

DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021 OAKWOOD PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Entry Criteria

- Entry to Oakwood Park Grammar School for Year 7 is via the Kent Test.
- In Year admissions are via age appropriate tests set by the school.
- Entry to the Sixth Form is conditional – places are offered to those meeting the entry requirements (see below) with priority being given to existing students transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. In addition the school has 30 places available for external students who must also meet the entry requirements. This figure may be exceeded in the event that the number of internal students transferring to Year 12 is less than the overall figure for the year group, which is 180.

Year 12 Entry Requirements:

- Students achieving a minimum of at least six GCSEs (9 - 4) of which at least four are at a grade 6 (or equivalent).
- Students achieving a minimum of four grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study.
- Students achieving a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics, however, typically we would expect students following essay-based subjects to gain at least a grade 6 in English Language and students following scientific courses to gain at least a grade 7 in Mathematics.
- The school shall determine which grades at 6 are required when A level subjects requested have not been taken at GCSE Level.
- Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria.

All offers are conditional on students meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results. Offers made will also take into account capacity in the subjects chosen. Some courses may become over-subscribed even though the overall admissions number has not been reached. Where appropriate a reserve subject would be considered.

Oversubscription Criteria

Oakwood Park Grammar School's Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 is 160 and for Year 12 is 180. Where the number of applications for admissions is greater than the PAN, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs where Oakwood Park Grammar School is named on the statement of Education (SEN), Health and Care Plan (EHCP), the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below;

- a. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care - a "looked after child" or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
- b. Children previously in Care outside of England – Children who appear to KCC to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organization or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Supplementary Information form available on request.

- c. 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, step brothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.
- d. 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 Oakwood Park Grammar School. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Oakwood Park Grammar 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 Oakwood Park Grammar School.
- e. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium – a child is eligible for Pupil Premium where they have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years. This does not include children who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Pupil Premium is also afforded to children in local authority care or previously in local authority care, however these children will be prioritized in the relevant criteria above. Parents wishing to apply under this criteria must ensure they complete a Supplementary Information Form, available from the school, and return it to the school by 31st October in the year of application. Parents must also complete an application (via online or paper Secondary Common Application Form) naming the school, otherwise their child cannot be considered for a place.
- f. Nearness of children's homes to school — we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and Oakwood Park Grammar School measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by the NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used by everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Waiting Lists

The operation of waiting lists for admissions to Oakwood Park Grammar School is subject to provisions regarding waiting lists in Kent County Council's co-ordinated admission scheme.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above.

Appeals

Parents have a statutory right of appeal, should an application for a place be refused, by writing to The Clerk to the Governors, care of the school

SUPPLEMENTARY FORM FOR PUPIL PREMIUM INFORMATION

To qualify for Pupil Premium you have to be eligible under one of the following criteria:

Ever 6 FSM

The pupil premium will include pupils recorded in the January school census before application who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) in any of the previous 6 years, as well as those first known to be eligible at that January.

Children adopted from care or who are left in care

The pupil premium will include pupils who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order).

- Please fill in the details below and send the form back to the school with your evidence. For further information on what evidence is required please contact the school for assistance.
- Please remember to also fill in a Secondary Common Application Form either online via www.kent.gov.uk/ola or by paper SCAF and return to Kent County Council.

CHILD'S DETAILS

Forename

Surname

Date of Birth

Address (this address will be used on all future correspondence unless otherwise notified. Please use house numbers and names where applicable).

Postcode

Current School Name and Address

PARENT/CARER DETAILS

Title:

Forename:

Surname:

Relationship to Child

**Telephone
Numbers**

1.

2.

Email Address:

Print Name

Signature

**Please return to: Oakwood Park Grammar School, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent
ME16 8AH**

Supplementary Information form to support an application for children previously in care outside of England

Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

Current legal surname of child	
Any previous name(s) by which the Child was known	
Forename(s)	
Current School (if applicable)	
Year Group for which you are Applying	
Parent(s)/Carer(s)	
Home address	
Telephone	
Email	
Date of Adoption	
Name of Country and local authority where the child was in state care	
Please list documentary evidence Provided to support above application (eg. Birth certificate, adoption certificate)	

Signed Name Printed

Date

Please return to: Oakwood Park Grammar School, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8AH

