



Maidstone Grammar School
for Girls

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Admissions and Sixth Form Admissions

Governing Body Policy

For entry in September 2019 to August 2020

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Maidstone Grammar School for Girls is a selective Grammar school. The school will admit girls into Years 7 to 11 and girls and boys into Years 12 and 13.

A) Year 7 Admissions: September 2019

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls complies with the Co-ordinated Admission Scheme, which is administered by Kent Local Authority

Detailed information about the school is available in the prospectus and Essential Information Booklets which can be found on the school website www.mggs.org.

Girls are normally admitted at age 11. All students must have gained a selective place through the Kent PESE (Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education). Details of the Kent PESE are available from the Kent County Council booklet 'Admission to Secondary School in Kent 2019'. There is no guarantee of a place to applicants who meet the over-subscription criteria.

The Published Admissions Number is 180.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health and Care Plan, which names the school, will be admitted. As a result of this the Published Admission Number will be reduced accordingly.

When the school is oversubscribed, the following oversubscription criteria will be used in the order shown:

- **Eligible girls who are looked after and previously looked after children:** 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.
- **Students in receipt of Pupil Premium:** A student 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 students who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Parents wishing to apply under this criterion must ensure that they complete the attached Supplementary Information Form 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.
- **Governor places:** The top 30 students in rank order of the TOTAL aggregate score in the Kent 11+ assessment tests.
- **Current family association:** This is defined as a sister or brother attending either Maidstone Grammar School for Girls **or** Maidstone Grammar 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.
- **Distance from home to school:** Determined by straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data, with those eligible girls living nearest being accorded

highest priority. The school uses measurements provided by the local authority and further information on how distance are calculated is available in the 'Admission to Secondary School in Kent' booklet provided by the local authority.

- If more than one applicant 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. In the event that the final place offered from a ranked list falls to a pupil of a multiple birth, the school will offer a place of each of these girls who have met the over subscription criteria.

B) Admissions In Year Entry: 2019 - 2020

Applicants at a time later than the normal admissions age should apply directly to the school using the In Year Casual Admissions Process. This can be done via the link below:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/move-to-a-different-school>

Once a completed In Year Casual Admission Form (IYCAF) has been received applicants will be tested by the school to obtain evidence of ability to keep pace with the work of this selective school.

The Published Admissions Number and over-subscription criteria apply as above. In the event of the Year group being over-subscribed, a waiting list will be held, ranked according to the over-subscription criteria.

In Year Entry Testing Process

Students applying to join Maidstone Grammar School for Girls during the academic year will be required to sit internal tests to assess the applicant's suitability for education in a selective environment. Students will be required to visit the school for one day to sit a selection of tests as detailed below:

Cognitive Ability Tests to include: Quantitative, Non-verbal reasoning and Verbal reasoning followed by an English test and a Mathematics test.

Students' scores should place them in the top 25% of the national ability range in all four tests.

C) Sixth Form Admissions September 2019

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:

- At least a grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature
- At least a grade 5 in Mathematics
- At least 6 GCSE subjects of grades 9 - 5
- The specific entry requirements for each A level subject.

Students without a grade 6 in English Language or English Literature are likely to find the choice of subjects which they can access is restricted.

The admission number for external candidates will be 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.

Students will be expected to enrol on a two year, full time, planned programme of study. International students may also be admitted to the Sixth Form, but are required to provide certified evidence that they have achieved the equivalent of Mathematics and English grade 5 at GCSE level. We also admit a limited number of international ‘guest’ students in Year 12, usually for no more than two terms and subject to certain conditions.

Applications to join the sixth form should be made using the Kent-wide online application process <https://www.ucasprogress.com/search>. Full details are available in the sixth form prospectus and curriculum information booklet.

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.

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:

External Candidates must meet the same academic entry requirements as internal candidates.

In the event of over subscription, priority will be given to those who fulfil the entry criteria, in the following order:

- **Eligible students who are looked after and previously looked after children:** 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.
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- Eligible students who are likely to achieve the highest academic grades based on GCSE predictions from their current school. GCSEs already certificated will be

counted. The number of grade 9s will be the first measure, then grade 8s and so on. The school will be the sole arbiter of measures of equivalence when students have sat examinations other than GCSEs. IGCSEs are considered to be equal to GCSE grades.

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

Offers

Offers will be confirmed once the school has been notified of GCSE results in August 2019.

We do not normally accept students into Year 13.

D) General (all Years)

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

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

Appeals: Parents have a statutory right to an independent appeal, and they can make an appeal by writing to The Admissions Manager, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Buckland Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0SF (01622 752103).

Waiting List: A waiting list will be held, where appropriate, ranked according to the oversubscription criteria until January of the following year.

History Log

Last Revised	Revised By	Ratified By Governors	Next Review Date	Time Scale
September 2014	Headteacher	18 th March 2015	September 2015	Annually
September 2015	Headteacher	25 th November 2015	September 2016	Annually
January 2016	Headteacher	16 th March 2016	January 2017	Annually
September 2016	Headteacher	November 2016	September 2017	Annually
September 2017	Headteacher	29 th November 2017	September 2018	Annually

APPENDIX One:

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for 2018/19 Admissions Pupil Premium Notification

This form does not constitute a valid application. You must complete the relevant KCC Application Form (SCAF or IYCAF) if you wish your daughter to be considered for a place at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, these are available directly from KCC.

The following sections should be completed and returned to the school by 31 October of the year of admissions, to notify us that you are applying for a Pupil Premium place. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for full details of the eligibility criteria you will need to evidence.

This should be sent to The Admissions Manager, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Buckland Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0SF.

Child's Surname:	
Child's Forename:	
Child's Date of Birth:	
Permanent Home Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Name of Parent/Carer:	
Child is in Receipt of Pupil Premium	YES/NO (Please delete as appropriate)
Please provide copies of all evidence required with this form. Please state the evidence provided.	

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

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pupil Premium Eligibility Criteria: 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 oversubscription criteria above.