



To build Character
To discover your Passion
To foster Ambition

Poole High School

Expressly Academic



Registration deadline is approaching

Poole High School is one of a small number of schools nationally that can offer partial academic selection for up to 10% of our intake.

Whilst the vast majority of our pupils are admitted through standard admission criteria, we do offer a single Expressly Academic class for up to 32 academically able pupils.

Children outside of our usual catchment area are also able to gain a place at the school if successful through the testing route.

For Year 7 admission in September 2027, the Expressly Academic Testing date is Saturday, 03 October 2026.

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, 18 September 2026**, at 23:55. We will not be able to process applications that are submitted after this date.

<https://poolehigh.co.uk/Admissions/Expressly-Academic-Testing/>



[Register now](https://poolehigh.co.uk/Admissions/Expressly-Academic-Testing/)



Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Expressly Academic route right for my child?

The Expressly Academic route is specifically intended for pupils with academic ability. We recommend that you explore the Expressly Academic route should your child consistently achieve EXS (Expected Standard) and above across their Key Stage 2 reporting.

What does Expressly Academic Testing involve?

The Poole High School Expressly Academic Testing is based upon the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum. All questions in the assessment are multiple-choice, which makes it fair and consistent for all children, regardless of their background or circumstances.

The overall testing comprises three short discrete tests:

- **English Testing:** Questions are based upon the Key Stage 2 English curriculum, and the testing is 25 minutes in length.
- **Mathematics Testing:** Questions are based upon the Key Stage 2 English curriculum, and the testing is 25 minutes in length.
- **Reasoning Testing:** Questions consist of verbal reasoning and mathematics-based logic questions. *(Our assessment does not include diagrammatic or pictorial non-verbal reasoning questions).* This testing is 40 minutes long.