

Gravesend Grammar School

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS for ENTRY September 2018



These are the published admissions arrangements for entry into Gravesend Grammar School in September 2018. In accordance with mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code 2012, these arrangements may not be varied except in circumstances identified in paragraph 3.6 of the Code.

ADMISSION:

The Planned Admission Number for entry in September 2018 is 150. Entry to Gravesend Grammar School is through the Kent Assessment Procedure. Boys deemed selective as a result of this are eligible for admission.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION:

Before the application of the over-subscription criteria, eligible children with a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or a Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that name the school will be admitted. As a result, the published admission number will be reduced accordingly.

Where the number of boys seeking admission who have attained the required standard exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out.

1. Boys who are in Local Authority Care – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) who is subject to a care order (Part IV) of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989.)
2. Medical health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the School's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those eligible boys whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to boys whose parents'/guardians' mental or physical health or social needs mean they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
3. Eligible boys who have a sibling who will be attending the School when the applicant joins. In this context, sibling refers to children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

4. Eligible boys who have a parent who is a member of staff provided that they have been employed for a minimum of two years and/or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
5. Eligible boys in receipt of free school meals who live within the borough of Gravesham or who live within the civil parishes of Ash cum Ridley, Bean, Fawkham, Hartley, Longfield, New Barn, Southfleet, Stansted and Swanscombe and Greenhithe (Galley Hill and Swanscombe wards).
6. Eligible boys who live within the borough of Gravesham.
7. Eligible boys who live within the civil parishes of Ash cum Ridley, Bean, Fawkham, Hartley, Longfield, New Barn, Southfleet, Stansted and Swanscombe and Greenhithe (Galley Hill and Swanscombe wards).
8. All other eligible boys.

Children will be ranked within each of the over-subscription criteria according to the nearness of the child's home to the School. In the event more than one applicant has the same distance from home to school a random selection will be applied.

We use the distance between the child's permanent address and the school, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

The attached map showing Gravesham and the local parishes listed in the over-subscription criteria is also available from the School or at www.gravesendgrammar.eu.

Parents of eligible children who have not secured a place may request their child be added to the School's waiting list which will be ranked in line with the published oversubscription criteria, and re-ranked every time a child is added. Parents have the right to appeal a decision not to admit their child to the School. They should write to the Clerk to the Governors at the School indicating the grounds on which they wish to base their appeal.

Entry into a year group either below or above a child's normal age will not normally be considered. Where there exist exceptional circumstances, requests for admission outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher as early as possible before the child's expected start date.

Admission arrangements for children to be taught outside their expected year group

Requests for admission outside the child's expected year group must be made to the Headmaster as far as possible before the autumn closing date for normal applications. There is no requirement to provide evidence, but evidence provided may support a decision. Any evidence must be specific to the child in question. Parents should complete a normal application in addition, in case their request is declined. If the request for admission outside expected year is agreed, a paper SCAF must be submitted to the LA with copies of the written agreement from the school.

SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The academic condition for entry into 6th form for September 2018 is:

- A minimum of 2 C and 4 B grades at GCSE or equivalents (where a 6 is equivalent to a B grade and a 5 is equivalent to a B/C grade)
- The above must include a minimum of a grade 5 in English and Maths

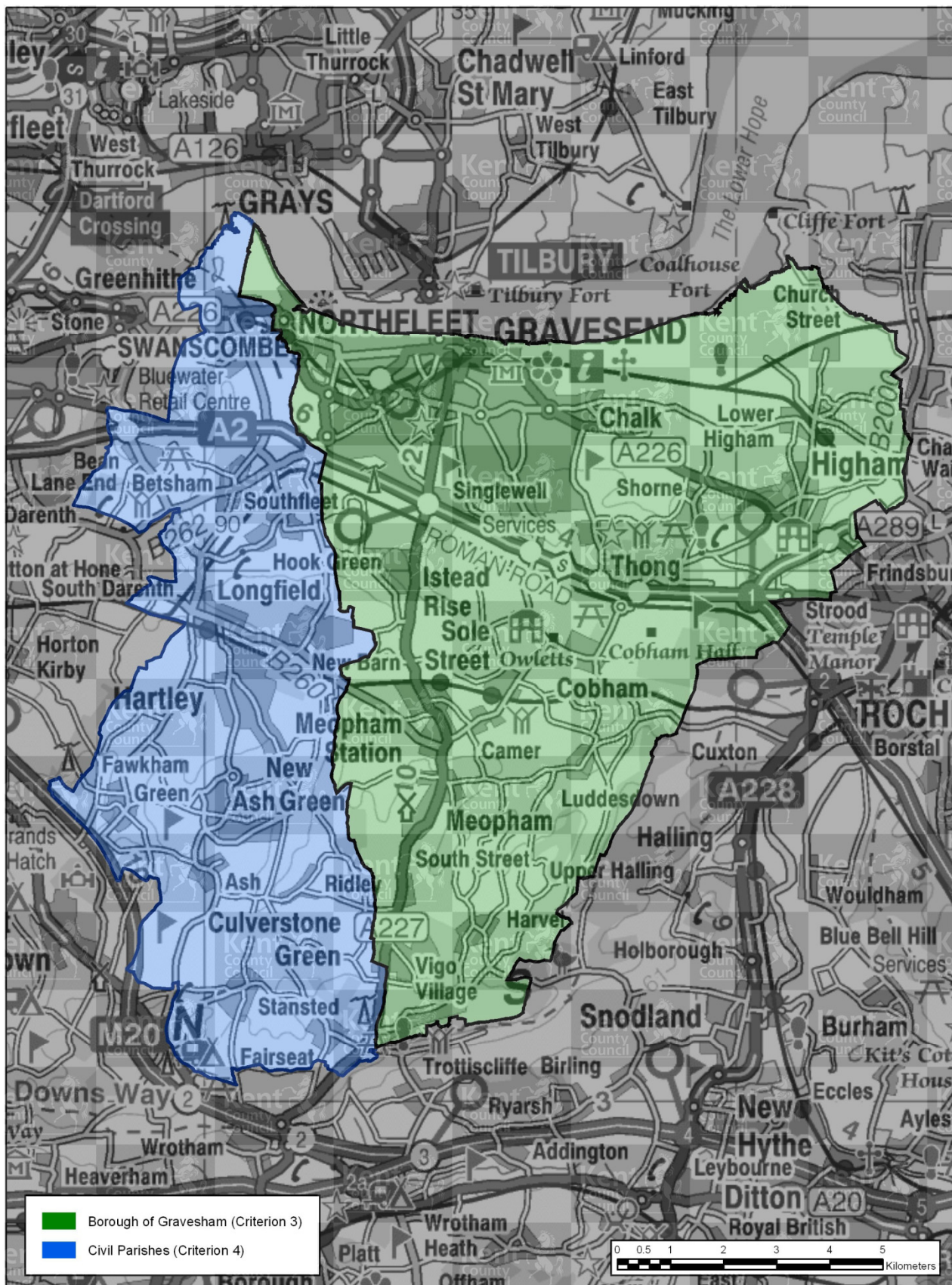
The Admission number for students joining Gravesend Grammar for the first time at age 16+ (or into Year 12) is 30. This figure may be exceeded in the event that the number of existing boys in Year 11 transferring into Year 12 is less than 150. The total number of students in Year 12 should not be more than 180.

For students joining the school at 16 the following oversubscription criteria will apply in the event of external applications taking the number over 180.

- Eligible students in Local Authority care (see main school criteria)
- Eligible students who have a brother or a sister who will be attending the school when the applicant joins or is a former student (see main school criteria)
- Students with the best aggregate GCSE points scores in their best 6 subjects including English and Maths.
- If the aggregate scores are the same in their best six subjects, then distance from school (as in the main school criteria) will be the tie breaker.

Students who do better than they are predicted to do may re-apply after results day if they meet the sixth form entrance requirements. Oversubscription criteria may apply if the sixth form has reached 180 students. Students will only be made offers if there is space available in the subjects they wish to study.

Parents have the right to appeal a decision not to admit their child to the School. They should write to the Clerk to the Governors at the School indicating the grounds on which they wish to base their appeal.



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