



LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL RUGBY

THE CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS PROCESS JANUARY 2007 (for admission in September 2008)

Introduction

The school has a capacity of 116. However, because Rugby High School for girls offers only 94 places, LSS has a planned admission number of 94 (for reasons of equal opportunity). The school's priority circle is shown as an appendix to this document.

Year 7

There are two single sex grammar schools, Lawrence Sheriff School for boys and Rugby High School for girls, and a bilateral school (ie a school which admits both selected and non-selected students), Ashlawn School, which is co-educational. Parents can name more than one selective school on the preference form. As selective offers are based on levels of performance in the tests as well as the parents' preference, sometimes a child not qualifying for their parents' first preference may be offered their second preference.

In the first round of offers priority for places is given to children living within the priority circle. Children living outside the priority circle will be considered only if vacancies occur after the first round of offers. Offers of places at selective schools in the transfer groups are decided as follows:

1. The results of two verbal reasoning test will be used to determine which children have reached the standard for admission to a selective school.
2. Performance in an essay and additional information provided by the relevant primary schools will be used to decide whether some candidates who do not qualify automatically should also be offered a selective school place.

A waiting list will be drawn up using the ranking established by the committee of reference. Students who take the test at a later stage in the year will be ranked on the waiting list according to their score in the two verbal reasoning tests set by the LA. If two students remain on the waiting list with an identical score, a higher ranking will be given to pupils within the school's priority circle. Other children scoring below the automatic standard will be added to the waiting list in the order ranked by the Committee of Reference.

In the case of students who do not originally make the school their first choice, but subsequently change their decision, pupils will be ranked on the waiting list according to their 11+ score and whether or not they fall within the priority circle.

Parents of children not attending Warwickshire Primary Schools who wish their child to be considered for a selective place must apply by 14 September 2007. Parents applying after this date should be aware that their child will not be able to sit the 11+ test in advance of the offer of places in March. Exceptions may be made for families who move into the priority circle subject to written evidence being provided, but the closing date for these exceptions will be 8 February 2008.

Years 8-11

Offers of places at selective schools for entry at times other than the beginning of Year 7 are made where a place is available in the appropriate year group. The child must demonstrate a level of ability compatible with those of the relevant transfer group (normally by the completion of verbal reasoning tests). In Year 10 and 11 such ability will be demonstrated through detailed information about performance at KS2 and 3 and predicted GCSE grades.

Sixth Form

The school admits an overall total of 170 Year 12 students each year. Admission is based around each student gaining at least 40 points in their GCSE examinations (where A*=8, A=7, B=6, C=5, D=4, E=3, F=2, G=1). or GNVQ equivalent. In the event of over-subscription, GCSE points score will be used as the criterion for offering places. The priority circle applies to Years 7-11 only, not to the Sixth Form. Applicants will be asked into school to discuss their post-16 course of study. In the case of those joining the sixth form, requests will be made to the current school for information about predicted GCSE grades.