

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Sixth Form Admissions Policy from 2023

Dover Grammar School for Boys is seeking to amend its Sixth Form entry requirements for students entering Year 12 in September 2023. This does not affect our PAN in Year 7 (currently 150) nor does it affect any other aspect of our Admissions Policy. The current Sixth Form admissions policy is that:

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 satisfying all three of the following criteria:

- at least GCSE grade 5 in both English Language and Maths;
- at least grade 6 in a minimum of four other GCSE examinations.

Each A Level subject offered in our Sixth Form has its own entry criteria which are published on our website, www.dgsb.co.uk, together with further information about courses of study. 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's address.

We intend to amend our Sixth Form admissions criteria as follows:

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 satisfying the following criteria:

- students will have achieved at least GCSE grade 4 in both English and Maths;
- students will have met the entry criteria for at least 3 full A Level subjects

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We are proposing this amendment to bring our Sixth Form admissions criteria in line with the requirements of the former "A*-E" system, where a C in English and Maths was required. As a 4 under the new system is deemed to be a 'standard pass', as was the case with a "C" grade under the previous system, we believe that this is a reasonable and fair adjustment to make to ensure that students in our locality are served appropriately and able to access Level 3 qualifications at our school. By changing our subject-specific entry requirements to the above, we believe we will be able to give greater flexibility to students in our locality to access Level 3 qualifications.

This consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 15th November 2021 until Tuesday 28th December 2021. If you wish to comment on or reply to this consultation, please email Admissions@dgsb.co.uk marking your message for the attention of the Headteacher and with the subject heading "Sixth Form Admissions Consultation 2021".