

## **MID-YEAR ADMISSIONS TO SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL**

Entry to Spalding High School at the start of Year 7 is by 11+ testing, administered by the primary school, on its premises in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Grammar Schools Consortium. Pupils sit a verbal reasoning test and non-verbal reasoning test in Year 6 of the primary school. Those who attain an aggregate score of 220, or more, are deemed to be in the top 25% of the ability range, and, therefore, suitable for a grammar school education. When the School is full, (our admission number is 150 per year, i.e. five forms of 30) we apply the Lincolnshire Admissions Policy which gives preference to siblings and then adopts the distance from school rule measured by a straight line distance.

Pupils who wish to join Spalding High School during any one academic year, will be asked to sit the relevant test listed below according to age. Our intention is to ascertain a pupil's ability and to determine whether or not they would be happy with the standard and pace of work at the High School. We try to make the procedure as informal as possible, but it must be accurate and fit for purpose.

### **ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE**

These are based on nationally recognised and standardised GL/nferNelson Assessment tests.

#### **11+ - Year 7 Entry**

Until the age of 11.03 years, pupils will sit two GL Assessment 11+ tests, one verbal reasoning and one non-verbal reasoning. (The 11+ is age weighted up to 12.06 months).

#### **12+ - Mid-Year Entry**

Between the ages of 11.03 and 14 years, pupils will sit a GL Assessment verbal reasoning (age 12 and 13, which is suitable for pupils aged 11.03 to 14.03) and a GL Assessment non-verbal reasoning (age 12 – 14, suitable for pupils aged 11.03 to 15.03). 12-14 tests will be age weighted, and pupils will be expected to attain an amalgamated score of 230 with no individual paper scoring below 110. This will place them in the top 25% ability range.

#### **CAT's – Mid Year Entry**

Over the age of 14 years pupils will sit nferNelson Cognitive Abilities Test 3, Level G (suitable for pupils aged 13.06 to 16+, although most appropriate for pupils over 14). Pupils will sit three batteries, i.e. verbal, quantitative and non-verbal. Pupils sitting Cognitive Abilities Tests 14+ will be expected to attain an average Level 7 in each section (Stanine Scales) which should place them in the top 25% of the ability range.

Parents have a right to appeal the outcome of the test. Details of the appeal process are available from the Local Authority.