



BOARDING ENTRY

YEAR 6 ASSESSMENT FAQs

RUGBY SCHOOL

What will the Year 6 Assessment Day be like in November?

Registered candidates in Year 6 interested in a **Boarding** place (for September 2027) will be invited to Rugby School on **Tuesday 26 November 2024** from approximately 09.30-14:00 (timings subject to change).

The Assessment Day is intended to be relaxed and enjoyable. We will be making offers based on judgements on the day, but also taking into consideration the reference from the candidate's current school and performance in the [Atom tests](#) and interview. During the activities, we are looking for students to collaborate, show leadership qualities, use their initiative and demonstrate flexibility and their capacity to compromise.

What will the tests be on the day?

Two Atom tests in Verbal Reasoning (VR) and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) (totalling 40 minutes) will be carried out on the day. There will be time for candidates to have some practice tests within this time, to familiarise themselves with Atom and feel confident. The data will provide consistency and parity for candidates who are applying to Rugby School, to give a fair, standardised judgement of the application.

What will the interview be like?

Ahead of the Assessment Day, candidates are asked to provide a handwritten (by the candidate) questionnaire, detailing their interests, achievements, aspirations and experiences. In addition, candidates will be asked to bring their Mathematics and English books with them and a piece of work of which they are most proud. Collectively, these will provide the discussion points for the 10-15 minute interview they will have with a member of staff.

What do I need to prepare?

Ideally, nothing. We want children to be natural and authentic, rather than over prepared. We recommend candidates spend time discussing their pursuits and passions with teachers and family members, ensuring they are articulate and confident when speaking about their likes and dislikes.

If I don't feel ready to consider Boarding in Year 6, can I still apply in Year 7?

The Year 6 Assessments are an additional entry point. We continue to welcome candidates to apply in Year 7 for a Boarding place as well.