

# CSSE

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

# 11+

## Selective Test

## Information Guide 2026 Entry

## Saturday 20th September 2025

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selective schools **ONLY**:

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- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- King Edward VI Grammar School
- Shoeburyness High School
- Southend High School for Boys
- Southend High School for Girls
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## Checklist

Have you completed the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) correctly? Please check the following before submitting your form.

- Child's surname followed by first name.
- Correct date of birth.
- Address: The address should be where your child resides most of the school week. If you move house, please notify the CSSE office by email.
- Your email address: This will be used to send communications and your child's test results.
- Home Local Authority – the Authority in which you live.
- Test Centre – nominate only one of the CSSE schools as a test centre.
- Religious objections/exceptional circumstances – please notify us if you have a religious objection or exceptional circumstances that may prevent your child sitting the test on Saturday 20th September.
- Medical circumstances/Special Needs – Please refer to the CSSE Guideline and Notification Form on the CSSE website or request by phoning the CSSE office. Any request for special adjustments must be made in writing by the 27th June 2025.
- Primary School Notification. Please circle yes if you give permission for the CSSE to share your child's test results with their Primary School.

- A number of the CSSE schools reserve places for pupils who receive free school meals, are entitled to Pupil Premium, and those who are or have been in social care. Please tick any box that applies to your child on the SIF.
- Postal forms must be signed and dated.
- Postal forms – please ensure you pay the correct postage when sending your forms. Underpaid items will not be delivered to the CSSE office.

Forms can be completed online OR by post. Please complete only one CSSE SIF for each child being registered.

Postal registrations – Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your completed SIF. A copy of your completed form will be sent to you as acknowledgement of receipt.

Please note that by completing the CSSE Supplementary Information Form you are registering your child to sit the CSSE 11+ Examination to gain entry into the nine CSSE Schools listed in this booklet. The SIF is not an application to the schools. You can only make an application by completing your Home Local Authority Application Form.

# Introduction

## Welcome to the CSSE.

*This CSSE booklet has been compiled to answer the most frequently raised questions in respect of the selective procedure.*

*If you have a query not covered in this booklet please contact the CSSE Office on telephone number:*

# 01245 348257

*CSSE postal address:*

**PO Box 3087, Chelmsford  
Essex CM1 3SY**

*Email:* **admin@csse.org.uk**

*Website:* **www.csse.org.uk**

*Opening Hours:* (school term time only)

**AUTUMN TERM – CSSE OFFICE OPENS FROM  
3RD SEPTEMBER 2025.  
9.30am-3.30pm (Monday-Friday)**

**FREE ENGLISH AND MATHS FAMILIARISATION PAPERS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CSSE WEBSITE: [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)**

PRACTICE MATERIAL CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE CSSE OFFICE. PLEASE SEE PAGE 15 OF THIS GUIDE FOR A PRACTICE PACK ORDER FORM.

CSSE TELEPHONE SERVICE CLOSURE DATES: TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSING OF TEST ADMINISTRATION THE CSSE PHONE SERVICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES: 30TH JUNE-4TH JULY 2025; 18TH, 21ST, 22ND JULY; 1ST-2ND SEPTEMBER 2025; 6TH-10TH OCTOBER 2025.

THE CSSE OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. ALL PRACTICE PACK ORDERS RECEIVED DURING OUR HOLIDAY CLOSURE PERIOD WILL BE PROCESSED AND DESPATCHED WHEN THE OFFICE REOPENS.

## BACKGROUND

The CSSE was formed in 1993 as a voluntary association. The same selective test is utilised by nine CSSE selective schools and saves children, whose parents express a preference for more than one selective school, having to take multiple tests.

## TESTING

Your child will take two separate tests, one in English and one in Mathematics.

Your child will take the tests in the selective school you as parents have nominated as your preferred test centre. **In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. If all schools reach the maximum capacity for main day testing, your child will be allocated the Tuesday test date.** Test dates will not be changed to accommodate school trips or test dates arranged by other authorities. Please ensure you check all other commitments **prior** to registering with the CSSE office. We suggest you register as early as possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
13th May 2025	CSSE SIF registration will open for 2026 Entry.
June/July 2025	CSSE Schools Open Days/Evenings Summer Term 2025.
27th June 2025	Any request for special adjustments must be made in writing by the 27th June 2025 at the latest.
27th June 2025	Absolute CSSE deadline to register online OR by post.
July 2025	Test centre letters will be despatched from mid July. By the 16th July all candidates should have received (by post) their test centre information.
<b>20th September 2025</b>	<b>11+ Tests take place.</b>
30th September 2025 *	Tuesday test day for religious, illness or exceptional circumstances only.
13th October 2025	Results will be sent out by email to all candidates after the close of business on 13th October. <b>Please allow 24 hours for receipt.</b>
Sept-end of October 2025	Parents make an application for secondary school place/s to their Local Authority.
31st October 2025	Closing date for the return of your completed Local Authority Application form to your home Local Authority.
1st March 2026	National Offer Date for Local Authorities to send out secondary school offers to parents.
<p>* If your religion does not allow your child to take the tests on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply medical evidence, arrangements will be made for your child to take the test on Tuesday 30th September 2025. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss. Evidence will be required. The Tuesday test date will not be offered to accommodate tests held by other authorities.</p> <p><b>ALL DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION.</b></p>	

# APPLICATION FOR SELECTIVE PLACES AT THE NINE CSSE SCHOOLS

## How do I Apply for a Place at a CSSE School?

To apply for a place at a CSSE School for your child you must name the school as one of your preferences on your Local Authority Common Application Form and register your child to sit the 11+ tests by completing the CSSE's Supplementary Information Form. Please make every effort to ensure your child's personal details are the same on both forms. If you change your address before completing your Local Authority form, please notify the CSSE Office in writing.

## Naming your Selective School Preferences on the Common Application Form.

Your Local Authority Common Application Form and Guidance Notes will be available to all parents of Year 6 children in September 2025. All CSSE Schools that you wish to apply for must be named as preferences on this form. This form must be returned to your Home Local Authority.

The Secondary Schools Admission booklet for 2026 Entry is available to download from your Local Authority's website or by requesting a copy to be posted to you.

## Stating a Preference on the Local Authority Common Application Form is the only way of Applying for a Place at a CSSE School.

Application for places must be made on your Local Authority Common Application Form. Completing only the test registration form does not constitute a valid application for a place at a CSSE School. Parents must use the Common Application Form of the Local Authority in which they live, even if the schools that they name as preferences on the form are in a different Authority.

## Date for the Return of your Local Authority Application Form.

The 31st October 2025 is the date for the return of Common Application Forms to the Essex Local Authority and to the Southend Local Authority. There can be penalties for late application imposed by Local Authorities, so please ensure that your form is returned on time. If you live in a different Local Authority then you should adhere to that Authority's deadline for the return of your Common Application Form.

### 1. Below are the addresses for the Essex and Southend Authorities:

School Admissions  
Essex County Council  
County Hall  
Market Road  
Chelmsford CM1 1QH  
Email: [admissions@essex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@essex.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

School Admissions Team  
Southend Borough Council  
Civic Centre  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER  
Email: [admissions@southend.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@southend.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.southend.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions)

### 2. The CSSE Office, which supplies this booklet can be contacted to answer queries about 11+ registration. If you are registering by post your child's Test Registration Form (pages 11, 12 and 13 in this booklet) must be returned to the CSSE office at the following address:

CSSE Administrative Office,  
P.O. Box 3087, Chelmsford,  
Essex CM1 3SY  
Telephone: (01245) 348257  
Website: [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)  
Email: [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk)

## Registering Your Child to Sit the 11+ Tests.

From 13th May 2025 parents can complete the registration form online or on paper. Online registration is provided via our website [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk). Alternatively, please complete the forms on pages 11, 12 and 13 of this booklet and return them to the CSSE Office (address on page 1).

The absolute deadline to register your supplementary information form online **OR** by post is 27th June 2025.

## Information that you will receive from the CSSE Office.

**Parents who have completed a valid Supplementary Information Form will receive communications from the CSSE Office as detailed below.**

## Confirmation that the Office has received your child's test centre registration form.

If you have registered online, you will receive an automated email confirmation.

If you have applied by post, confirmation will be posted to you. Please supply a stamped self-addressed envelope with your CSSE Registration Form, **and ensure you have affixed the correct postage, underpaid items will NOT be delivered to the CSSE office.** Please email the CSSE Office: [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk) if you do not receive confirmation within ten working days.

## Photographing of Candidates on the 11+ Test Day at CSSE Test Centres

CSSE test centres will be photographing each candidate (with their name label on them) at the time of registration for the 11+. The photographs will be kept until the end of the Autumn term in which the candidates would be in Year 7 and then destroyed. Further details will be sent with your child's test centre letter.

## Information that you need on the 11+ test day.

From mid July a letter will be posted to you confirming where you should take your child for the selection test on **Saturday 20th September 2025 and at what time you should arrive.** You should receive this letter by 16th July. In some cases a school may need to have more than one sitting to accommodate the number of candidates. **In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. If all schools reach the maximum capacity for main day testing, your child will be allocated the Tuesday test date.** We suggest you register as early as possible. As we are unable to confirm whether morning or afternoon sittings have been allocated, you are asked to keep the whole day free.

**We are unable to alter test sittings once they have been allocated. If you have exceptional circumstances that prevent you from attending your confirmed sitting please contact the CSSE immediately.**

## 11+ Test Results.

(Please refer to our guidance on page 17.)

Test results will be sent by email to all candidates on the 13th October 2025. A guidance sheet will be published on our website. This will detail the scores of the last selective places offered at each CSSE school on National Offer Day 1st March 2025. There is no guarantee of a place based on the historical information supplied.

## Place Offers will be sent to you by your Local Authority.

**March 1st 2026 is National Offer Day when all Local Authorities are required to inform parents of the outcome of their applications to secondary schools. Any questions that you may have should be addressed to your Local Authority.**



## Most frequently asked questions about the Selective Tests:

**Q** Should my child sit the tests even if I don't intend to name a Selective School on the Local Authority form?

**A** – No. The purpose of the tests is to gain entry into one of the CSSE schools.

**Q** How old should my child be when he/she sits the test?

**A** – The test is normally available to children registered in Year 6 from September 2025 and who are aged 11 years but under 12 years on the 31st August 2026. Your child's date of birth should fall between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Many children will be 10 when he/she sits the test but they should be 11 by the time that they start secondary school.

**Q** What if my child is less than 11 years old on 31st August 2026 and I want him/her to sit the test?

**A** – The CSSE does not encourage early entry other than in exceptional circumstances. The decision to allow a pupil to take the 11+ examination early lies with the admissions committees of the school/s for which a parent expresses a preference. Under-age pupils are those who would be less than 11 years old on 31st August 2026 and must be registered in Year 6 at the time of sitting the test. Please contact the CSSE for further details on "under-age" entry arrangements.

**Q** What if my child is more than 11 years old because, for example, he/she was summer born and started school late?

**A** – In line with the School Admissions Code (2015) the parents of a summer born child (born between 1st April to 31st August) may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group to reception rather than Year 1. So long as that child has moved up one year group each year and is registered in Year 6 at the time of sitting the test, they will be allowed to sit the test. Consortium Schools do not otherwise accept over aged applicants unless there are verified exceptional circumstances. Please contact the CSSE for further details on "over-age" entry arrangements.

**Q** What are the tests?

**A** – Candidates will sit two tests. One in English and one in Mathematics. The English paper will last sixty minutes with ten minutes additional reading time. The Mathematics paper will last sixty minutes. The final scores for the individual papers are mathematically standardised and 'weighted', each being worth 50% of the marks. The results of all candidates will be analysed, by date of birth, to determine if a statistical age-adjustment is required.

**Q** When do the tests take place?

**A** – The tests will take place on **Saturday 20th September 2025**. If your religion does not allow your child to take them on a Saturday or your child is ill and you can supply medical evidence, arrangements will be made for your child to take the tests on Tuesday 30th September 2025. If you have other exceptional circumstances please contact the CSSE office to discuss. The Tuesday test date will not be allocated to accommodate tests arranged by other authorities.

**Q** Will my child have the opportunity to take practice papers?

**A** – Your child's present school may help you with this, but remember that children only need a limited amount of practice to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and timing. The Mathematics and English tests will be based on Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum. Suitable practice material is available commercially from major booksellers. However, please note that these are tests based at a similar level but are not of the same format as the 11+ papers. Please refer to our website [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk) for free familiarisation papers that you can download. Other practice material can be purchased from the CSSE office. Please see page 15 of this guide for a information on how to order practice packs.

**Q** Where does my child take the tests?

**A** – Your child will usually take the tests in the selective school you have nominated for the test. In the event of a test centre reaching its maximum capacity for testing an alternative CSSE school test centre will be allocated by the CSSE office. We suggest you register as early as possible. **Important: Once your nominated test centre has been confirmed we will be unable to alter it.** Your child will take the tests either in a large hall or classroom. There will be adults in charge of each room overseeing the conduct of the tests who will answer any questions the candidates have before the tests start. It is important to arrive in time for your child to be shown where the toilets are and for him/her to settle into the test room well before the tests begin.

**Q** What should I do if my child has a medical condition or requires access arrangements for the test?

**A** – A copy of our Access Arrangements Guideline and Notification Form can be downloaded from our website or requested from the CSSE office. You should complete the relevant section on the registration form and the notification form. The deadline for receipt of requests for adjustments is 27th June 2025.

**Q What happens if something else occurs near (or on) the day of the test which prevents my child performing at their best?**

- A** – When you present your child for the test it is expected that you are satisfied that there are no other circumstances that have occurred that will prevent him/her from performing to their best. If anything has occurred that you know may affect their performance you must advise the test centre prior to the test being taken.

**Q What happens if my child is ill on the day of the test?**

- A** – If you are at all uncertain about your child's health on the day of the test please withdraw your child by contacting the test centre direct. **Subject to medical evidence**, we will arrange for the test to be taken on an alternative date.

Where a candidate becomes indisposed during the test day, the test centre will make appropriate arrangements to care for the child and to inform his/her parents.

These arrangements may include allowing the candidate to leave the test room for a short period under supervision; returning to finish the tests. Candidates who leave the room during the tests will not be given extra time. If the candidate is too ill to continue and leaves the premises then he/she will not be allowed to finish any test that he/she has already started.

**Q What happens if we have difficulty getting to the test centre?**

- A** – Please ensure you plan your journey to your child's test centre and allow sufficient time to get there. The test centres will not test any child who arrives late. There will be congestion on the roads, particularly near the test centres and you are advised to listen to the weather and traffic reports on Essex Radio, BBC Essex or BBC Suffolk prior to starting your journey. Cancellation of the tests due to atrocious weather conditions will also be announced on these radio stations. If the bad weather conditions are local to you, telephone the CSSE Office. In all other circumstances you should telephone the school where you are taking the test for advice.

**Q What should my child bring with them to the test centre?**

- A** – Your child need only bring a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. Your child does not need to wear school uniform. **Please note that the use of highlighter pens, dictionaries, electronic calculators of any description or smart watches (eg Fitbit) is not permitted. Please do not allow your child to bring them to the examination. Mobile phones should not be brought to test centres by children.**

Drinks and snacks are not permitted during the tests unless you have notified us in writing of a specific medical condition. Refreshment break arrangements will be confirmed with your test centre letter.

## Questions in relation to Preference/Admissions/Appeals

**Q What advice would you give about the order that I put my preferences on the Local Authority Form?**

- A** – Our advice is that you should list your chosen schools in your true order of preference. If your first choice is one of the CSSE Schools then you should put it first on your list. This will not prejudice your application to the other schools in your list of preferences.

**Q Will the Local Authority offer my child one school place only or offers at all my chosen schools for which my child has met the Admissions Criteria?**

- A** – The Local Authority will only offer your child one school place. This will be the highest placed school in your list of preferences for which your child meets the Admissions Criteria. You will not be offered additional places at the other schools lower on your list, even if your child meets their Admissions Criteria. If your child does well enough in the 11+ tests to be offered a place at one of your chosen CSSE Schools and you have placed this school as your first preference then a place will be offered to him/her at that school. If, however, you place another school above the CSSE School and your child meets the Admission Criteria for this other school, then the Local Authority will offer your child a place at the other school.

**Q What happens if my Child does not meet the Admissions Criteria for my First Preference School?**

- A** – If your child does not meet the Admissions Criteria of your first preference school then your second preference moves up the list and is treated as your new "first preference" by the Local Authority. The Local Authority will apply this school's Admission Criteria and decide whether or not your child meets them and should be offered a place.

**Q Can I name more than one CSSE School on my Local Authority Common Application Form?**

- A** – Yes, you can name as many CSSE Schools as you like, as long as you do not exceed the number of preferences allowed by your Local Authority.

**Q Can I appeal against the decision to refuse my child a place at one of my chosen schools?**

- A** – Information about how to appeal against a refusal of a school place will be sent to you by your Local Authority when you receive your secondary school offer in March 2026.

Where any applicant has not been admitted to a preferred school, any parental appeal will be heard by an independent appeal panel established for that school.

# OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS SUMMER TERM 2025

Opportunities for Year 5 Pupils & Parents to visit CSSE Schools

(For marked events \* it is essential that you contact the school to make an appointment; further details are available on the school websites)

# CSSE

<b>Colchester County High School for Girls</b>	Executive Principal: Mrs. G. E. Marshall Norman Way, Colchester, Essex CO3 3US. Tel: 01206 576973 Website: www.cchsg.com	<b>Year 5 Information Evening Wednesday 11th June 2025</b> Year 5 Tour of the school every day during the week 30th June-4th July 2025. Booking for each event will be available on our website on 23rd April 2025.*
<b>Colchester Royal Grammar School</b>	Headteacher: Mr. J. Russell Lexden Road, Colchester, Essex CO3 3ND. Tel: 01206 509100 Website: www.crgs.co.uk	<b>Tuesday 24th June 2025</b> <b>6.30pm-9pm</b>
<b>King Edward VI Grammar School</b>	Headteacher: Mr. T. Carter Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex CMI 3SX. Tel: 01245 353510 Website: www.kegs.org.uk	Year 5 tours and talk by Headteacher Mr. T. Carter on 1st and 3rd July 2025 morning 30th June and 4th July 2025 afternoon Places must be booked and bookings open 6 weeks prior via the KEGS website www.kegs.org.uk*
<b>St Thomas More High School (Boys)</b>	Headteacher: Mrs. G. Ackred Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 0BW. Tel: 01702 344933 Website: www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk	<b>Thursday 10th July 2025</b> <b>4pm-7pm</b> <i>Headteacher's talk 5.30pm</i>
<b>Shoeburyness High School</b>	Headteacher: Teri-Leigh Jones Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness, Essex SS3 9LL. Tel: 01702 292286 Website: www.shoeburyness.secat.co.uk	<b>Thursday 18th September 2025</b> <b>6pm to 8pm</b>
<b>Southend High School for Boys</b>	Headteacher: Mrs. R. Worth Prittlewell Chase, Southend on Sea, Essex SS0 0RG. Tel: 01702 606200 Website: www.shsb.org.uk	<b>Thursday 26th June 2025</b> <i>Year 5 open evening (Prospective Year 7)</i> <b>4.30pm-8.00pm</b> <i>Headteacher's talks 5.45pm, 6.45pm &amp; 8pm</i>
<b>Southend High School for Girls</b>	Headteacher: Mr. J. Carey Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 4UZ. Tel: 01702 588852 Website: www.shsg.org	<b>Thursday 3rd July 2025</b> <b>5pm-8pm</b> <i>Headteacher's presentations 5.15pm, 6.15pm &amp; 7.15pm</i>
<b>Westcliff High School for Boys</b>	Headmaster: Mr. M.A. Skelly M.A. Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 0BP. Tel: 01702 475443 Website: www.whsb.essex.sch.uk	<b>Tuesday 24th June 2025</b> <b>5pm-9pm</b> <i>Headmaster's talks 6.30pm &amp; 7.30pm</i>
<b>Westcliff High School for Girls</b>	Headteacher: Miss Emma Matthews Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 0BS. Tel: 01702 476026 Website: www.whsg.info	<b>Tuesday 1st July 2025</b> <b>5pm-8pm</b> <i>Headteacher's talks 5.30pm, 6.30pm &amp; 7.30pm</i>

## CSSE SCHOOLS

Please contact the schools direct for a current prospectus and admissions policy.

### Colchester County High School for Girls

Executive Principal and CEO (Alpha Trust): Mrs. G. E. Marshall

Norman Way  
Colchester  
Essex CO3 3US

Tel: 01206 576973  
Website: www.cchsg.com  
E-mail: office@cchsg.com  
School Number: 881 5454



Wisdom Giveth Life

**Published Admission Number for 2026**

192

***“The mission of this school is to prepare resilient, highly motivated and responsible leaders, who are able to contribute positively to society and compete in a global economy. We promote high aspiration and personal achievement through outstanding teaching and learning and by nurturing good mental and physical wellbeing. We are unashamedly ambitious for the future success of our students.”***

– Colchester County High School for Girls

### Colchester Royal Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. J. Russell

Lexden Road  
Colchester  
Essex CO3 3ND

Tel: 01206 509100  
Website: www.crgs.co.uk  
E-mail: office@crgs.co.uk  
School Number: 881 4036



Faith is the Crown of Life

**Published Admission Number for 2026**

128

***“We strive to provide the best possible education to academically able 11-18 year olds by creating a supportive and inclusive environment, where high calibre teaching staff raise the personal and professional aspirations of all students and help them to reach their full potential.***

***We are dedicated to providing an exceptional education for our students and aim at excellence in all that we do. High standards and expectations permeate every aspect of school life and will be evident in our respect for others, conduct, achievement and attitude of our students”.***

– Colchester Royal Grammar School

### King Edward VI Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr. T. Carter

Broomfield Road  
Chelmsford  
Essex CM1 3SX

Tel: 01245 353510  
Website: www.kegs.org.uk  
E-mail: office@kegs.org.uk  
School Number: 881 5411



**Published Admission Number for 2026**

150

***“Our core purpose is to nurture all of our students as uniquely talented individuals and principled global citizens, maximising their academic outcomes, the scope of their personal development and their capacity to be independent, autonomous learners.”***

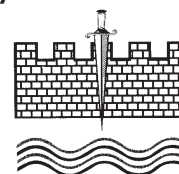
– King Edward VI Grammar School

## Shoeburyness High School A Community Academy

Headteacher: Teri-Leigh Jones

Caulfield Road  
Shoeburyness  
Essex SS3 9LL

Tel: 01702-292286  
Website: [www.shoeburyness.secat.co.uk](http://www.shoeburyness.secat.co.uk)  
E-mail: [office@shoeburyness.secat.co.uk](mailto:office@shoeburyness.secat.co.uk)  
School Number: 882 4034



Expect Excellence

**Published Admission Number for 2026**

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*“Shoeburyness High School has raised expectations about what pupils should achieve. The school has ensured that, across the curriculum, the important knowledge pupils should learn is clearly defined. Pupils are remembering more and producing higher-quality work as a result. They study a broad and ambitious curriculum. The school has put in place clear expectations that are understood by all.” – OFSTED June 2024*

## Southend High School for Boys

Headteacher: Mrs. R. Worth

Prittlewell Chase  
Southend on Sea  
Essex SS0 0RG

Tel: 01702 606200  
E-mail: [enquiries@shsb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shsb.org.uk)  
Website: [www.shsb.org.uk](http://www.shsb.org.uk)  
School Number: 882 5446



**Published Admission Number for 2026**

180

*“At Southend High School for Boys, talent is nurtured and learning is valued. Challenge is welcomed, participation is expected and achievement is prized. Pupils are happy, and prosper at the school. As a grammar school, high academic expectations are central to our purpose, and these are sustained through an extensive programme of support and guidance. Pupils develop their confidence and enthusiasm through a wide range of creative, sporting and other endeavours. Our school preserves values and traditions from the past, and prepares pupils through a contemporary curriculum for the world of tomorrow.”*

– Southend High School for Boys

## Southend High School for Girls

Headteacher: Mr. J. Carey

Southchurch Boulevard  
Southend-on-Sea  
Essex SS2 4UZ

Tel: 01702-588852  
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E-mail: [office@shsg.org](mailto:office@shsg.org)  
School Number: 882 5428



**Published Admission Number for 2026**

224

*Southend High School for Girls is an outstanding grammar school where ‘pupils flourish and excel’ (Ofsted, July 2024), achieving first-class results that place the school as one of the top performing schools in the country. As well as promoting academic excellence, we nurture students’ talents and interests and develop their leadership skills as ambassadors and captains. At the heart of SHSG is our family ethos and the exceptional support for students’ well-being, ensuring they are safe, happy and successful. ‘Pupils appreciate the exemplary support and encouragement they get from staff. Pupils see the school as a family.’ (Ofsted, July 2024.)*

– Southend High School for Girls

## St. Thomas More High School (Boys)

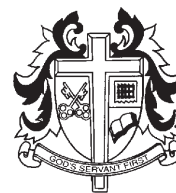
Headteacher: Mrs. G. Ackred

Kenilworth Gardens  
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Tel: 01702-344933  
Website: [www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)  
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School Number: 882 5447

### *A Catholic School in the Brentwood Diocese*

*"The fundamental purpose of the school today is to provide the very best education for all of our pupils so that boys, and in the Sixth Form, boys and girls, can become confident young men and women who are spiritually, culturally and socially fulfilled and achieve their full potential."*

– St. Thomas More High School



*God's Servant First*

### Published Admission Number for 2026

30

**If St. Thomas More High School is one of your choices, you must complete the school's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to enable the Governing Body to apply its admissions criteria. This will be available on the Open Evening or can be downloaded from our website.**

## Westcliff High School for Boys

Headmaster: Mr. M.A. Skelly, M.A.

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Tel: 01702-475443  
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School Number: 882 5401



*By Fidelity and Fortitude*

### Published Admission Number for 2026

185

**"Westcliff enjoys the distinctive record of having been designated 'outstandingly successful' by OFSTED on five occasions. But we have not achieved this by a narrow focus on examination results. Those matter and are excellent but our concern for the broader personal, cultural and moral development of young people is what defines the School. These things are reflected in our daily life."**

– Westcliff High School for Boys

## Westcliff High School for Girls

Headteacher: Miss E. Matthews

Kenilworth Gardens  
Westcliff on Sea  
Essex SS0 0BS  
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Website: [www.whsg.info](http://www.whsg.info)  
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School Number: 882 5423



*By Fidelity and Fortitude*

### Published Admission Number for 2026

184

**"Westcliff High School for Girls aims to empower our students to be the next generation of leaders, enriching their lives and those of others so that they understand their place in society through our values of leadership, enrichment, scholarship and kindness. We foster this ambition through our school values of Scholarship, Leadership, Enrichment and Kindness."**

– Westcliff High School for Girls

For Office use only:

Candidate No:



CSSE Administrative Office, P.O. Box 3087,  
Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3SY  
Telephone: (01245) 348257 Website: www.csse.org.uk

**Please ensure you have read the guide prior to completing this form. This form must be returned to the CSSE office. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE USED THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.**

## **CSSE Supplementary Information Form to Register a Child for the Essex 11+ Test for Admission to the following Schools in September 2026:**

**Colchester County High School for Girls\***

\*(In **addition** to this SIF Colchester County High School for Girls own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed for Looked After Children, Previously Looked After Children and for students in receipt of free school meals by virtue of their household income at the agreed government threshold at any point in the last 6 years from the date the test is taken, or for whom their primary school receives the pupil premium or receives the Service Pupil Premium). Please see their admissions policy for the eligibility criteria located at www.cchsg.com. The Colchester County High School for Girls Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be obtained from their website www.cchsg.com.

**Colchester Royal Grammar School (Boys), King Edward VI Grammar School (Boys)**

**Southend High School for Girls, Southend High School for Boys,**

**Westcliff High School for Girls, Westcliff High School for Boys**

**...and for selective places at: Shoeburyness High School (mixed)**

**St. Thomas More High School (Boys)\***

\*(In **addition** to this SIF St. Thomas More's own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must also be completed. You can obtain their SIF direct from the school.)

The CSSE organises the selection tests for admission to the above schools. If you intend to choose one or more of these schools as preferences on your **Local Authority Application Form**, it is essential that you also complete this registration form and return it to the CSSE Office by **27th June 2025**. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. **The main test date is Saturday 20th September 2025.**

***We strongly recommend that you refer to the free familiarisation papers on the CSSE website.***

**Details of the Child who will sit the 11+ Tests:** *(Please complete in block capitals and use the child's official name – ensure you have the same name on your local authority application form.)*

Child's Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name Only: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Boy/Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address in capital letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of current Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The name of your Home Local Authority through which you will apply for a secondary school place for your child. (This is the Local Authority from whom you will receive information in relation to applying for Secondary School Places, usually where you pay council tax.)

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Colchester County High School for Girls, Colchester Royal Grammar School, King Edward VI Grammar School  
Shoeburyness High School, Southend High School for Boys, Southend High School for Girls,  
St. Thomas More High School for Boys, Westcliff High School for Boys, Westcliff High School for Girls

**PLEASE TURN OVER >**

## Details connected with your child sitting the tests:

1. At which **ONE** of the CSSE named schools listed on page 11 do you wish your child to sit the tests? (Please write the full name of the school in the space provided.) In the case of a single sex school, please select a school that admits children of the same sex as your child. In the event of a CSSE school reaching its maximum capacity for testing, your child will be allocated an alternative test centre by the CSSE. If all schools reach the maximum capacity for main day testing your child will be allocated the Tuesday test date.

**Test centres and test sessions cannot be changed at a later date. Test dates will not be allocated to accommodate test dates arranged by other authorities.** If you wish to withdraw your child from sitting the 11+ tests please inform the CSSE office in writing and advise your Local Authority of any changes to your preferences if you have submitted CSSE school choices.

2. Do you have religious objections or exceptional circumstances that prevent your child sitting the tests on a Saturday? Please indicate below. Evidence will be required.

3. Does your child have any medical circumstances, EHCP or other special needs, that will require specific arrangements to be made for the day of the tests? For example, wheelchair access, enlarged type papers, supervision support etc. If so please indicate briefly below the nature of your child's particular needs. **You should also complete the Notification form which can be downloaded from our website or requested from the CSSE office, and send it to the CSSE office with relevant evidence. A copy of our access arrangements guideline can be downloaded from the CSSE website [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk) or can be requested from the CSSE office. Any request for special adjustments must be made in writing by 27th June 2025 at the latest.**

Adjustments will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act (2010), under the regulations governing School Admissions, and with reference to independent specialist advisers whose decision will be binding on the CSSE and the candidates.

4. A number of the CSSE schools give priority to a limited number of pupils who receive free school meals by virtue of their household income, are entitled to Pupil Premium, and those who are or have been in public care (looked after). **Please note: if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, then this will be because of one of the options below, so please do select one of them.**

Please tick the box if your child is currently in receipt of free school meals by virtue of their household income.....

Please tick the box if your child no longer receives free school meals but has previously received free school meals by virtue of household income at the agreed government threshold within the last 6 years.

Please tick the box if either of your child's parents/guardians are serving in the British armed forces or your child is otherwise eligible for Service Pupil Premium. (This information can be obtained from your child's primary school.) .....

Please tick the box if your child is in public care or has previously been in public care before being adopted, or gained an order by a court. Please make sure you have included this on your form to your local authority. The local authority will undertake checks to verify this. ....

5. **The completion of this form does not constitute an application to the school you have named above as your child's test centre or any of the CSSE Schools. Parents can apply for school places only by naming them as preferences on their Local Authority Common Application Form. A place can be offered to your child only through the process of application described in your Local Authority's booklet. The above schools, in common with all state schools, make offers of places through the co-ordinated admissions system managed by the Local Authorities.**

**I confirm I have read the CSSE Information Guide. The information supplied above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in order to apply I must name the CSSE Schools of my choice as preferences on my Local Authority Common Application Form.**

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATA WILL BE STORED ON PAPER AND COMPUTER FILES.**

Where information is provided to the CSSE on this form by one parent it will normally be shared, on request, with the other parent of the named child. If there are legal reasons for not doing so the CSSE must be informed in writing. The CSSE will require the parent requesting information to prove their identity before releasing information to them.

**FOR POSTAL REGISTRATIONS ONLY, PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE CSSE OFFICE HAS RECEIVED YOUR 11+ REGISTRATION FORM. RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF PAGE 11 (NOT TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY) BY 27TH JUNE 2025.**





# PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTIFICATION FORM

**YES NO**

Please circle YES or NO to give your permission to the CSSE to share your child's test results with their primary school.

We will not share information unless YES is circled and you have signed below.

Name of child .....

Address .....

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Date of Birth .....

.....  
*Parent's Signature* *Date*

**For postal registrations, please return this form with your completed registration form (SIF).**

## CSSE PRIVACY NOTICE

The CSSE acts within the law in the handling of your personal data. We hold only the information you supply on application and the subsequent test results. The data is collected with industry-standard encryption and processed securely for the purpose of administering access to the schools which are members of the CSSE.

It is our duty to ensure that the data we hold is accurate, proportionate and retained only for as long as is necessary.

The legal basis for processing your data is public interest.

Your data and your child's data relating to the 11+ examination will be shared with the Local Authorities that administer the admissions process on behalf of the consortium schools and with the schools in the consortium. Information about Access Arrangements can be shared with our Educational Psychologist.

Data will also be processed for the purposes of producing statistical information.

You have the right of access to your own data. You have the right to request that your data is corrected (rectified), if there is any error. If you have an over-riding legitimate reason, you may object and exercise the right to have your data deleted.

The Data Controller is the CSSE. The Data Protection Officer is the *vice-chair* of the CSSE. Contact them: [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk)

Personal 11+ data is retained for no longer than two years after the date of the test for which you have registered. Personal data collected for the purpose of transport enquiries or ticket issue is shared with the bus companies. It is retained for no longer than two years after the date of the last enquiry or ticket expiry.





# ORDER FORM FOR CSSE PRACTICE PACKS

PACKS AVAILABLE	PRICE PER PACK includes UK postage	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
<b>OPTION 1</b> Main Day (2 papers) Actual English and Maths papers sat for 2025 Entry. Available from May 2025.	<b>£19.00</b>		
<b>OPTION 2</b> Main Day (2 papers) Actual English and Maths papers sat for 2024 Entry.	<b>£19.00</b>		
<b>OPTION 3</b> Main Day (2 papers) Actual English and Maths papers sat for 2023 Entry.	<b>£19.00</b>		

*\* Option 3 will be free of charge for those receiving free school meals by virtue of household income. Please include a letter from your child's primary school confirming their entitlement with this order form.*

**PLEASE SUPPLY THE NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE YOU WANT THE PRACTICE PAPERS SENT.**  
(If paying by card the delivery address must be the same as the cardholder's address.)

*Please complete in block capitals.*

Contact Name:.....

Address: .....

.....

.....

Post Code:.....

Telephone No. (in case of query): .....

*Please be advised that the CSSE Office is closed during School Holidays.  
We are unable to process orders received by email.*

**Practice pack price includes postage and packing within the UK.**

**OVERSEAS POSTAGE IS ADDITIONAL:**

**£3.00 EUROPE**

**£10.00 OUTSIDE EUROPE**

**Please add this cost to your payment if you want us to send your order overseas.**

**Please refer to the next page for methods of payment.**

## ORDER FORM FOR CSSE PRACTICE PACKS PAYMENT FORM

Please send your order form and payment to: **CSSE Office**  
**PO Box 3087**  
**Chelmsford**  
**Essex CM1 3SY**

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the CSSE Office is closed during all school holidays. Orders received during the closure period will be processed when the office reopens.

We currently accept debit cards **ONLY**.

Please do not send orders by email.

### ***Method One:*** **Payment by Card**

Please refer to our Practice Material Order Form on our website:

[www.csse.org.uk/CSSE11+Examination](http://www.csse.org.uk/CSSE11+Examination)

### ***Method Two:*** **Payment by Cheque** **or Postal Order**

Cheques must be drawn on a UK bank and payable in sterling only.

Please make cheques out for the total amount of your order including the cost of overseas postage if appropriate.

Cheques should be made payable to CSSE and sent with your order form to the address above.

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# CSSE 11+ EXAMINATION – RESULTS

## HOW WE NOTIFY YOU OF THE TEST RESULTS

Test results will be sent to ALL candidates by email after the close of business on 13th October. Please allow 24 hours for receipt.

## WHAT WILL THE RESULTS EMAIL CONTAIN?

You will be notified of the raw scores for each subject as well as the overall standardised score.

The formula for calculating the standardised score will be published on the CSSE website shortly after the results are despatched.

A guidance sheet containing historical data will be published on the website on 13th October.

## WHAT DOES THE GUIDANCE SHEET SHOW?

The sheet is produced to help parents decide whether to apply for a CSSE school. The data shown on the sheet is historical. It indicates what scores were needed in previous years to gain entry into the CSSE schools. The actual cut off scores are only known after national offer day in March.

There is no guarantee of a place based on the historical information supplied. As the situation may be different each year, it may be worthwhile applying to the school/s of your choice even if your child has scored below the lowest score obtained in previous years.

## MINIMUM SCORE

CSSE secondary school offers are not made to any child who has scored under a total standardised score of 303. Successful appeal places are awarded outside this criteria.

Places awarded under special considerations criteria are outside of these published cut off positions.

Please refer to the schools' admissions policies for further information.

## APPLICATIONS

Each school publishes its admissions policy on its website. Please read the admissions policy of the school/s you wish to apply to for further information.

You can only apply for a school place by naming the school/s as a preference/s on your home local authority common application form. You should list the schools in your genuine order of preference.







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