All assessments relating to Sports Aptitude Admission will take place on Monday 12th October 2026 or Tuesday 13th October 2026 October should the number of applications demand a 2nd date.

Only in exceptional circumstances will an alternative date be arranged but please let us know if these dates may not be suitable **when you make your application**.

The assessments will include: psychomotor tests; fundamental skills tests; health and fitness assessments.

The assessment process is organised and facilitated by the William Edwards Head of PE, additional members of the P.E. Department and suitably trained and qualified Young Sports Leaders. The activities, scoring system and the assessment process have been reviewed by an independent verifier, who has no link with William Edwards School. The administration of the tests and scoring is overseen by an independent assessor, whose decision is binding.

Assessment is through a variety of health-related and skills-based fitness tests. Standardised scores are awarded for performance in each of the tests and the scores are tallied. Where appropriate, age and/or gender adjustments are applied. When all tests have been completed, a rank order of students is produced, with the highest scoring student ranking first.

Sports Aptitude places will be allocated to either:

1. the top 10% scoring students whose score is above the benchmark

or, in the event that fewer than 10% of students score above the school's benchmark,

2. to all those students who achieve the benchmark score or above.

The school reserves the right to allocate fewer than 10% of places under the Sports Aptitude admissions criteria, should students testing not reach the benchmark score. Students applying who are from a multiple birth are not guaranteed a space should one or more not fall into the above criteria. This means that one could be offered a space and the other(s) not. Students applying who have an EHCP will also be assessed against the suitability of the school before a space under sports aptitude is offered.

The assessment activities are generic and measure aptitude across a range of sports-related skills as achieved on the evening(s) of the test; there is no test of academic ability and current or previous membership of clubs/teams etc., at whatever level, is not part of the assessment or awarding criteria. By applying to take part in the Sports Aptitude tests, applicants are deemed to have accepted all arrangements as outlined above.

- Scores allocated to individual applicants based on the activities undertaken during the aptitude testing process will be made available to parents/guardians by 21st October 2026.
- We welcome applications for places at William Edwards School under the sporting aptitude criteria from students of all academic abilities, including those with Special Educational Needs.

PLEASE NOTE: By applying for a selective place at William Edwards based on aptitude in sports, children and their parents/carers are making a commitment to the full involvement of that child in the sports curriculum and extra-curricular programme of the school. Successful applicants will be expected to attend targeted extra-curricular clubs and practices and to give priority to representing the school in Track, Field and/or team events as a sports team member. Successful applicants will be expected to work hard in all academic subjects as well as at a wide range of sporting activities. The school encourages all pupils to achieve their full potential and successful Sports Aptitude applicants will be supported in the development of their sporting skills to levels of excellence, within the context of the education of the whole child. A partnership between school and home is, therefore, essential if each student admitted under the Sports Aptitude criteria is to succeed to the best of their ability in all aspects of their education.