

Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS) is now one of London's top academic prep schools for boys aged 4 – 13. (Reception to Year 8)

Assessments explained



Assessments, for Reception-age boys? Help!

Central London has loads of great schools The challenge is to find the right one for your son

Reception
Year 3 Year 4 Year 5
Year 6 Year 7 Year 8

Single-sex or co-ed? Selective or non-selective? Academic or progressive? Exit at 8+, 11+, 13+ or 18?

The choice will depend on your son.

WCCS is an all-boys, academically-selective, Catholic school for boys age 4 – 13, feeding the top academic senior schools.

WCCS is also a registered charity, not-for-profit.

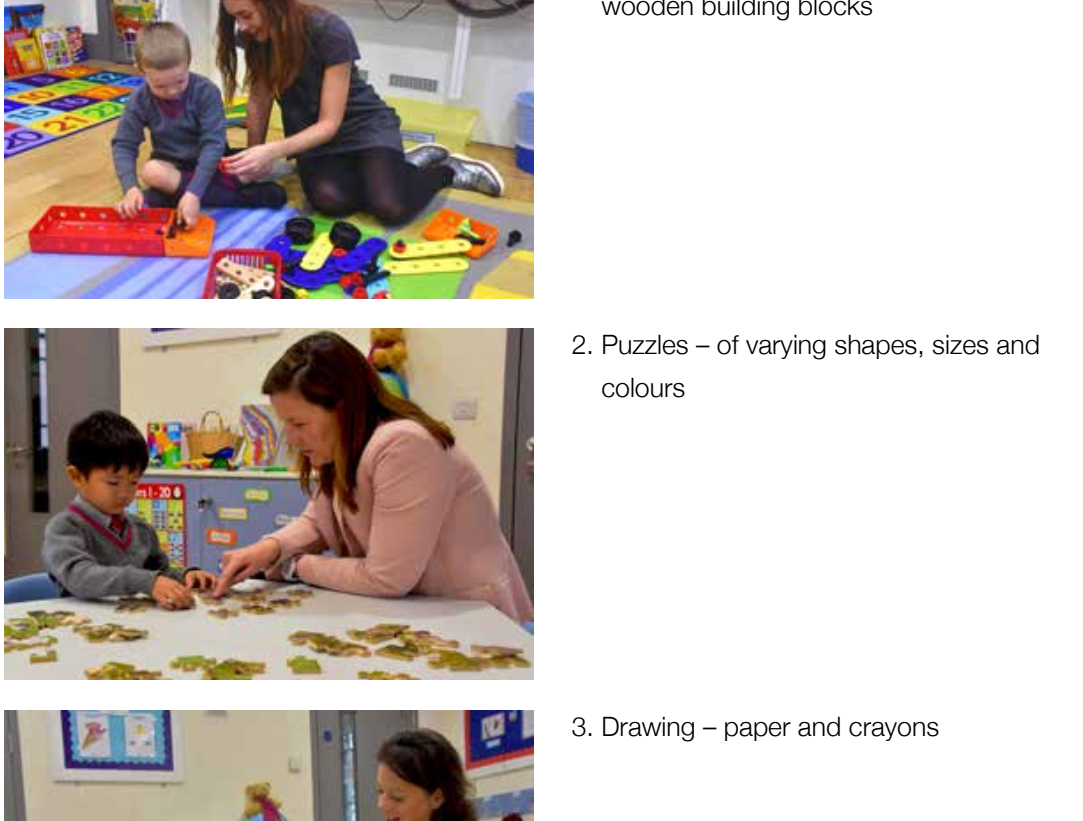
When are the next assessments for Reception places in 2018?



The next assessments are on 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th November 2017. Boys need to be registered by Friday 27th October. Download a registration form [here](#).

What do the boys do on assessment day?

It's not scary. We promise.
We'll do everything we can to make the day welcoming and fun for your son.
Mums, Dads and sons arrive at either 9.15 am or 11.15 am, and are with us for an hour.



Boys go in groups of six with Miss Charlotte Blenkin (Head of Pre-Prep) and Mrs Zoë de Quintal (Reception teacher) into a colourful, warm and welcoming classroom, straight off the playground.

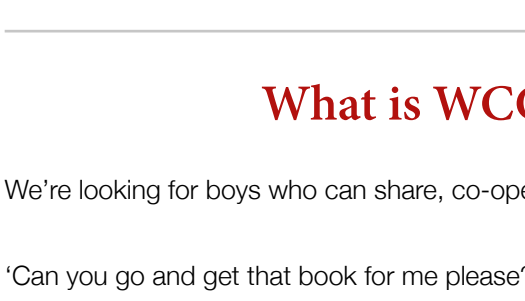


Each boy is asked to say something about himself and his family to the teacher.

Then boys do three activities.



1. Construction – Duplo (big Lego) and wooden building blocks



2. Puzzles – of varying shapes, sizes and colours

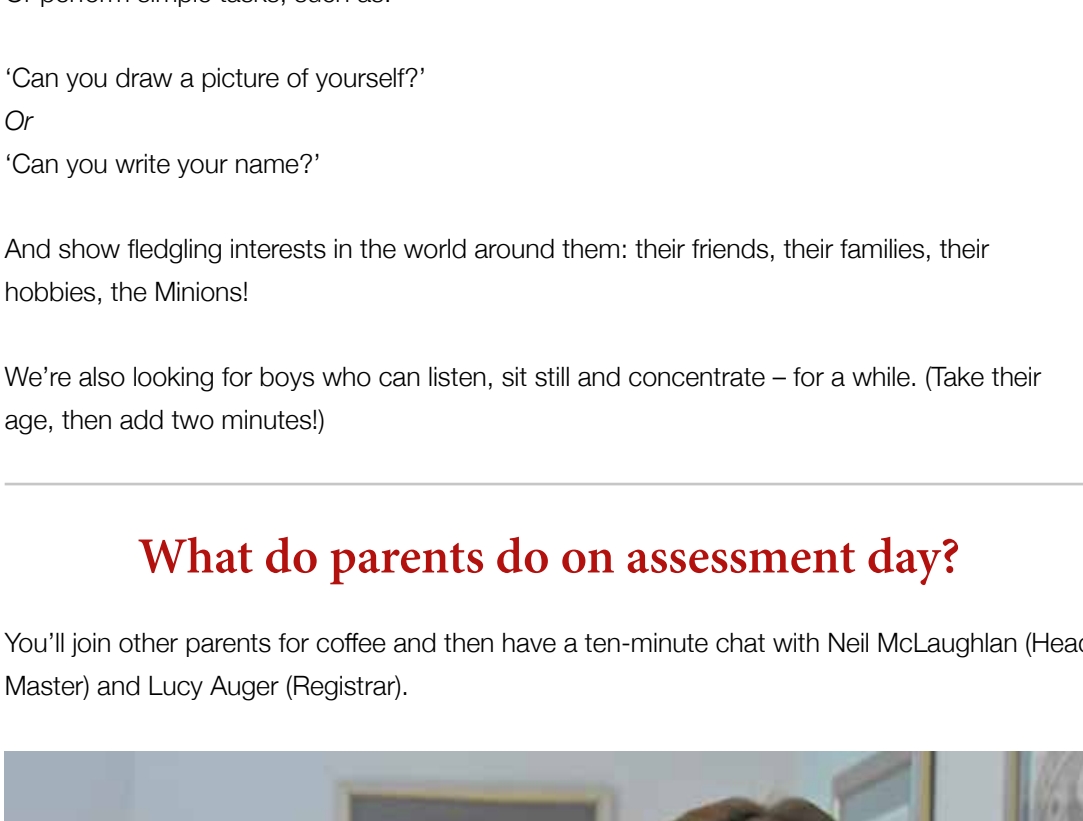


3. Drawing – paper and crayons

Miss Zoë will then read the boys a story, while they sit quietly and listen.



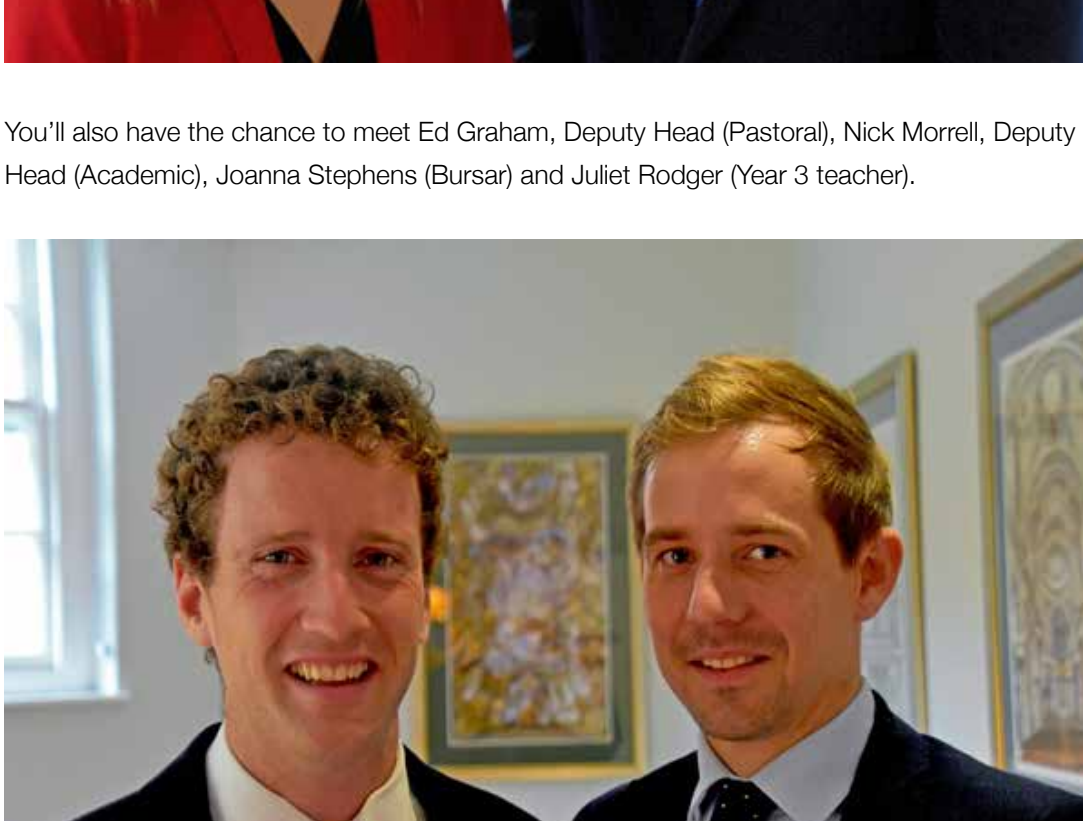
Once that's done, we'll give the boys a drink and a biscuit and bring them straight back to you.



What is WCCS looking for?

We're looking for boys who can share, co-operate and take simple instructions, such as:

- 'Can you go and get that book for me please?'
- Or
- 'Can you put that book back where you found it please?'



Or perform simple tasks, such as:

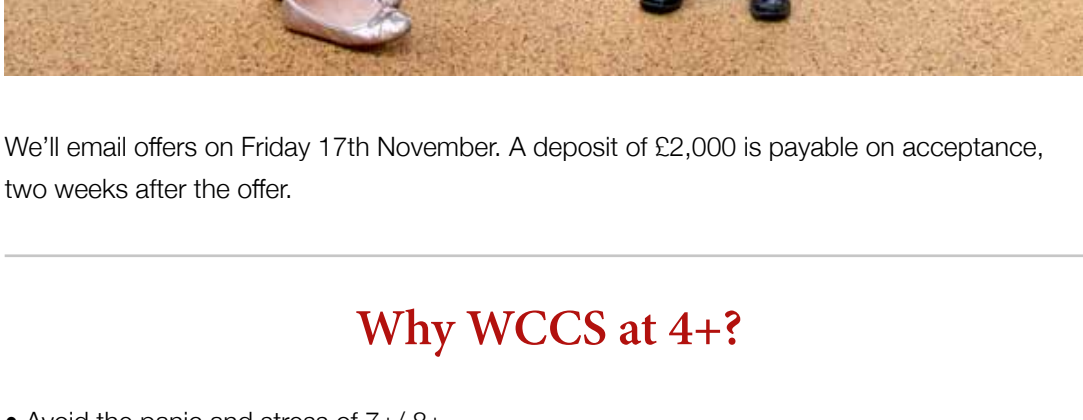
- 'Can you draw a picture of yourself?'
- Or
- 'Can you write your name?'

And show fledgling interests in the world around them: their friends, their families, their hobbies, the Minions!

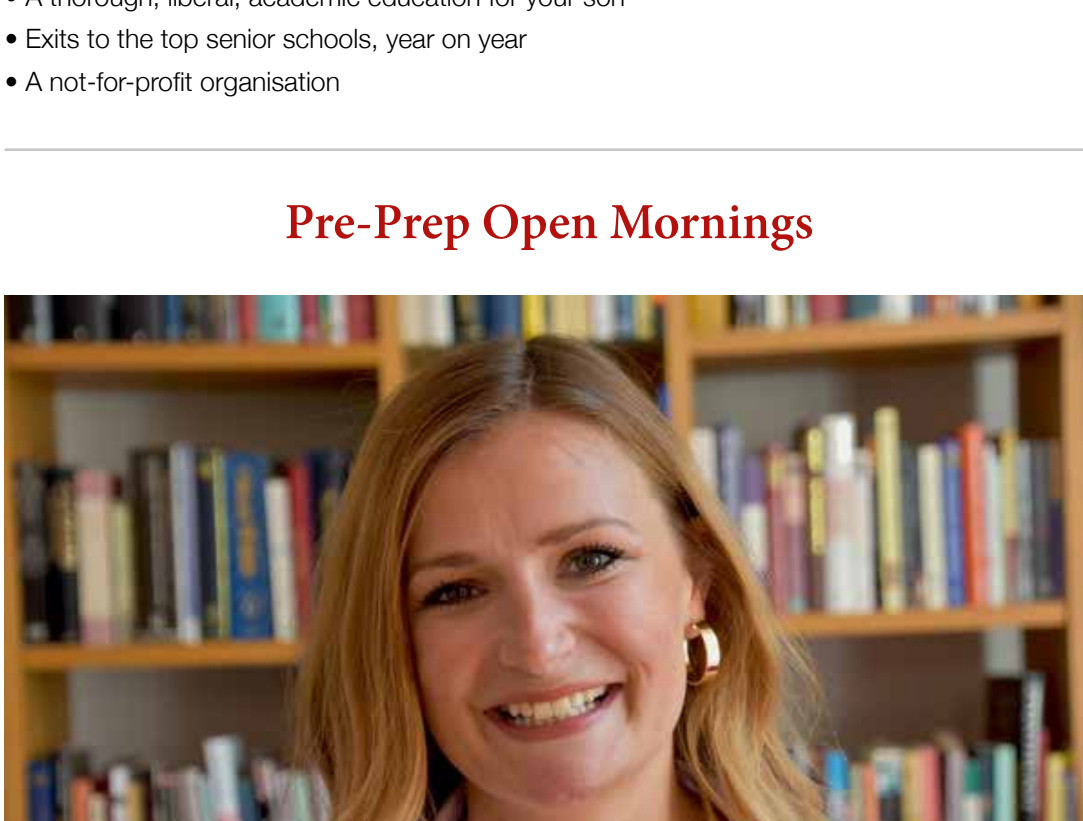
We're also looking for boys who can listen, sit still and concentrate – for a while. (Take their age, then add two minutes!)

What do parents do on assessment day?

You'll join other parents for coffee and then have a ten-minute chat with Neil McLaughlan (Head Master) and Lucy Auger (Registrar).



...and Mattia and Edward, our Head & Deputy Head Boy.



And you're only ever a room away from your son.

When do you make offers?



We'll email offers on Friday 17th November. A deposit of £2,000 is payable on acceptance, two weeks after the offer.

Why WCCS at 4+?

- Avoid the panic and stress of 7+ / 8+
- Vocational staff
- Two glorious playgrounds in SW1
- Well-behaved, well-mannered boys – with good values
- Professional organisation that works for parents
- A thorough, liberal, academic education for your son
- Exits to the top senior schools, year on year
- A not-for-profit organisation

Pre-Prep Open Mornings

Tuesday 3rd October, 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Tuesday 21st November, 9.30 am – 11.00 am

Please contact Lucy to register

Tel 020 7798 9081 Email lauger@choirschool.com

Or call to arrange a personal visit

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