



Woodlands School

Supplementary Information Form

Procedure for entry to Woodlands School through aptitude for Performing Arts and Sport.

Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils are invited to apply for a place for their child in readiness for September 2025.

For the school year 2025/26, thirty Year 7 pupils will be selected for places at Woodlands School on the basis of their aptitude for either sport or performing arts.

The selection process will take place following the practical activities day(s) at Woodlands.

For **Performing Arts**, applicants will be required to demonstrate a particular aptitude for Creative Dramatics, Instrumental or Vocal Performance. Applicants will be required to audition, as well as complete a written test as part of the process.

For **sport**, pupils will be assessed in six core components of fitness (speed, balance, reaction time, agility, endurance and coordination) to measure their sporting aptitude. Additionally, pupils will also undergo testing in a competitive sporting environment, through an activity that will be new to all pupils so that no one is disadvantaged.

Both the practical and written assessments will take place on **Saturday 5th October 2025**. Woodlands School staff will conduct the assessments in their areas of expertise, and may also involve experienced consultants from external agencies.

Notification of selection will be announced by the Local Education Authority on National Offer Day, 1st March 2026. Successful candidates will be expected to commit themselves to the wide range of competitive school sports and whole school performing arts productions.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- It is essential that you complete the Secondary School Application Form provided by the Essex Education Authority stating the order of preference you have for your child.
- If you put your catchment school down as first choice and Woodlands as your second choice then you could be given a placement at your catchment school and not Woodlands even though you may have gained entry through the sport and performing arts aptitude scheme.
- Results from the selection day will be communicated by Tuesday 14th October 2025 so that you have information prior to making your choices.
- You must return your application form to the Essex Education Authority by the cut-off date of 31st October 2024. Applications received after this date will be treated as late.

Please complete the online form by **NO LATER THAN Friday 27th September 2024**. If you are unable to attend the selection day, please contact the school as soon as possible.