

## **Gloucestershire Grammar Schools: A Quick Parent Guide**

*What actually affects whether your child gets a place?*

Admissions rules can change slightly year to year, so it's always worth checking each school's website.

### **1. It's NOT a pass/fail test**

- Children sit the 11+ (Verbal, Non-Verbal, Maths)
- There is no fixed pass mark
- Schools set a qualifying standard each year
- Places are based on rank (how your child compares to others)

👉 It's a competitive process, not a simple "pass"

### **2. Not all grammar schools work the same**

Score-driven schools (location matters less)

- Sir Thomas Rich's
- The Crypt School

👉 Mostly based on test score ranking

Gloucester-priority schools (location matters more)

- Ribston Hall
- Denmark Road

👉 Priority for GL1–GL4 (Gloucester)

👉 Children outside Gloucester may need higher scores

Pate's Grammar (hybrid)

- Mix of local priority + wider access

👉 Strong option for Cheltenham families

Stroud grammar schools (strong catchment)

- Stroud High School
- Marling School

- 👉 Priority for local Stroud area
- 👉 Children further away often need much higher scores

### 3. Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)

All schools prioritise children eligible for Pupil Premium:

- Reserved places
- Lower qualifying thresholds
- Priority in admissions

👉 This means:

Admissions are not based on score alone

### 4. Do siblings help?

👉 Usually no

- Most schools do not prioritise siblings
- Denmark Road = small amount of priority (low down)

👉 Each child is considered independently

### 5. What this means for you

- ✓ Schools vary — there isn't one single system
- ✓ Where you live *can* matter (depending on the school)
- ✓ Children need to perform well relative to others
- ✓ Preparation is about skills, confidence, and consistency

### 6. A simple way to think about it

- Some schools = score only
- Some = score + location
- Some = strong local priority

👉 Understanding this helps you make better choices