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## University Admissions Tests

### Tests, dates, and formats

This year, the following tests will be computer-based: BMAT, TSA, TSA Section 1, TMUA, CTMUA. All other tests are paper-based.

Dates, times and locations can be found below – please ensure you identify your test and location and do contact Careers with any issues.

If you are taking a computer-based test, please ensure that you are familiar with the format and have the relevant software installed. We strongly recommend that you have practised using the relevant mock test for you.

An email with further details will be sent to you this coming Thursday, so please ensure that you read these instructions carefully. There will be IT support available in the test location on the day.

### **Oxbridge Admissions Tests 2020**

Category	Wednesday 4 November 2020	Thursday 5 November 2020	Location at Winchester College
Post qualification pupils paper based test	CAT MAT		VENUE: NEW HALL SEMINAR ROOM  Please see separate protocol for external visitors to WinColl.
Post qualification pupils computer based test		TSA	VENUE: NH SEMINAR ROOM  Please see separate protocol for external visitors to WinColl.
Current pupils paper-based test	ELAT CAT Phil MAT	ECAA NSAA HAT PAT	VENUE: NEW HALL



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	MLAT OLAT	ENGAA	
Current pupils computer- based test	BMAT, 7, 2h	CTMUA TMUA TSA TSA S1	<b>VENUE: SCIENCE COMPUTER ROOM</b>

### **Scenario planning: COVID-19**

While our extensive testing post Leave-Out, and COVID protocols throughout the school, can mitigate risk, we have considered a range of scenarios that might lead to the disruption of admissions tests.

We will work closely with the relevant universities and the Cambridge Admissions Testing Service ((the body that provides university admissions tests for Oxford, Cambridge and other universities) to ensure that no boy is disadvantaged in their application because of an inability to sit the test. Both the universities and Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing are planning for such disruption.

More information on what follows below can be found on the [Cambridge Admissions Testing website](#) and in our [published school protocols](#).

The below is directed at boys but should also be read by parents.

#### **a. What if I cannot return to school after Leave-Out?**

Any pupil who tests positive for COVID-19, or is required to self-isolate, and/or is unable to come back to school after half term (because of e.g. local or national restrictions) should follow the instructions below.

#### **i. If you are taking a computer-based test and are well enough to take the test:**

Remote proctoring is available if you are well enough to take the test.

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You must register for this before Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 18:00 BST, using the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing website [here](#). Admissions Test results are submitted as normal.

If you request remote proctoring, please notify us ([tdq@wincoll.ac.uk](mailto:tdq@wincoll.ac.uk)).

*n.b. we expect Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing to update their policies as Admissions Tests approach, and we will reflect this in further guidance. Updates can be found [here](#) and can be automated by clicking the 'Follow' button on the top right of the page.*

**ii. If you are taking a computer-based test but are not well enough to take the test:**

You will need a doctor's letter and/or confirmed positive test result: this must be entered by you on the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing website [here](#) from 15 October 18:00 BST and **before 3 November 18:00 BST**. This is submitted in lieu of Admissions Test results.

**iii. If you are taking a paper-based test and are therefore unable to take the test:**

You will need a doctor's letter and/or confirmed positive test result: this must be entered by you on the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing website [here](#) from 15 October 18:00 BST and **before 3 November 18:00 BST**. This is submitted in lieu of Admissions Test results.

**b. What if I return to school but test positive for COVID-19?**

**i. If the positive test is on the day of return (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov):**



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You should remain with your parents and be taken home directly from school (in line with published arrangements). If you have returned unaccompanied, which is not in line with our guidance, you will need to follow the isolation protocols given to you on the day.

We will provide a GP's letter confirming the result of the positive test and ensure that this is passed to the relevant university. In line with our published policy, you should also seek out an NHS test, and you must give your permission for the school to share the result of our test with the universities (under GDPR).

**ii. If the positive test is after the day of return, but before or on the day(s) of the Admissions Test:**

You will be kept in isolation at WCMC and your parents/guardians should collect you from there and take you home, in line with published policy. We will provide a GP's letter confirming the result of the positive test and ensure that this is passed to the relevant university. In line with our published policy, you should also seek out an NHS test, and you must give your permission for the school to share the result of our test with the universities (under GDPR).

**iii. If our test and trace protocols require a house or other group to be isolated:**

If we put VIBk1 boys due to do an Admission test into precautionary isolation because they are close contacts of a positive, we will endeavour to allow them to take the test in that precautionary isolation. If we are unable to do this, we will provide a letter confirming the inability to take the test to [Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing](#). This will be submitted in lieu of Admissions Test results.

We regret that we cannot allow boys who test positive to take Admissions Tests, even if they are asymptomatic, but parents and pupils should be reassured that in current circumstances universities will be aware of and planning for significant disruption to Admissions Tests.



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**Appendix: A full list of tests, dates and formats**

4 November 2020	5 November 2020
<p><u>BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)</u></p> <p>Please note: you will take the test on a computer at your centre, except for candidates who are taking BMAT in <b>Thailand or Singapore</b>, whose test will remain paper-based*</p>	<p><u>Cambridge Test of Mathematics for University Admission (CTMUA)</u> - Cambridge only</p> <p>Please note: you will take the test on a computer at your centre*</p>
<p><u>Classics Admissions Test (CAT)</u> - Oxford only</p>	<p><u>Economics Admissions Assessment (ECAA)</u> - Cambridge only</p>
<p><u>English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)</u> - Cambridge and Oxford only</p>	<p><u>Engineering Admissions Assessment (ENGAA)</u> - Cambridge only</p>
<p><u>Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)</u></p>	<p><u>History Admissions Test (HAT)</u> - Oxford only</p>
<p><u>Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)</u> - Oxford only</p>	<p><u>Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment (NSAA)</u> - Cambridge only</p>
<p><u>Oriental Languages Aptitude Test (OLAT)</u> - Oxford only</p>	<p><u>Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)</u> - Oxford only</p>



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<p><u>Philosophy Test - Oxford only</u></p>	<p><u>Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)</u></p> <p>Please note: you will take the test on a computer at your centre*</p>
	<p><u>Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) for Oxford</u></p> <p>Please note: you will take the test on a computer at your centre*</p>
	<p><u>Thinking Skills Assessment Section 1 (TSA S1) for Cambridge</u></p> <p>Please note: you will take the test on a computer at your centre*</p>