**The Broxbourne School Aptitude for Languages Test**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**When is the test?**

The test for admission in 2013 will take place on Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} October. Parents should complete the Supplementary Information Form together with the Aptitude for Languages application and submit them to the school by Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} September.

Further information regarding the time of the test will be sent out to parents who choose to apply for admission via the Aptitude for Languages Test during the week commencing Monday October 1\textsuperscript{st}.

**What if I can't make this date?**

The expectation is that all applicants wishing to be admitted via the Aptitude for Languages Test should be able to make the date stated above. Only in an emergency situation will an alternative date be considered. Parents with a compelling reason why they cannot make the date stated should write to the school to have their request for an alternative date considered.

**How many places are allocated via the Aptitude for Languages Test?**

20 places out of 206.

**Does it matter where I live?**

The twenty places for Aptitude for Languages will go to the twenty highest scores on the test, regardless of distance from the school. Only in the event of a tie between two candidates will the distance criterion be applied.

**How long is the test? What time should we arrive at the school?**

The test is expected to last for approximately one hour. It will consist of two sections, a written section and a listening section. You can expect on the day of the test for your child to be at the school for longer than this to allow for the efficient organisation of the test. If demand for the test is great a number of sittings of the test will take place on the same day. You will receive information regarding when you should bring your child to the school after you have applied for admission via the Aptitude for Languages Test.

**My child is bilingual, will this help?**

The test will be for aptitude in languages and will not be concerned with ability, prior learning or experience in languages.
My child’s primary school does not offer languages nor is any second language spoken at home; will this reduce his or her chances of success?

As outlined in the previous answer, the test will be for aptitude in languages and will not be concerned with ability, prior learning or experience in languages.

Are there any past papers or reading the school can recommend?

No past papers will be available from the school given that no prior learning is necessary or considered helpful for success in the test.

My child already has a sibling at the school, should he or she sit the language aptitude test?

If it is anticipated that the sibling will be still on the school roll at the time of the proposed admission then it is not necessary for any sibling to sit the test.

Can I find out my child’s results?

You will receive a letter notifying you of your child’s ranking within the test’s participants by 19th October 2012. If you do not receive a letter by that date then please contact the school. This ranking may inform your choice of schools but please bear in mind that in previous years students ranked as low as 75th have been offered places at the school mainly because pupils with higher rankings have been offered places under the home to school distance rule.

Who should I contact with further questions?

Any further questions regarding the Aptitude for Languages test should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Admissions’ Committee, The Broxbourne School High Road, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 7DD.