

**Maidstone Grammar School for Girls  
A Foundation School**

**Proposed School Admissions Arrangements: September 2017**

**Criteria for Admitting Pupils to Year 7 for September 2017. This will become our In Year Fair Access Policy.**

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls complies with the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme run by the Kent Local Authority.

**Oversubscription Criteria**

Entry is through the Kent age 11 assessment procedure. When the school is oversubscribed (**the School's Planned Admission Number is 180**), the following oversubscription criteria will be used in the order shown:

1. Qualifying children who are looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Other qualifying children, in the order of siblings
3. Other qualifying children with Health and Special Access Reasons
4. Other qualifying children living the shortest distance from the school.

## **Definitions:**

**Children in Local Authority Care or Previously 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 ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act.

### **Qualifying**

A child who has been assessed as suitable for admission to grammar school. To be eligible girls should be assessed through the Kent Age 11 Selection Procedure.

**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.

**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 a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social need means there is a demonstrable and significant need for their child 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.

**Nearness of children's homes to school** – The distance between the child's permanent home address and the school is 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. When we apply the distance criterion for an oversubscribed Community or Voluntary Controlled school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority. 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.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the LA will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

### **Transport**

Please refer to KCC documentation regarding transport.

## **Maidstone Grammar School for Girls Sixth Form Admission Arrangements 2017**

Year 7 Planned Admission Number: 180

There is a mixed Sixth Form at MGGS. Priority will be given to existing students transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. Admission to the Sixth Form will be as a result of applicants achieving a minimum grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics. In total students need to have achieved at least six GCSEs of which at least four subjects are at grade B (or grade 6). In addition, students must meet subject entry requirements. Students without a grade 6 in English Language are likely to find the choice of subjects which they can access is restricted.

The admission number for external candidates will be approximately 50 but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal students transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall figure for the year group, which is 200.

All applications to join the sixth form should be made using the Kent-wide online application process.

Full details are available in the sixth form prospectus and essential information booklet.

All candidates should be able to provide evidence from their current schools of their ability to work effectively and successfully in an academic environment.

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 the 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.

### **Over-subscription criteria:**

#### **Internal candidates:**

We give priority for places to students currently in Year 11 at our school, provided they have met the entry criteria.

#### **External Candidates:**

Following the admission of internal students transferring from Year 11, all remaining places will be allocated to students who have met the entry requirements for the particular course of study. Where there are more students seeking places than the number of places available, the oversubscription criteria above will be used.

In the event of a tie breaker situation, the nearness of an applicant's home to school will be the decider.

If in the event that 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.

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

- a. When the parent or student has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
- b. When a parent or student has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or
- c. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or student.

**Offers**

Offers will be made on the basis of predicted performance at GCSE, with the requirement that the above grades are achieved in the final examinations prior to entry to the Sixth Form and the student's chosen subjects being accommodated on the timetable, in feasible group sizes.

All offers made during Year 11 are conditional on students meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results. This admissions policy applies to students seeking admission to Year 12 at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls. We do not accept students into Year 13.

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.