



THE HIGHCREST ACADEMY

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Dear Year 5 Parent

The Highcrest Academy Applications for Year 7 in September 2027

If you wish to apply for a Highcrest Year 7 place for your child in September **2027**, your child must sit a banding test in either June, July, September, October or November 2026.

We recommend that you book your child for the earlier test dates to avoid disappointment.

There is no advantage in your child sitting the banding test when they are older, the test results are 'standardised' which takes into account their age on the day they sit the test.

The academy banding tests will take place on:

- Saturday 20 June 9.00am and 11.00am
- Saturday 4 July 9.00am and 11.00am
- Saturday 26 September 9.00am and 11.00am
- Tuesday 29 October 4.15pm
- Tuesday 13 October 4.15pm
- Wednesday 4 November 4.15pm

PLEASE NOTE: these are the ONLY dates available and no further test dates will be added.

Full details of the test, Frequently Asked Questions and the Booking Form are on our website <https://www.highcrestacademy.org.uk/Year-7-Admission-2027/> or you can scan the QR code below to go straight to the Booking Form.

Please note, your child must sit a banding test **even if they have a brother or sister at Highcrest**. Remember, if you want your child to come to Highcrest, you must also name Highcrest on the Buckinghamshire Council co-ordinated admissions form.

If you need any help completing the booking process, please email bandingtests@highcrestacademy.org.uk for assistance.

The Highcrest Academy is holding an Open Evening on Thursday 8 October 2026 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm (with Principal's Speeches at 5.30pm and 6.15pm). You may also like to visit us for a tour on the morning of Friday 16 October (tours between 9.00am and 12 noon) to see us on a normal working day.

We look forward to welcoming your child to The Highcrest Academy.

Yours sincerely

G D Burke
Principal

