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YEAR 6 EARLY TESTING SCHEME

For prep school pupils entering Year 9



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At Exeter School, we believe that education is about far more than academic success. As A School of Great Character, we nurture curiosity, resilience and kindness so that

every pupil can flourish, both in their learning and as a young person ready to contribute to the wider world.

Our relationships with the region's excellent preparatory schools are central to this vision. These schools do so much to develop confident, capable pupils who are well prepared for the next stage of their education. We value the trust they place in us and work closely with them to ensure a smooth and positive transition for pupils into Year 9.

The new Year 6 early testing programme reflects these shared values. This scheme applies specifically to families who wish to secure a Year 9 place at Exeter School while their child is still in Year 6 at their current school. It provides greater clarity and reassurance at an earlier stage, while giving us the opportunity to welcome pupils who demonstrate both academic potential and the character that sits at the heart of Exeter School. Entry into Year 7 continues via our normal admissions pathway.

Together with our prep-school partners, we look forward to guiding each child towards a happy and successful start to senior school life.

Dr Adrian Rainbow
Head of Exeter School

How the Scheme Works

Application and registration

- Parents apply using the school's standard registration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee (£150 plus VAT).
- The form is available online: www.exeterschool.org.uk/admissions/registration-form/.
- Deadline: Applications must be received by Friday 12 February.

Assessment and experience day Monday 1 March 2027

- Pupils take part in the early entrance test, which is separate from the standard 11+ process.
- They will explore our campus, meet staff and current pupils, and join engaging activities that showcase the magic of Exeter School.
- For parents: The day concludes with afternoon tea and an information session, offering the chance to meet senior staff, ask questions and learn more about the next steps for Year 9 entry.

Outcome

- Assessment results are used solely to evaluate suitability for a deferred place in Year 9.
- All offers remain subject to Exeter School's standard admissions criteria.

Conditional Offer of a Year 9 Place

- Pupils meeting our academic and admissions criteria will receive the offer of a Year 9 place.
- To accept this offer, parents pay a £500 refundable deposit. This is in line with our standard acceptance deposit.
- All offers remain subject to the school's usual terms and conditions, including fees in lieu of notice.

Progress Reviews and Ongoing Communication

- Throughout Years 7 and 8, Exeter School will keep in contact with families and the pupil's current school.
- Pupils are invited each spring to a further experience day to deepen their connection with their future school.
- Standardised test scores and school reports are shared with Exeter School by the pupils' current school to monitor progress.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships

Art, drama, music and sport scholarships will be assessed during Year 8, following our existing procedures.

Bursary Applications

Families seeking financial assistance should follow the standard bursary timeline, with applications normally made in December/January of the academic year before entry.

Alternative Entry Routes

- The usual Year 8 entry assessments remain available for families who prefer the traditional application process.
- Pupils who do not secure a deferred place through the Year 6 assessment may re-sit entrance tests in Year 8 for standard Year 9 entry.

Next Steps

For further information or to begin your application:

- Contact the admissions team at admissions@exeterschool.org.uk, telephone 01392 307080
- Or complete the online registration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee at www.exeterschool.org.uk/admissions or use the QR code.

