



**Orsett Heath
Academy**

Year 7
SPORTS APTITUDE
Application Form
For admission
September 2024



SOUTH WEST ESSEX
COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST

If you wish your application for a place at Orsett Heath Academy to be considered under the Sports Aptitude criteria, you MUST complete this form

AND

an application form for Orsett Heath Academy

You MUST also submit your application form for other schools to your Local Authority by 31st October 2023

**ORSETT HEATH ACADEMY
APTITUDE FOR SPORT APPLICATION FORM
YEAR 7 – ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024**

Please complete this form and return it to Mrs L Oxland, Senior Admissions Officer
at William Edwards School or Orsett Heath Academy
by 3.30pm on Monday 9th October 2023

Applications received after this date cannot be considered.

Details of Student

Surname:	Forename(s):
Address:	
Date of Birth:	Medical conditions we should be aware of when testing (Asthma/heart conditions etc.) Please note that this is for health and safety reasons only.

Details of Parent/carer making the application

Surname:	Forename(s):
Relationship to the child above:	
Daytime telephone number(s)	Email address: PLEASE PRINT

All on-time applicants will be invited to the school to take part in formal assessment sessions. Testing is on Tuesday 17th October 2023 with an additional date of Wednesday 18th October should the number of applications demand a 2nd date.

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- Assessment date(s) for applications under the Sports Aptitude criteria will take place On Tuesday 17th October 2023.
- The assessments will include: psychomotor tests; fundamental skills tests; health and fitness assessments.

The assessment process is organised and facilitated by the William Edwards Director of Sport, additional members of the P.E. Department and suitably trained and qualified Young Sports Leaders. The activities, scoring system and the assessment process have been reviewed by an independent verifier, who has no link with William Edwards School or Orsett Heath Academy. The administration of the tests and scoring is overseen by an independent assessor, whose decision is binding upon both Orsett Heath Academy and all applicants.

Assessment is through a variety of health-related and skills-based fitness tests. Standardised scores are awarded for performance in each of the tests and the scores are tallied. Where appropriate, age and/or gender adjustments are applied. When all tests have been completed, a rank order of students is produced, with the highest scoring student ranking first.

Sports Aptitude places will be allocated to either:

1. the top 10% scoring students whose score is above the benchmark

or, in the event that fewer than 10% of students score above the school's benchmark,

2. to all those students who achieve the benchmark score or above.

The school reserves the right to allocate fewer than 10% of places under the Sports Aptitude admissions criteria, should students testing not reach the benchmark score. Students applying who are from a multiple birth are not guaranteed a space should one or more not fall in to the above criteria. This means that one could be offered a space and the other(s) not.

The assessment activities are generic and measure aptitude across a range of sports-related skills as achieved on the evening(s) of the test; there is no test of academic ability and current or previous membership of clubs/teams etc., at whatever level, is not part of the assessment or awarding criteria. By applying to take part in the Sports Aptitude tests, applicants are deemed to have accepted all arrangements as outlined above.

- Scores allocated to individual applicants on the basis of the activities undertaken during the aptitude testing process will be made available to parents before the cut-off date for applications to Thurrock Council which is 31st October 2023.
- We welcome applications for places at Orsett Heath Academy under the sporting aptitude criteria from students of all academic abilities, including those with Special Educational Needs.

PLEASE NOTE: By applying for a selective place at Orsett Heath based on aptitude in sports, children and their parents/carers are making a commitment to the full involvement of that child in the sports curriculum and extra-curricular programme of the school. Successful applicants will be expected to attend targeted extra-curricular clubs and practices and to give priority to representing the school in Track, Field and/or team events as a sports team member. Successful applicants will be expected to work hard in all academic subjects as well as at a wide range of sporting activities. The school encourages all pupils to achieve their full potential and successful Sports Aptitude applicants will be supported in the development of their sporting skills to levels of excellence, within the context of the education of the whole child. A partnership between school and home is, therefore, essential if each student admitted under the Sports Aptitude criteria is to succeed to the best of their ability in all aspects of their education.

Signature of Parent/Carer:

Date:

Name in capitals:

Date:

Relationship to child:

Checklist:

Have you:

- Discussed the assessment process with your child and made them aware of the expectations should they be awarded a place at Orsett Heath Academy under the Sports Aptitude criteria?
- Made sure that you and your child understand the Sports Aptitude assessment process? Please contact Mr Dobson at William Edwards if you require further clarification of the process but be aware that the exact nature of the tests will not be made available.
- Completed and signed this form?
- Made a note to complete the Thurrock Council application form before 31st October 2023.

**Having completed this form, please return it to: Ms Lynn Oxland., Senior Admissions Officer.
William Edwards School, Stifford Clays Road, Grays, Essex RM16 3NJ
by 3.30pm on Monday 9th October 2023.**