education for all of our pupils so that boys, and in the Sixth Form, boys and girls, can become confident young men and women who are spiritually, culturally and socially fulfilled and achieve their full potential.”***

– St. Thomas More High School



*God's Servant First*

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# Westcliff High School for Boys

Headmaster: Mr. M.A. Skelly, M.A.

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School Number: 882 5401



*By Fidelity and Fortitude*

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***“Westcliff enjoys the distinctive record of having been designated ‘outstanding’ by OFSTED on five occasions. However, we have not achieved this by a narrow focus on examination results. Those matter and are excellent, but our concern for the broader personal, cultural and moral development of young people is what defines the School. These things are reflected in our daily life.”***

– Westcliff High School for Boys

# Westcliff High School for Girls

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School Number: 882 5423



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***“At Westcliff High School for Girls, students enjoy exceptional academic success, placing us in the top 1% of schools nationally. We offer a nurturing and vibrant school community, where our curriculum challenges and inspires, and extensive enrichment, leadership opportunities, and pastoral care help every student thrive. We prepare young people not only for outstanding exam results, but to be confident, happy, and ambitious citizens of the future.”***

– Westcliff High School for Girls

# CSSE 11+ EXAMINATION – RESULTS

## POST EXAMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

The CSSE does not give special consideration to pupils' circumstances when papers are marked and adjustments to scores will not be made. Parents may present their child's particular circumstances to an independent appeal panel at any of their chosen schools after March Offer Day (1st March 2027)

The CSSE schools have a joint policy to not re-mark test papers.

## HOW WE NOTIFY YOU OF THE TEST RESULTS

Test results will be sent to ALL candidates by email after the close of business on 12th October. Please allow 24 hours for receipt.

## WHAT WILL THE RESULTS EMAIL CONTAIN?

You will be notified of the raw scores for each subject as well as the overall standardised score.

The formula for calculating the standardised score will be published on the CSSE website shortly after the results are despatched.

A guidance sheet containing historical data will be published on the website on 12th October.

## WHAT DOES THE GUIDANCE SHEET SHOW?

The sheet is produced to help parents decide whether to apply for a CSSE school. The data shown on the sheet is historical. It indicates what scores were needed in previous years to gain entry into the CSSE schools. The actual cut off scores are only known after national offer day in March.

There is no guarantee of a place based on the historical information supplied. As the situation may be different each year, it may be worthwhile applying to the school/s of your choice even if your child has scored below the lowest score obtained in previous years.

## MINIMUM SCORE

CSSE secondary school offers are not made to any child who has scored under a total standardised score of 303. Successful appeal places are awarded outside this criteria.

Places awarded under special considerations criteria are outside of these published cut off positions.

Please refer to the schools' admissions policies for further information.

## APPLICATIONS

Each school publishes its admissions policy on its website. Please read the admissions policy of the school/s you wish to apply to for further information.

You can only apply for a school place by naming the school/s as a preference/s on your home local authority common application form. You should list the schools in your genuine order of preference.



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