



Colchester County High School for Girls Prospective Year 7 Entry 11+ Frequently Asked Questions 2024

11+ Results Day Queries

How many places will be offered in Year 7 for Entry in September 2025?

The School's Published Admission Number (PAN) is 192.

After the admission of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names Colchester County High School for Girls on the EHCP who score 320 or above admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below in order:

1. Looked After Children⁴ (LAC) or Previously Looked After Children⁴ (PLAC) who score 320 or above. ⁴ See Appendix 1 in the admissions policy for definitions of these categories
2. Up to 20 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for the pupil premium (i.e. those in receipt of free schools meals by virtue of their household income at the agreed government threshold either currently or have received free school meals by virtue of their household income at the agreed government threshold in the previous 6 years, for whom their primary school receives the pupil premium) who achieve a test score of 320 or more.
3. Up to 10 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for the Service Pupil Premium (SPP) who achieve a score of 320 or above and live at a permanent home address within the priority area as defined in the admissions policy⁵.
4. Places will then be allocated in descending score order from the Rank Order of Merit List, highest scoring first, for girls who permanently live within the priority area as defined in the admissions policy until 154 places have been allocated from the combination of the above criteria in 1-4.
5. The remaining 38 places will then be allocated in descending score order from the Rank Order of Merit List, highest scoring first, regardless of where the girls live.

The admissions policy can be found on our website www.cchsg.com

What is a Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child

A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services

functions (as defined in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time an application to the school is made. Previously Looked After children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). A Looked after Child or a Child who was Previously Looked After (PLAC), includes those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium are those applicants who have received funding for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years or who are currently eligible for free school meals by virtue of their household income.

What is Service Pupil Premium?

Service Pupil Premium is awarded to applicants if

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2016
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

What if my child falls into one of the above categories?

If your child falls into any of the categories above, then she is eligible to be considered for a place at CCHSG if she scores 320 or above. **Please complete the CCHSG SIF if your child falls into this category.** This is available on our website at www.cchsg.com.

Demonstrating eligibility via residence in the priority area.

The priority area for CCHSG is defined as 25 miles from the school, in a straight line. All straight line distances, are calculated electronically by the Local Authority using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data is used to plot the coordinates of each individual property and school and provides the address points between which straight line distance is measured. Distances are reported in miles to three decimal places in the first instance.

The offer of a priority area place is conditional upon the applicant continuously living in their permanent home address in the priority area between the dates of 31 October 2024, which is the deadline for applications to the Local Authority (LA), and the start date for Year 7 at CCHSG in September 2025. A permanent home address is defined as a residence in which the student and a parent spends the majority of the school week (Sunday to Thursday nights inclusive). Whilst a property being occupied by an applicant on an informal letting arrangement does not preclude the residence from being considered a permanent home address, those occupying a property in the priority area on that basis should inform CCHSG

when applying and give reasons why the property is being occupied under such arrangements.

If CCHSG considers, acting reasonably, that on the balance of probabilities (more than 50% likely), that the property being occupied on an informal letting arrangement is so occupied predominantly for the purpose of increasing the applicant's chances at gaining a place at CCHSG, then CCHSG reserves the right to refuse admission or withdraw a school place. As below, the school reserves the right to undertake additional checks to establish the permanent home address of an applicant. If, in addition to a rented property, the child's parents also own another property and have previously resided in that property, the School will consider whether the application for a school place has been made in good faith. In this situation consideration will be given to whether the rented property or the other property should be regarded as the child's normal place of residence

The school reserves the right to ask an applicant's parents/carers to provide proof of their home address. Evidence requested will include a UK photocard driving licence (if applicable), council tax bill and one utility bills within the last six months (gas, electricity, water or landline phone).

The school also reserves the right to undertake additional checks to establish the permanent home address of an applicant. This could include contacting the applicant's primary school (if applicable) and undertaking an unannounced home visit.

If an applicant's parent/carer is a Member of the Armed Forces and Crown Servants with automatic right of entry to the UK who are able to provide evidence of their relocation, in the form of an official government letter, of forthcoming residence in the priority area, at the time of application to the Local Authority by 31 October 2024 we will deem the applicant to have a permanent residence in priority area.

The information provided must be accurate. The school reserves the right to withdraw a school place that has been offered on the basis of a fraudulent application

When will I hear which school my child has been allocated?

The school offer will be advised on National Offer Day, which for entry in September 2025 is 1 March 2025. Parents that applied online will be able to view the offer online on National Offer Day; letters will be sent by first class post to parents who used the paper application form.

Can I appeal?

You cannot appeal about your child's test result. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 1 March 2025 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.

Waiting List

If you did not get an offer of a place at CCHSG your child will be added to CCHSG ECC waiting list. Essex County Council holds the waiting list for all Schools until 31 August 2025. If you would like an update on where your child is on the waiting list you will be able to check after 17 March 2025. Details of how to do this are supplied in your offer email or letter from ECC.

How many candidates sat the entrance test for CCHSG for entry in September 2025?

A total of 686 candidates applied to sit the 11+ test at CCHSG

What is the lowest point score required to gain a place at CCHSG?

This will change each year, dependent on the results attained by all candidates. As a guide **only** for entry in September 2024 on National Offer Day (1 March 2024) this was between 329-330. The lowest score offered for a place for September 2024 was between 326-327.

How do I apply for my child to join this school?

You must name this school as a choice on your Local Authority (where you are resident) Single (or Common) Application Form. The Local Authority will allocate you the first school on the list for which you fulfil the criteria. If you put another school as a higher choice than Colchester County High School for Girls on your list and you fulfil that school's criteria, you will be allocated that school, **even if your child has scored enough on the 11+ Test to be awarded a place.** The closing date for submission of the Single Application Form is 31st October for students transferring to secondary school the following September.

When will I get the 11+ test results?

This year (2024) the CSSE will email results to parents at the close of business on 14 October 2024.

Can I see my child's test papers?

It is not possible to see a candidate's test papers as they are commercially sensitive and are exempt under GDPR Schedule 2 Part 4 Paragraph 2.

Can papers be remarked?

No at CCHSG all test papers are marked and then second marked. A 10% moderation check then takes place. The scores are then clerical checked twice with a further 5% check.

What are the options with transport to school?

Transport is arranged through the CSSE, who administer contract bus passes on certain routes. Current routes, timetables and costs can be found on their website (www.csse.org.uk).

I am concerned that my child might be the only pupil from her school to gain a place at CCHSG.

Every year there are a large number of students who do not know anybody when they join the school. We generally find that children settle very quickly, with other students being very supportive. Your child will be with her Form Group for lessons so will always have friends with her.

Where can I view the school's GCSE and A Level results?

These can be seen on the school website and in the examination results supplement to the prospectus.