

ADMISSION TO YEAR 7

All students who apply will undergo an **entrance exam** in the following subjects:

- **English**
- **Mathematics**
- **Islamic Studies**

The exams are designed to assess not only subject knowledge but also **literacy/numeracy** and **key learning skills** at a level that can be reasonably expected from a Year 6 student. Students who achieve a minimum of **50% in both English and Mathematics** will then be invited to attend an **interview** with both parents/guardians before a space is offered.

The school holds its **main entrance examination** once a year, usually in the **autumn term**. If there are any available spaces after the first round of admissions, the school may hold another exam in the **spring term** at its discretion. Students who were unsuccessful in the first round may be allowed to reattempt the exam in the second round, at the school's discretion.

For details regarding **dates and times** for the entrance exams, please contact the school office or visit the school website aags.azharacademy.org.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

1. **Preference will be given to applicants enrolled at AAPS** who have passed the entrance exam.
2. **Preference will be given to applicants** with a sibling currently attending AAGS/AAPS or whose parents/siblings are employed by Azhar Academy Trust.
3. **Preference will be given to applicants** with the highest marks in the entrance exams.
4. **Preference will be given to applicants** from Muslim primary schools.
5. **Preference will be given to applicants** living closest to the school.

Application Procedure

- All applications must be completed **online** at aags.azharacademy.org.
- A **£50 non-refundable application/entrance exam fee** must be paid online upon submission of the application.
- Only **one application per student** should be submitted. No refunds will be issued for duplicate applications or if the child is absent for the entrance exam. Payment is
- non -refundable.
- Upon successful submission, each application will receive a **unique ID number**.
- The school will contact you next to invite your daughter to the **entrance exam**, typically held on a **Saturday**.
- Applicants who pass the entrance exam will be invited to the **next stage: the interview**.
- The school will also request a **reference from the applicant's current school**. Interviews will only be arranged once the school has received the reference.
- Unsuccessful applicants who wish to remain on the **waiting list** must email the Admissions Officer. A formal waiting list will be maintained, and when a space becomes available, applicants will be contacted and required to **re-sit the entrance exam**.
- Application forms must be filled in fully and truthfully. Applications with withheld or incorrect information will not be considered, and any offers of places will subsequently be withdrawn

Admission to Other Year Groups

Admission to **Year 8** may be possible if spaces become available. Parents/guardians may apply online, and the application will be added to the **waiting list** in the order of receipt. Once a space becomes available, the school will contact parents/guardians and invite the applicant to sit an **entrance exam**.

The school will also request a **reference from the student's current school**. Successful applicants will then be invited to attend an **interview** with both parents/guardians and a senior member of school management. A space will only be offered if the student passes the interview.