



## DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

School of Science and Technology Maidstone's admission oversubscription criteria  
for entry in 2024

### Entry Criteria

- Applications for places at the School of Science and Technology Maidstone are made in accordance with Kent Local Authority's coordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF), provided and administered by the [Kent Local Authority](#). The Published Admissions Number is 180.
- In Year admissions are administered by the school. Applications are made via the In Year Casual Application Form available [here](#). Please email the completed form to the school at [admissions@sst.viat.org.uk](mailto:admissions@sst.viat.org.uk). In case of oversubscription, our oversubscription criteria outlined below will be applied.

### Oversubscription Criteria

Before the application of the oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

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

- a) **Children in Looked Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care** – 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.

- b) **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'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean 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.



- c) **Current Family Association** - a brother or sister in the same school at the time of entry. In this context, siblings means children who live as sister or brother in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.
- d) **Children of Permanent Members of Staff** – Children of staff who work at the school, full time
  - (i) with at least two years' continuous employment  
or
  - (ii) where the Trust considers a member of staff has been recruited for a position for which there is demonstrable skill shortage.
- e) **Nearness of children's home to school** – we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NPLG) 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 NPLG. The same address point on the school site is used for all applicants. Random allocation undertaken by a person independent of the school will be used as a tie break to decide who has the highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the school is equidistant in two or more cases.

### **Admission of Children Outside Their Normal Age Group**

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested. When such a request is made, the academy trust will decide on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, considering the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

### **Home Address**

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required, together with proof of the child's permanent residency at the property concerned. The school 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 the important changes in the information, the offer of a school place can be withdrawn.

### **Waiting List**

The waiting list for September 2024 admission will operate until 15 September 2024. This will be maintained by the school. Parents can ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Children's position in the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. After 15 September 2024, a waiting list is operated for In Year Admissions. Parents whose child's name was placed on the September 2024 admission waiting list will need to request to be placed on the In Year Admissions waiting list. Waiting lists will be re-ranked, in line with the published oversubscription criteria, every time a new name is added.