



YEAR 6 ASSESSMENT DAY FAQs

RUGBY SCHOOL

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

Registered candidates in Year 6 interested in a Day or Boarding place will be invited to Rugby School on Thursday 26 November 2026 from approximately 09.00-12:30 for Day and 13.30-16.30 for Boarding (timings subject to change).

If you are hoping to receive financial support through a means-tested bursary, applications for the Foundation Award (Day) or the Arnold Foundation (Boarding) are welcome in Year 8. Also, all our Scholarships allow access to means-tested bursary support. These assessments are also in Year 8.

The Year 6 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 Quest (formally 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?

Quest tests in English, Maths, Verbal Reasoning (VR) and Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) (totalling around 70 minutes) will be carried out on the day. There will be time for candidates to have some practice questions within this time, to familiarise themselves with Quest 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. 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. We recommend that candidates spend time discussing their pursuits and passions with teachers and family members, ensuring that they are articulate and confident when speaking about their likes and dislikes.

If my child is not successful, will there be another opportunity to apply to Rugby School?

It is possible that an opportunity may become available in Year 7 or Year 8, in consultation with your child's Head. Scholarship applications are also welcome in Year 8.