



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 September 2027.

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

Sport:

Sport aptitude tests are likely to 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. The event will be organised and facilitated by the PE department under the overall guidance of the Curriculum Leader.

Music:

The music aptitude test will take the format of a video which demonstrates your musical ability. The short film should include:

- A brief introduction about yourself and your musical experiences so far.
- Perform a piece of your choice (max 5 minutes) on your first study instrument. If you have a second study instrument then we welcome you to perform a short piece if you would like to.

This needs to be submitted/shared as a video file via email to Mrs Grace Barber, Curriculum Leader of Music by 9.00am on Monday 5th October 2026. Any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Grace Barber gbarber@sandbachschool.org

Guidance Notes for Parent/ Carers:

- Parent/ carers 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 from the website and return to Miss Hayes, mhayes@sandbachschool.org (Headteacher's PA) by Monday 28th September 2026.
- Emails informing parents/carers whether their son has been successful in gaining a place under Criteria 2 will be sent by October Half Term 2026. Please contact the school if you have not received the results by then.
- Parent/ carers whose sons 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 application form requesting an aptitude test, **ALL** applicants applying for a place at Sandbach School must complete the admission form on the Cheshire East website:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>