



QUEEN'S GATE
SCHOOL

11 + GUIDE 2027



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Queen's Gate School.

Choosing the right secondary school is an important milestone, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to introduce you to our Year 7 admissions process. Our aim is to make the admissions journey as clear, supportive and straightforward as possible.

Our admissions process is designed to give every applicant the opportunity to demonstrate their potential through a combination of the London 11+ Consortium Assessment, a school reference and an interview with us.

This brochure provides a step-by-step guide to each stage of the process, including key dates, assessment information, interview arrangements and scholarship opportunities. Whether you are applying from a local school or from overseas, we hope you will find the information helpful as you prepare for the year ahead.

We know that every child brings their own unique strengths, interests and aspirations, and we look forward to getting to know your daughter throughout the admissions process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team. We are always happy to help.

With best wishes,

Bella Frost
Head of Admissions

Admissions Process

Our admissions process is designed to help us build a rounded picture of each applicant. We assess each candidate using three elements:

London 11+ Consortium Assessment
School Reference
Interview at Queen's Gate

Step 1: Complete the Registration Form

To confirm your daughter's assessment and interview arrangements, please complete both the Registration Form and the Examination and Interview Form by **6 November 2026**. Our Registration Form can be found here: <https://www.queensgate.org.uk/apply-now/>

The Examination Form will be sent to all registered candidates. If you are applying to more than one Consortium school, you must complete the relevant form for each school to which you have applied.

Choosing an Assessment Venue

If your daughter's current school is not hosting the Consortium assessment, you should choose one Consortium school where she will sit the test and inform all the schools to which she has applied. Please note that where your daughter sits the assessment has no bearing on her application to Queen's Gate.

Step 2: Sit the London I I+ Consortium Assessment

About the London I I+ Consortium

Queen's Gate is a member of the London I I+ Consortium, a group of independent schools that share a common entrance assessment. The Consortium schools are:

- Channing School
- Francis Holland School (Regent's Park)
- Francis Holland School (Sloane Square)
- Godolphin and Latymer
- More House
- Northwood College for Girls
- Notting Hill and Ealing High School
- Queen's College
- **Queen's Gate School**
- South Hampstead High School
- St Augustine's Priory
- St Helen's School
- St Margaret's School

Candidates only sit the Consortium assessment once, regardless of how many Consortium schools they are applying to.

Assessment Format

The assessment is completed online and includes:

- Cognitive reasoning
- English comprehension
- Mathematics
- Problem-solving
- Analytical thinking

The assessment consists of five modules:

- Mathematics (20 minutes)
- Non-Verbal Reasoning (10 minutes)
- English Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning (30 minutes)
- Problem Solving (15 minutes)
- Analysis (25 minutes)

The first three modules are adaptive and are designed to assess both attainment and potential. There is a 30-minute break before candidates complete the final two non-adaptive modules. Any curriculum-based content assessed will be drawn from the Year 5 National Curriculum, with opportunities for additional challenge included within the assessment. Detailed information can be found on the London I1+ Consortium website under the Code of Practice and FAQs.

Practice tests are not available for the Consortium assessment, and no special preparation is required. We do recommend that candidates become familiar with the format and style of the assessment so that they feel confident when taking it. Familiarisation materials are available at:

<https://app.atomlearning.com/taster/london-consortium/>

A reasonable amount of practice can help build confidence; however, excessive repetition is not encouraged.

Assessment Dates

For September 2027 entry, candidates currently in Year 6 may sit the assessment on one of the following dates:

- Friday 27 November 2026
- Tuesday 1 December 2026
- Thursday 3 December 2026

Most candidates will take the assessment at their current school. Queen's Gate will host external candidates on Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Candidates with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The assessment is designed to be accessible to candidates with special educational needs and disabilities. Reasonable adjustments will be considered based on a candidate's individual needs. Parents should inform us of any requirements when completing the Examination Form and provide supporting documentation, including an Educational Psychologist's report where appropriate.

Candidates who are eligible for additional time will be granted this in accordance with JCQ guidelines when the required evidence has been provided.

Please see the privacy notice on the Consortium website: <https://londonllplus.co.uk/>

International Candidates

We welcome applications from overseas candidates. Where possible, we recommend that your daughter's current school invigilates the assessment. If this is not possible, please contact the British Council in your country to determine whether suitable facilities are available. If neither option is available, an alternative educational venue that provides invigilation services will need to be arranged. The Consortium does not permit assessments to be taken at home or in venues that do not meet its requirements. You will be asked to provide details of the proposed venue so that we can communicate directly with the invigilation provider.

International candidates may be interviewed online where appropriate. Candidates residing in the UK are expected to attend interviews in person.

For any questions about international candidates, please contact the Head of Admissions at admissions@queensgate.org.uk.

Step 3: School Reference

As part of our admissions process, Queen's Gate will request a reference directly from your daughter's current school during November 2026. This reference helps us understand each applicant's academic progress, attitude to learning and contribution to school life.

Step 4: Interview at Queen's Gate

All applicants are invited to attend an interview as part of our holistic admissions process.

The interview provides an opportunity for us to get to know your daughter beyond her assessment results and to learn more about her interests, character and enthusiasm for learning.

Interviews will take place on:

- **Saturday 9 January 2027**
- **Saturday 16 January 2027**

You may indicate a preferred date and time on the Examination and Interview Form. International candidates may be interviewed online where appropriate. Candidates residing in the UK are expected to attend interviews in person.

Interview appointments will be confirmed by the Head of Admissions during December 2026.

Step 5: Scholarships

Queen's Gate offers scholarships in the following areas:

- Academic
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Sport

All applicants are automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship. If you wish to apply for an Art, Drama, Music or Sport Scholarship, please indicate this on the Examination and Interview Form.

11+ Art Scholarship

On Saturday 9 January 2027, candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Art and also take part in a Drawing Class as part of the Scholarship selection process. The Head of Admissions will contact candidates to arrange the interview and participation in the Drawing Class.

In addition to the interview and Drawing Class, a portfolio containing the following pieces of work must be prepared for assessment by the Head of Art. No pieces should be framed please.

- 1 A4 drawing of a bird in colouring pencils
- 1 A3 copy of artist's work (personal choice)
- 1 A3 portrait in pencil
- 1 A2 still life in charcoal
- 2 A3 paintings of still life set up **or** 1 A2 painting of the same
- 1 A3 collage of a landscape

I I+ Drama Scholarship

On Saturday 16 January 2027, candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Drama. Candidates should be able to speak about theatre and drama experiences. They will prepare a monologue of their choice, which should be two minutes long, involving a character of their own age. No props or costume are required, however candidates should wear suitable clothing that will not restrict their performance.

I I+ Music Scholarship

On Saturday 9 January 2027, candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Music and also take part in an audition as part of the selection process. The Head of Admissions will contact candidates to arrange the Scholarship audition.

Audition requirements:

- Performance on their main instrument
 - Candidates should prepare two contrasting pieces on their main instrument (includes voice) of at least grade 4/5 or equivalent
- Performance on a second instrument
 - If appropriate candidates should prepare a piece on their second instrument (includes voice)
- Sight reading: candidates will be given some sight reading tests on their main instrument.
- Aural tests of varying difficulty will be given to assess:
 - Pitch sense
 - Rhythmic strength
 - Sound perception
 - Musical knowledge
- Questions will be asked on musical matters and the hobbies and interests of the candidate.

What to bring to the audition:

- Relevant instrument(s)
- Music
- Piano accompaniments to pieces or songs being performed (if appropriate)

Requirements:

- To continue learning their main instruments for the duration of the scholarship
- To take a full and active part in the School's musical activities as directed by the Director of Music

II+ Sports Scholarship

The Sports Scholarship assessment will take place at Battersea Park on Wednesday 13 January 2027 where the girls will join current Queen's Gate pupils (Year 6) for their PE lesson. The assessment will involve a distance run, followed by a game of netball or hockey. All scholarship applicants will be asked to complete a small questionnaire for the PE Department which will be sent to you in December.

Requirements: if your daughter is awarded a Sports Scholarship she will be required to undertake the following for the duration of the award.

- Scholars must be available for all school fixtures/clubs that are deemed appropriate by the PE department - this may mean that they play above or compete above their age group, where appropriate.
- School fixtures take priority over external sporting fixtures.
- Scholars are a role model for all pupils in their approach and commitment to PE and Clubs.
- Scholars should always be in the correct kit for lessons and clubs.
- Scholars will be part of the Sports Captains' team and must be willing to read/present PE information at assemblies and appropriate occasions.

Step 6: Offers and Acceptance

Offers for September 2027 entry will be issued by all Consortium schools on:
Friday 12 February 2027

Parents must formally accept or decline their place by:
Wednesday 3 March 2027 at 12:00 noon

Key Dates at a Glance

Date	Activity
6 November 2026	Application deadline
November 2026	School references requested
27 November 2026	Consortium assessment date
1 December 2026	Consortium assessment date and Queen's Gate hosting date
3 December 2026	Consortium assessment date
December 2026	Interview appointments confirmed
12 January 2027	Interview day
19 January 2027	Interview day
12 February 2027	Offers issued
3 March 2027, 12 noon	Deadline to accept or decline offers





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