

DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

INVICTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMISSION OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN 2025

Entry Criteria

- Entry to Invicta Grammar School for Year 7 is via the Kent Test. The Published Admissions Number is 240. The school is usually over-subscribed. Before the application of the oversubscription criteria, children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), who name the school, and students who are or who have been Looked After will be admitted. As a result of this, the Published Admissions Number will be reduced accordingly.
- In-year admissions are via a two stage process. Stage 1 comprises age appropriate CATS or MIDYIS testing (or equivalent). Students who achieve the required threshold will be invited to return, at a later date, to sit Stage 2 tests in English, Maths and Science.
- 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. The PAN for our Sixth Form is 420. The capacity for external candidates will be variable developing upon the number of existing students transferring into Year 12.

Sixth Form Entry Requirements:

All students need to meet the following criteria to gain a place in Year 12 at Invicta Grammar School:

- 46 points across the best 8 subjects with a Grade 5 in Mathematics and English (Language or Literature).
- Meet the entry requirements for the A level subjects that they wish to study.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of the places available, places will be allocated to the eligible girls in the following priority order:

- a) Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order and children adopted from state care outside of England. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with an accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 221 (1) of the Children Act 1989).
- b) Current Family Association – a sister or brother attending Invicta Grammar School at the time the child starts. In this context sister or brother means children who live as sister or brother, in the same house including natural sisters and brothers, adopted siblings, step sisters or brothers and foster sisters and brothers.

- c) Medical, Health and Special Access Reasons – medical, health, 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 Invicta Grammar School. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents’/guardians’, physical or mental health or social needs mean there is a demonstrable and significant need for their child to attend Invicta Grammar School. All claims under this criteria must be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and Invicta Grammar School.
- d) 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 6 years. This does not include girls 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 prioritised in the relevant criteria above. Parents wishing to apply under this priority must ensure they complete the Supplementary Information Form for Pupil Premium Information available on the school website, <http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk/195/policies-and-documents>, and return it to the school by 31 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.
- e) Children of Permanent Members of Staff – children of staff who work at the school, full time with at least two years’ continuous employment or where the school considers a member of the staff has been recruited for a position for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- f) Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child’s permanent home address (defined in KCC’s annual admissions prospectus) and the 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 NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for 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. Where applications are made from properties or abodes that are not registered to the NLPG, including new build properties, KCC may be required to use planning sites or other relevant co-ordinates. In exceptional circumstances where alternative co-ordinates are not available, measurements will be determined by a Senior Admissions Officer and confirmed by Head of Service.

The school uses measurements provided by the Local Authority and further information on how distances are calculated, including what is defined as permanent or main residence, is available in the ‘Admissions to Secondary School in Kent’ booklet provided by the KCC. If, in the event, more than one applicant has the same distance from home to school (as measured by the local authority), then a random selection will be applied (in accordance with the KCC definition). In the event that the final place offered from the ranked list falls to a student of a multiple birth, the school will offer a place to each of these children who have met the over-subscription criteria.

With reference to the oversubscription criteria please refer to Appendix 1 of the Kent Admissions booklet regarding residency in Kent.

Home address:

We will accept as a student's address the residential property that is the child's only or main residence, not an address at which your child may sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic arrangements. It will be either:

- i) owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian; or
- ii) leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under a lease or written rental agreement

Evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required, plus proof of the child's permanent residency at the property concerned. The Trust reserves the right to check information given on the application form. If any information given on the form is found to be incorrect, or if you fail to notify us of important changes in the information, the offer of a school place can be withdrawn. We can only accept one current home address on the Secondary Common Application Form. If you live separately from your partner but share responsibility for your child, and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of nights in each week. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if proof of residency is not met.

Waiting lists will be re-ranked, in line with the published oversubscription criteria, every time a child is added. These will be maintained until the end of the school year. Anyone wishing to remain on the waiting list should contact the school to request this.

Requests for admission to Year 7 outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher as early as possible. As entry to the school is through the Kent Test procedure, parents need to ensure they allow the school and admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date for Kent Test registration. Where a parent is requesting for their child to apply a year early, parents are advised to contact the school shortly before the opening of the Kent Test registration process for the year they wish their child to start.



SUPPLEMENTARY FORM FOR PUPIL PREMIUM INFORMATION ENTRY 2025/2026

Please only complete this form if your child is currently eligible for Pupil Premium

Eligibility

A child is eligible for Pupil Premium where they have been registered for Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. This does not include those 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 prioritised in the relevant criteria.

Evidence Required

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for details of eligibility criteria and what evidence is required.

In addition to this form, please also submit evidence from your child's current primary school confirming that they are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium, as a result of being eligible for Free School Meals.

Child's Details

Forename:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Address and Postcode:

Current School:

Parent/Carer Details:

Title:

Forename:

Surname:

Relationship to Child:

Telephone Number 1:

Telephone Number 2:

Email Address:

Declaration:

I confirm the information supplied is true and accurate and I consent to eligibility checks being made.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Please complete and return this form along with evidence of eligibility to the Admissions Team, Invicta Grammar School, Huntsman Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5DS – admissions@invicta.viat.org.uk by 31 October 2024.

Parents must also complete a Secondary Common Application Form either online via www.kent.gov.uk/ola or by paper SCAF and return to Kent County Council.