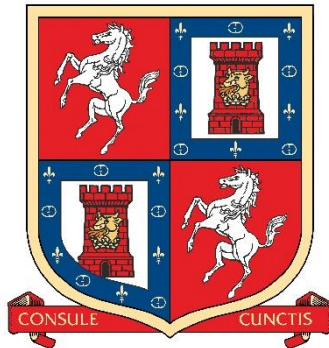


# Gravesend Grammar School

## ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS for ENTRY to the SIXTH FORM

### September 2025



Admission to the Sixth Form in September 2025 is as a result of applicants obtaining a minimum two level 5 and four level 6 grades at GCSE to include a level 5 or above in English and Mathematics.

Students meeting these entrance requirements are considered eligible for admission to the Sixth Form ("Eligible Students"). Where individual subject requirements are in place, as detailed in the sixth form subject prospectus, Eligible Students must be able to find a viable course based on their GCSE results. Therefore, Admission to the Sixth Form does not guarantee admission to a student's desired course(s) (see below).

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for students joining the School in Year 12 for the first time at age 16+ is 30. This figure may be exceeded, at the School's sole discretion, in the event that the number of existing students in Year 11 transferring into Year 12 is less than 194. The total number of students in Year 12 should not be more than 224.

For students joining the school at 16, the following over-subscription criteria will be applied in the event that there are more Eligible Students wishing to enrol than there are places available. Before application of the over-subscription criteria, Eligible Students with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted. As a result, the number of other places available up to the PAN will be reduced correspondingly.

1. Eligible Students who are categorised as Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority 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 outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

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. Eligible Students whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to Eligible Children 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 School.
3. Eligible Students who have a sibling who will be attending the School when the child 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 Children who have a parent who is a member of staff at the school provided they have been employed for a minimum of two years or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
5. Eligible Students who live within the Borough of Gravesham.
6. Eligible Students who live within the civil parishes of Ash-cum-Ridley, Bean, Fawkham, Hartley, Longfield and New Barn, Southfleet, Swanscombe and Greenhithe and Stansted.
7. Eligible Students who live within the civil parishes of Stone, Darenth, Horton Kirby and South Darenth and Cliffe and Cliffe Woods.
8. All other Eligible Students.

Children are ranked within each over-subscription criterion according to the nearness of the child's home to the School. Where more than one applicant has the same distance, a random selection will be applied. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school measured in a straight line using National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) 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 NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

### **Subject Choices;**

The School will endeavour to accommodate applicants' subject choices made on application in February and subsequently confirmed by offer letter prior to enrolment in September of the same year. Once submitted applicants may request to change their choices on transition days following receipt of their GCSE results. Applicants whose original choices remain unaltered will not be impacted. Where a number of applicants request a change to the same course, enrolment will be allowed where there are spaces to accommodate all of these students. Where there are insufficient course places available, students will be ranked using the over-subscription criteria

above. Course places will be awarded to those students occupying the highest positions on the ranked list up to the number of available places.

Applicants 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. Full details of how to do this will be supplied with the School's notification that a place is not available.

