



Additional information for allocation of places for pupils with an aptitude in Sport and/or Music

Up to 10% (24 in total) of the Published Admission Number (240) will be allocated under criteria 2 for admissions in 2022.

Aptitude will be assessed using an appropriate sporting / musical test.

Sport:

The sport aptitude tests will take place in early to mid-October after the school day finishes. Exact dates and times will be emailed nearer to the date. The assessment will consist of different activities testing a number of components of fitness as well as having an opportunity to shine in the students' preferred sporting activity. The event will be organised and facilitated by the PE department under the overall guidance of the Director of Sport.

Music:

The music aptitude tests will also take place in mid-October. Exact timings will be emailed nearer to the date. The assessment will include a listening/aural test followed by a 5 minute recital by students. Students are asked to prepare one piece of music on their first study instrument which will be followed by a brief discussion about musical background and interests. The event will be organised and facilitated by the music department under the overall guidance of the Director of Music.

Guidance notes for parents:

- Parents who enter their son in the aptitude test for a place under Criteria 2 are reminded that entry is competitive.
- Applicants wishing to be considered for a place under Criteria 2, must complete the application form in the prospectus pack / or on the website and return to Mrs Nichols, ynichols@sandbachschool.org (Headteacher's PA) by Monday 27th September.
- Emails informing parents/carers whether their son has been successful in gaining a place under Criteria 2 will be sent by Monday 25th October. Please contact the school if you have not received the results by this date.
- Parents whose son have gained one of the 24 places need to ensure that Sandbach School is the preferred school. Sandbach School will inform the Local Authority of the list of successful applicants.
- Unfortunately it is not possible to take the Aptitude tests on any other day unless there are extenuating circumstances (evidence will need to be provided)

Please note: In addition to the School's Application Form requesting an aptitude test, ALL applicants for a place at Sandbach School should also be made via the Cheshire East website: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>