MARLING
SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2027 ENTRY
RESULTS ARE OUT – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. When the results are issued in mid-October, you will be notified by email if your son has met the qualifying standard. Each child who has asked to share their test result with Marling School will be given a rank position. The email will tell you whether your son has:

   Scenario 1 – Qualified in the top 150 ranked students for Marling School.
   Scenario 2 – Qualified for Marling School.
   Scenario 3 – Not Qualified for Marling School.
   We ask that you read your result email carefully, before contacting the school for clarification.

   The result email is not an offer of a place but it will give you an indication of the likelihood of being offered a place at Marling School by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on 1st March 2027, providing you have submitted your secondary school preferences form to your Local Authority (known as the Common Application Form or "CAF"). You **cannot** be considered for a place or be put on the waiting list of a grammar school without having met the qualifying standard. **N.B.** The CAF deadline is **31st October 2026**.

2. **National Allocation Day – Monday 1st March 2027** is when you will hear from your Local Authority which secondary school your child has been allocated.

3. **Acceptance/Waiting List Process – Deadline midnight, Monday 15th March 2027** – Closing date to return your reply accepting your school/academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s *(if you live outside of Gloucestershire and were unsuccessful in gaining a place at a Gloucestershire grammar school you should contact Gloucestershire County Council directly to request to be put on a waiting list/s, providing your son has met the qualifying standard of a particular grammar school)*. Further information can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website at the appropriate time using this link: Transfer to Secondary School or from Middle to High School, September 2027 | Gloucestershire County Council

4. **Waiting List outcome – by Monday 5th April 2027** – Parents are informed on the outcome of waiting list requests by Gloucestershire County Council.

5. **Friday 9th April 2027** – Closing date for return of acceptance reply, following waiting list offers.

- **What if my son didn't meet the Qualifying Standard and I placed Marling School on the CAF as one of my preferences?** Your son will **not** be considered for a place at Marling School (*or placed on the waiting list*) without having met the qualifying standard.

- **What if my son did meet the Qualifying Standard and I am not offered a place at Marling on 1st March 2027?** Your son will be eligible to request to be put on Marling school's waiting list providing you reply to Gloucestershire County Council by midnight Monday 15th March 2027 – see point 3 above.

N.B. The Local Authority strongly encourage you to accept the school place offered, even if you go on another school's waiting list, to ensure your child has a school place in September 2027.

- **What if I am still not happy with my allocated school place?** If your son met the qualifying standard but was not offered a place because the school was filled with boys who ranked higher in the test, or you are dissatisfied with the way the admission procedures were carried out, or if you believe extenuating circumstances may have affected your son's performance on the day of the test, you have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Details of how to appeal are available from the Marling School's Admissions Officer after Monday 1st March 2027 via **admissions@liftmarlingschool.org** .