ARRANGEMENTS FOR BANDING TESTS

to be held at Glenthorne High School

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

SESSION 2: 11.30am – 2.00pm

You will have received an e-mail giving you your child's candidate number and a zone to report to on arrival.

Please print the e-mail and provide your child with a copy to bring to the exam. This is very important as it is required for registration purposes. If you are unable to print the e-mail, please write out the registration information and give a copy to your child. Please ensure that your child has this information ready to help ensure the registration runs quickly and efficiently.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL

Your child should arrive at **Glenthorne High School** between **11.30am and 12noon** and go to the relevant zone to **register by their last name**:

Zone 1: The Playground (enter the school via the gate on Reigate Avenue)
Zone 2: The Jubilee Wing (enter the school via the gate on Reigate Avenue)
Zone 3: Reception (enter the school via the gates on Sutton Common Road)

Please do not arrive before 11.30am and ensure that you only enter at the correct entrance; you will not be permitted to walk through the school if you arrive at the wrong venue. Any pupil arriving late to the registration may not be admitted if the tests have already begun, so please ensure you arrive on time.

Your child will have been allocated a seat within a specific venue; once registered, they will be escorted to their venue by a Sixth Form student and shown to their seat by an invigilator. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT MANAGE REQUESTS FOR APPLICANTS TO SIT THE TESTS AT A SPECIFIC TIME AND THE TIME OF YOUR CHILD'S TEST CANNOT NOW BE CHANGED**.

The testing session will begin promptly at **12.15pm** and should be finished by **2.00pm**. Please note that the end time is approximate and we would welcome your patience on the day.

Will parents/carers please leave promptly once they have delivered their child to the correct zone**. In order to reduce the amount of people on the school site, we are requesting that only one parent/carer or guardian delivers and collects their child**.

WHAT TO DO ON PICK-UP

Candidates will be returned to their designated zone and will be supervised until collection. **Please arrive to collect your child at 2.00pm and remain behind the barriers at all times.**

Do not tell your child to meet you outside the school. **Please do not enter the school grounds before 2.00pm**.

Please note that there is no parking on-site for parents and you are strongly advised to walk or use public transport. Please be aware that parking in the residential streets around the school is **extremely restricted** and we therefore ask you to be considerate and respect our neighbours; **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR ANY OTHER ACCESS AREAS**. **Parking in the Harvester car park is strictly prohibited and please DO NOT TRY TO STOP on the A217 to drop your child off if you are registering in Zones 1 and 2. The A217 is a red route, so there is absolutely no parking and you could find that your vehicle could be towed away and you may incur a fine.**

Candidates must bring the following items with them in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag:

- **A printout of the e-mail giving their candidate number, zone and venue. This is very important.**
- **2 HB or B pencils (no pens allowed).**
- **A good quality eraser.**

- **A pencil sharpener.**
- **A ruler.**

If your child requires the use of any special equipment, such as a fiddle toy, ear defenders or a wobble cushion for example, please ensure your child brings them on the day as the school is unable to provide such items.

Please note that the school is not able to provide any spare equipment, so it is imperative that you check that your child has everything they need for the tests.

In addition, candidates may also bring:

- **A re-useable bottle of water – no fizzy drinks, please.**
- **Pupils may wear their own clothes, but we do recommend that they wear something warm and comfortable and ensure that they have a jumper or fleece.**
- **If your child is diabetic, please ensure they have appropriate snacks or glucose sweets as necessary, but please be aware that Glenthorne High School is a NUT-FREE school.**
- **If your child requires the use of any form of medication, such as an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure that your child brings it with them and that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and date of birth and placed in a clear plastic bag.**

Please note that there will be NO scheduled toilet break between the tests, therefore, please ensure your child has been to the toilet before they arrive for the tests.

Your child should **NOT** bring the following items:

- **A mobile phone or any other electronic device.**
- **A calculator or calculator watch.**
- **Any pieces of paper which display times tables or other such information.**
- **A dictionary.**
- **Any bags (these are not allowed at desks and we have no facilities to store such items).**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF SUCH ITEMS ARE LOST OR STOLEN.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL ON THE DAY

If your child is unwell on Saturday 21st November, **please e-mail Mr Yeung at admissions@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk** (please do not call and leave a message as this will not be heard) **by no later than 11.30am on Saturday 21st November. Please note that e-mails received after this time will not be received and therefore your child will not be invited to attend the tests on the reserve test date**. Your child will then be given the opportunity to sit the Banding Tests on the reserve date of Friday 27th November 2026. The tests will take place during the afternoon and a separate e-mail will be sent on Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th November with further information. **Please note that there will be no other opportunities to sit the Banding Tests after Friday 27th November 2026.**

WHEN YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE OUTCOME OF THE TESTS

Please note that parents will be informed by e-mail before the Christmas Holiday, which Band their child falls into, **but not whether they have received a place at the school.** The allocation of school places is undertaken by your home Local Authority on National Offer Day, Monday 1st March 2027. The allocations are dependent on the school preferences of individual parents/carers which are confidential to parents/carers and the home Local Authority and are not shared with individual schools. For further information on how applications will be ranked within each band, please read the Admissions Policy which can be found on the Joining Glenthorne page of the school's website.

Please note that we are not able to give you any further information beyond the Band your child falls into and individual scores will not be shared with parents/carers under any circumstances.