

Castle Community College Admissions Policy 2016/2017 (Years 7 – 11)

Based in Deal, Castle Community College is a mixed community school for students aged between 11 and 18.

Published Admission Numbers

The maximum number of intended admissions for Year 7 in the academic year commencing 1st September 2016 will be 180.

Over-subscription criteria

Before the over-subscription criteria are applied, children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school following the due process of receiving papers from the LA, will be admitted and the published admission number will be adjusted accordingly.

Where the number of admissions is greater than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

1. Children in Local Authority care (see note A)
2. Where a brother or sister will be attending the school when the child starts (see note B)
3. Health and special access reasons (see note C)
4. Nearness of a child's home to College (see note D)

Students are ranked according to the over-subscription criteria. The ranking order within each criterion group is determined according to the remaining criteria where applicable and then finally by distance between the school and the applicant's home address.

Should a tie break situation arise, the distance between the applicant's home address and the school will be used to determine which applicant is offered the place. Should two applicants have the same distance between their home address and the school, a random selection will be made.

After a place has been offered the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

- When a parent or carer has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time or:
- When the admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent or carer.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Where a parent requests that their child is admitted outside of their normal age group, the school is responsible for determining which year group the child will be placed into. The school will make a decision based on the individual circumstances surrounding the child. There is no statutory barrier to children being admitted outside their normal age group. Parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted into a particular year group.

Waiting list from March 2016

In the case of over-subscription, after all places have been offered following the above criteria, a waiting list will be kept from March 2016. Students will be placed on a waiting list in over-subscription criteria order according to the over-subscription criteria. The waiting list will remain in place until everyone on it is allocated a place or until 1st September 2016 when it will be revised.

Appeals

Parents of Year 7 applicants who are not offered a place will be notified of the appeals process by the Local Authority on National Offer Day.

Late applications

Late applications will be accepted and processed in accordance with the scheme published in the LA's admissions booklets.

Note A - Children 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) or who is the subject of a care order under 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).

Note B – Current family association

A brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means 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. If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets etc) apply for the school and we would reach our Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, we will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

Note C – Health and Special Access Reasons

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 children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally, this priority will apply to children whose parents'/carers' physical or mental health or social needs meant that 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.

Note D – Nearness of children's homes to College

We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the College, 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 College as specified by Ordnance Survey which will be equidistant between the two sites (OS Reference X-6369342, Y-1511834). The same address point on the College site is used for everybody.

The permanent address is defined as the child's main or only residence and not an address that the child sometimes stays at due to domestic or special arrangements. If parents or carers live separately but share responsibility for the child we will regard the permanent address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.