

The Language Aptitude Test at Goffs Academy

We hope that this leaflet will answer all your questions about the language aptitude test for your child's admission to Goffs Academy. If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to email Nwa@goffs.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer your questions.

How do I apply for the test?

You will need to complete a Language Aptitude test form available either on our website or at our Open Evening on 20th September. The closing date for applications is Friday 28th September.

When is the test?

Saturday 6th October at 8.30am. You will receive more information via email once we have received your completed Language Aptitude test form.

Who should take the test?

Any child who wishes to attend Goffs and who does not have an older sibling at the school, or a parent working here, is invited to take the test.

What if I can't make this date?

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the test we are only able to hold one sitting per academic year. Therefore if you are unable to make it, you will not be able to apply under the Aptitude Criteria.

How many pupils will be admitted as a result of the test?

We take the top 10% as part of our annual intake.

What does the test involve?

The test consists of exercises designed to find out about your child's linguistic aptitude – that means his/her ability to recognise linguistic patterns and apply them in new contexts. It is not about how much French/German/Spanish/Italian etc. they already know.

What can my son/daughter do to prepare for the test?

Nothing – the test is one of aptitude and not content; therefore, no amount of prior knowledge will help your child. If your child has had no previous experience of languages, he/she will not be at a disadvantage.

What form does the test take and how long will it take?

It is a written test and will take around one hour. However, due to safeguarding issues please be prepared to be here longer to ensure the safety of your child.

Can I find out my child's results?

We will send you an email when we are able to inform you of your child's score.

What happens if my child does not 'pass' the test, could he/she still come to Goffs?

There is no pass mark for the test. If your son or daughter does not gain a high enough mark on the test, he or she may still be admitted to the school under other criteria.

Please note we are only able to give you your child's score, NOT their position or whether they will be offered a place under that criteria