

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.

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.
- 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 at aags.admissions@azharacademy.org. 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**.

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.