Admission to Secondary Schools in Bexley 2020-2021

Closing date for applications 31 October 2019
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Please apply online. Bexley’s online CAF will be available from 1 September 2019 until the closing date of 31 October 2019. Please visit www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk

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Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased that you are considering a Bexley secondary school for your child. In Bexley we have outstanding, good and improving schools which achieve very good results for the young people who attend them. Whatever your child’s interest or ability, Bexley has the right school to help them achieve their potential, to be happy and to thrive as they grow up.

The transition at age 11 from primary to secondary school is an important time and you need as much information as possible about the schools and the application process in order for you, with your child, to make the right choice. There are some very clear deadlines for applications which you can find on page 9. This brochure is also available online at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions.

The booklet provides some key information about each school and the opportunities offered to its pupils. These descriptions offer a helpful starting point, but visiting the schools during an open day or evening is essential for you to find out just what the school is really like. On page 58 there is a schedule of open days and evenings for all Bexley secondary schools. If you have any particular questions, do ask them when you visit the schools– they will be happy to answer them for you.

At these open events you will receive a copy of the school’s prospectus, or if you can’t attend for any reason, you can ask a school to send one to you. All schools have their own websites which you can explore to find out more details.

You can also apply for a Year 10 place in a University Technical College or other 14+ provision through the School Admissions Team in the same way as for a Year 7 place.

The Council wants every child in Bexley to achieve their full potential. The world of work is changing rapidly and this creates a challenge for us all. We are working with schools, colleges, training providers and employers to ensure that the right learning pathways are accessible, supported by excellent careers guidance.

We are also keen to engage with parents and carers to help raise awareness of the opportunities available for their children and to ensure they are able to support their aspirations for the future. Further information will be provided on the Council’s website during the autumn term.

I wish your child every happiness and success in their new school.

Councillor John Fuller
Cabinet Member for Education
July 2019
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- You can view and change your application right up to the closing date.
- Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week up until the closing date and time of 11.59pm on 31 October 2019
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The co-ordinated admissions process

This brochure is written to help Bexley residents to apply for a secondary school place. It contains information about all the schools in the borough, how to apply, and how the schools decide which children to offer places to. If you are also considering schools outside Bexley, you should look at the brochures produced by other local authorities for details of those schools.

The application and offer process is known as co-ordinated secondary school admissions. It applies to children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009, who will start at secondary school in September 2020, and to young people already in Year 9 of a secondary school who are applying for a place at a University Technical College or other 14+ provision that admits students into Year 10.

This is a summary of the process:

• You should list your preferences in order. All preferences will be considered equally but the order is important as each child will be offered only one school, this being the highest of the preferences for which he or she qualifies.
• If your preferences include an Academy or a voluntary aided (faith) school, you will also need to contact those schools to ask if they need you to provide additional information (such as confirmation of baptism/church attendance) on a supplementary form. If a school requires you to complete a supplementary information form, you must obtain a copy from the school and return it to the school by the date specified by that school. Supplementary information forms for schools in Bexley are also available from www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions
• The schools in Bexley that require you to submit a supplementary information form are Beths Grammar School, St Catherine’s Catholic School, St Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School, Townley Grammar School and Trinity CE School Belvedere.
• The online application site closes at 11.59pm on 31 October 2019.
• The final closing date for all applications is 31 October 2019.
• If you include one or more schools in your list of preferences that is not a school in your home area, your home LA will let the other LA know of your application.
• All applications for each school will be considered, by the admission authority for the school, against the published admission criteria, to decide which children can be offered places.
• We will establish which is the highest preference amongst the schools you listed that can be offered. Parents will receive only one offer: If more than one school is able to offer a place, the system will select the one that was ranked highest on your CAF.
• If you are a Bexley resident and your child cannot be offered any of the schools you list, a place will be offered at the nearest Bexley school to your home that has a vacancy.
• If you applied online, you will receive an e-mail with the school offered in the evening of 2 March 2020. If you applied online and are offered your first preference school, you will not receive a separate letter. All other applicants will be sent a letter on 2 March.
• If you receive an offer for your 1st preference school it will be assumed that you are accepting the offer, and you should only respond if declining the place. Any applicant not offered their 1st preference will be given two weeks to accept or decline the place offered.
• If you are not offered your first preference school, you can ask for your child’s name to be added to the waiting list of higher preference schools than the one offered. Waiting lists will be kept by the admission authority for the school and places will be offered by the home LA.
• You have the right to appeal against not being made an offer of a school for which you have expressed a preference.

You should complete only one application form, known as the Common Application Form (CAF), available online from the Local Authority in whose area you live (your home LA). This will normally be the authority to which you pay council tax.

The online application website opens on 1 September 2019. We would like parents to apply online, but paper forms will be available on request from the School Admissions Team.

If you live in the London Borough of Bexley, even if your child attends an independent primary school in Bexley or a primary school outside Bexley, you should apply for a place to the Bexley School Admissions Team.

If you live outside Bexley, whether or not your child attends a Bexley primary school, you should apply through your home LA.

You will be able to visit schools before you decide which schools you prefer. The dates for open days and evenings at Bexley schools can be found in the section about each school later in this booklet and on page 58.

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If you wish to enter your child for selection tests for schools outside Bexley, you should apply direct to the LA or school by their specified closing date.

Selection test results will be emailed to parents on 4 October 2019, so that you know whether your child has been deemed selective before submitting your application.

You should include all schools (apart from private or independent schools) on the CAF whether the schools are in Bexley or other areas, and whether they are faith schools, grammar schools, free schools or Academies. You may only submit one application, although if you apply online, you can make changes to your application up to 31 October 2019.

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Applying online

- You can apply online from any computer with internet access – at home or work, in a library or internet café.
- It is a simple, fast, secure process with confirmation that your application has been received.
- Apply when it suits you, but before the deadline of 11.59pm on 31 October 2019.
- Make sure you enter sibling details in the correct box.
- You can scan and upload address and date of birth evidence and other documentation with your application.
- After you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email with a unique reference number. Make sure you receive the confirmation, or your application may not be valid.
- Remember to return supplementary information forms direct to the schools that ask for them, and to send in evidence of address, medical evidence etc to the School Admissions Team if not uploaded with the application.
- You can view or change details at any time until 11.59pm on 31 October 2019. After that you can view, but not change, the details.
- You will receive an email telling you the school offered during the evening of 2 March, before your offer letter arrives, if you are offered your 1st preference, no letter will follow.
- If you are not offered your first preference school, you will need to accept or decline your offer online by 16 March.
- Visit www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions and follow the link to eAdmissions from 1 September 2019 to register and receive your user name and password.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan

For pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan), two processes will often run alongside each other in establishing which school the child should attend on reaching secondary school age.

- If your child attends a special school and will continue at that special school or another special school, you will not need to complete the ‘secondary transfer’ CAF.
- If, on the other hand, you are considering a mainstream secondary school for your child both the following processes will happen:

  1. An annual review of your child’s EHC Plan will be arranged by your child’s current school. This will take place either in the second half of the summer term of Year 5 or in the first half of the autumn term of Year 6. You will be invited to attend this meeting and you will be asked which school or schools you would like to consider for your child. Your child’s case officer from Bexley’s Statutory Assessment Team will also endeavour to attend this annual review.

  2. You will be invited to complete a CAF in exactly the same way as parents of pupils without EHC Plans. In addition, the Statutory Assessment Team has introduced a simplified version of the CAF form. All parents of young people with EHC Plans will receive information by post explaining what will happen.

Bexley’s Statutory Assessment Team and School Admissions Team will liaise to ensure that your preferred secondary school is identified. Bexley’s Statutory Assessment Team will liaise with your preferred school about its ability to meet your child’s special educational needs, as set out in his/her EHC Plan.

Once the processes have been completed, the Statutory Assessment Team will prepare a new amended EHC Plan in which the school that your child will attend will be named. You will have received a copy of the amended EHC Plan for approval before it is sent to schools.

Completing the application form

This is a checklist for parents when completing the online application:

- Complete all the sections as fully as you can and provide all the requested evidence at the time of application.
- The child’s home address must be where he or she is living with the parent or carer entitled to receive child tax credit or child benefit. Please upload a copy of your Council tax statement or tenancy agreement. We will check your address against records and may ask for further evidence.
- If you are not the parent or legal carer, or if your child is living at a different address from you, you must explain the reasons for this with the application. We may ask for further evidence of your circumstances.
- Make sure your preferences are in the right order – you will be offered the highest possible preference of those on the form.
- Give the name, gender and date of birth of any siblings already attending one of your preferred schools. A sibling is normally a full, half, step or adopted brother or sister living at the same address as the applicant. Check the school’s admission criteria for exact details.
- Give details and upload supporting evidence with your application if you are asking for priority because of medical conditions or social circumstances.
- If you are applying for a child who is looked after (in public care) or has previously been looked after but subsequently adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order, you must include evidence with the application such as a letter from the social worker or copy of a court order.
- Some schools may give priority to children of staff working at the school.
- If you write a reason for your preference in the box provided, you must provide supporting evidence with the application form if it is a request for particular priority such as for medical conditions or social reasons.
• You must scan and upload copies of supporting evidence or send paper copies to the School Admissions Team clearly marked with your application reference number.

• By submitting your online application you are declaring that the information provided is correct and that you understand that an offer of a place may be withdrawn if fraudulent or incorrect information is given.

• Supplementary information forms, where required, should be returned direct to the school.

• Apply online by 31 October 2019. If your form is late, it will not be considered until after all on time applications and your child may miss out on a place at your preferred schools.

Preferences

You can express a preference for up to six schools on your Bexley CAF. These should include all the schools for which you wish to apply, regardless of the type of school or if the school is not in Bexley. The only exceptions will be schools not participating in the co-ordinated admissions process, such as independent (private) schools.

The order of preference is very important. If more than one school can make an offer, the system will select the one that is ranked highest on your CAF.

All preferences are considered as equal. The position of a preference on your list will not be taken into account when the school is assessing which applicants have highest priority.

You can list six preferences on your form in order to ensure that your child has the best chance of being made an offer. However, you may feel able to express fewer preferences if, for example, your child has a sibling at your preferred all-ability school and you are fairly sure that you have high priority for an offer.

You should read the admission criteria carefully for all the schools you are considering. The criteria are not the same for all schools.

Faith schools give priority to families who attend church regularly. If you do not meet the criteria and the school is over-subscribed, you are unlikely to be offered a place.

Some schools ask children to sit an ability banding test and offer a certain number of places to each band of children. The home to school distances within each band may be different. Places may also be offered by random allocation within bands.

Some schools do not give priority for medical conditions or where a child has a brother or sister already attending the school.

Be realistic about which schools you are likely to be offered. It is important for you to list at least one school in your preferences that you can be confident will be able to offer your child a place, otherwise you risk your child being left without an allocated place when offer letters are sent out on 2 March 2020. If your child is not selective, your preferences should include all-ability schools.

Number of places available

The number of places available at each school for September 2020 is shown in the section about each school. This is known as the school’s published admission number (PAN). It is the number of pupils that the school intends to admit into Year 7 in September 2020.

The admission number is based on the capacity of the school. It is determined largely by the number of classrooms and specialist teaching rooms such as science laboratories. To admit more pupils than the admission number may adversely affect the school’s ability to provide efficient education.

If there are more applications than a school’s admission number, places will be allocated according to the over-subscription criteria explained in part 2 of this booklet.

Oversubscription criteria

Over-subscription criteria are used to prioritise applicants when a school receives more applications than the number of places available. The criteria are different for each school. Please read the admission arrangements for each school in the next section of the booklet.

All the secondary schools in Bexley are Academies. Academies provide free education to pupils in the local community, but they are not maintained by the LA. Some schools were established as Academies from the date of opening and others have changed to Academy status. The governors of Academies set their own admission criteria, and may use ability tests to ensure a balanced intake if the school is over-subscribed. Appeals should be made direct to Academies, not to the LA.

Four of the Academies in Bexley are grammar schools. Admission to all four schools is based on the results of the Bexley selection test. A grammar school place will be allocated only to pupils who have taken the selection test and have been deemed selective, or to those on a reserve list who have just missed the selective score. Children must be registered for the selection test by 7 July 2019 and will be tested on 10 or 11 September 2019. Please visit www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests for more details about the Bexley selection test.

If you ask for priority to be given under a particular criterion, for example for a medical condition or special circumstance, you must do so at the time you complete the CAF and provide all supporting evidence at the time of application and before 31 October 2019. Later requests will be considered only if the circumstances arise later.

You can enter a reason for a preference on the online and paper CAF but you must also submit separate medical or other evidence to support the reason, if appropriate, by 31 October 2019.
Advice on home to school distance

Although all schools in Bexley decide their own oversubscription criteria, measurements of home to school distance are usually provided by the London Borough of Bexley. Distances are measured as a straight line from home to the school for all schools except Townley Grammar School. This school measures distances by the shortest route by road from postcode to postcode considered appropriate by the School.

Home to school distances, where supplied to Academies by the London Borough of Bexley, are measured by the Council’s GIS system using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance. The system measures in miles and is accurate to three decimal points.

Where home to school distances are measured by radial distance (straight line), the measurement will be taken from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

Where home to school distances are measured by the shortest walking route, the measurement will be calculated by the school.

The home address will be taken as the child’s home address on 31 October 2019, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 9 December 2019. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, i.e., the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

The table below shows the distance up to which places have been offered over the last five years. It is impossible to predict exactly how far places will be offered for pupils due to start in September 2020. However, it is hoped that this table will enable parents to make a judgement of their chance of being offered a place based on what has happened in recent years.

The distances (unless stated otherwise) are by straight line measurement. The distances are those reached at the end of the process in August, not the distance when initial offers were made in March.

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* as at June 2019

Note: This list does not include the faith schools in Bexley nor schools that have ability banding or random allocation as part of their admission criteria (Harris Academy Falconwood, Harris Garrard Academy, Hurstmere School).
Address Verification

You will need to provide the following documentation as proof of your principal home address:

• A current Council Tax statement or Council Tax Benefit letter or a valid tenancy agreement from a commercial letting agency.

When applying online, you can scan and upload copies of the documents. If you will be providing a paper copy, please send it to the School Admissions Team ensuring it is clearly marked with your unique application reference number and your child’s name and date of birth. Please do not send original documents.

If you are unable to provide the requested documentation, you can seek advice from us on 020 8303 7777.

Please note that if you submit your application without the relevant proof of address, it may not be processed.

In establishing your principal home address, we will check records held by the Council, by schools and by external agencies. We may also ask you to provide additional proof such as:

• Opening/closing accounts for Council Tax.
• Residence orders (or other court orders) if relevant.
• Evidence confirming the completion of the sale or purchase of a new property.
• For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to Bexley, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in Bexley, proof of address, accompanied by an official letter confirming the posting, will be accepted ahead of the return to the UK.

Secondary schools will ask to see evidence of your address and your child’s date of birth after offers are made. Places may be withdrawn if your details do not match the information on your application form.

Change of address

The London Borough of Bexley is responsible for applicants resident in the borough of Bexley on the closing date for submission of the CAF, 31 October 2019. If parents provide documentary evidence both that they have left an address outside Bexley and have moved into Bexley before 9 December 2019, the London Borough of Bexley will accept responsibility for administering the application. The documentary evidence required is confirmation that liability for council tax on the previous address has been cancelled and that the parent is now registered for council tax purposes as the occupier of the new address in Bexley. Evidence of the move must be received by the London Borough of Bexley by 9 December.

Changes of address within the London Borough of Bexley will be accepted until 9 December 2019 if documentary evidence of the move as described in the paragraph above is provided by that date. After 9 December 2019, or if sufficient evidence of the move is not provided, the previous address will be used for allocation purposes until after the first round of offers has been made on 2 March 2020.

For families who move into Bexley after 9 December 2019, the application will continue to be administered by the home LA at the time of application. The London Borough of Bexley will become responsible after the national offer date of 2 March 2020.

The London Borough of Bexley is committed to removing disadvantage for service children. Where families of service personnel have a confirmed posting to Bexley, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in Bexley, proof of address, accompanied by an official letter confirming the posting, will be accepted ahead of the return to the UK.

If you change address after you have submitted your CAF, you must inform the School Admissions Team. If you are offered a place at a school based on an address that you have left without informing us, the offer may be withdrawn.

Parental responsibility

You must have parental responsibility to apply for a school place for the child named on the CAF. If you do not have parental responsibility, you must attach a letter to the application form explaining the circumstances and the reason for the application.

If you are looking after a child who is not your own child or a close relative, it may be considered to be a private fostering arrangement and you must notify the Council’s Children’s Social Care Team. If we receive an application for a school place for a child who is not living with one of their parents, we will ask you for further details if not provided with the application and make sure that the Social Care Team is aware of any child who is being privately fostered. (This does not apply to children in public care who are being looked after by foster parents or who are subject to formal court or guardianship orders).

Where custody of a child is shared, the principal home address will be with the parent or guardian in receipt of child benefit.

Admission outside the normal age group

Parents may request early or late entry to secondary school. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for secondary school places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the appropriate year’s application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must transfer to secondary school at the correct time of their chronological age group. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to year 7) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

False or misleading information

The application form contains a statement that the information supplied is true and that providing false or misleading information may render the application invalid. Where there is suspected fraud, investigations will be undertaken.
If we find that an offer of a school place was made on the basis of false or misleading information, the London Borough of Bexley reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any stage during the admissions process.

In disputed cases, the London Borough of Bexley will make a judgement based on all available evidence.

**Late applications**

Applications received after 31 October 2019 but on or before 9 December 2019 may be accepted and included in the main process in time for offers to be made on 2 March 2020, but only if they are late for a good reason. Evidence of the reason for lateness must be included in writing with the application. Each case is decided on its own merits.

Where the reason given for lateness is judged not to be a good reason, or the application is received after 9 December 2019 but before 2 March 2020, it will be processed only after the allocations procedure for all 'on-time' applications has been completed. This is usually from the beginning of April. If a place cannot be offered at one of the preferred schools, a place will be allocated at the nearest school to the child’s home with a vacancy.

**Changes to preferences**

You can edit your online application up to 31 October 2019, ensuring that you re-submit the application upon completion. After that date, the next opportunity to change preferences is after the national offer date of 2 March 2020.

The principle of the co-ordinated admissions scheme is to offer each child the highest possible preference listed on the application form. If you wish to add a preference or change the sequence of preferences after 2 March 2020, you will need to decline any school place already offered unless evidence is supplied of a change in circumstances that make the change essential.

**Multiple applications**

You can make only one application to your home local authority. If you live in Bexley and want to apply for schools in other boroughs, you should list the schools on the Bexley CAF. Do not apply both to Bexley and another local authority. If you do, the London Borough of Bexley reserves the right to consider only the preferences made on the Bexley CAF and your child may lose the opportunity of being offered a place at schools named on a second application.

The London Borough of Bexley encourages parents to apply online. If you apply online, we would ask you not to submit a paper CAF as well. If you submit a paper form as well as an online application, the details on the application submitted on the latest date (prior to the closing date) will be taken as the valid application.

If the online application and the paper CAF are submitted on the same day, the London Borough of Bexley will use the online application as the valid application.

**Offers**

All preferences will be considered against the over-subscription criteria for the school. If there are more applications than there are places, the admission criteria will be applied to decide which pupils are eligible to be offered a place at each school. You will then be offered a place at the school that can accept your child and that was the highest ranked in your list.

If you applied online, you will receive an e-mail with the school offered during the evening of 2 March 2020. If you are offered your first preference school, your offer will be automatically accepted and you will not receive a separate letter. All other applicants will be sent a letter on 2 March and will have until 16 March 2020 to accept or decline their offer. If you choose to decline an offer, you must provide details of the school your child will be attending. An offer of a place may be withdrawn if you do not accept or decline by the date given to you. Information about offers will not be given over the telephone.

It may be that none of your preferred schools are able to offer your child a place. If you are a Bexley resident, a place will be offered at the nearest Bexley school to your home that has a vacancy. You can also ask whether other schools still have vacancies. If you live outside Bexley, your home LA is responsible for offering you a school place.

**Waiting Lists**

Parents not offered a place at their first preference school can ask for their child’s name to be included on the waiting list for higher preference schools than the one offered.

A child’s name cannot be included on the waiting list for a grammar school unless he or she has achieved a high enough score in Bexley’s selection tests to be deemed selective.

The London Borough of Bexley will pass on waiting list requests to the admission authority for the school. Waiting lists are kept in the same order as the over-subscription criteria for the school.

If a vacancy arises in a school before the start of the term in September 2020, the school will inform the Local Authority who the place can be offered to, and the home LA will send an offer letter. If that parent does not accept the offer, it will be offered to the child next on the waiting list. This procedure will be followed until the vacancy is accepted.

Waiting lists will be kept open until the date specified by each school in part 2 of this booklet.
Appeals

If you are not allocated a place at a school of your preference, you have the right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel. The Panel considers each case individually.

Appeals Panels are independent of the Council and the school and are set up in accordance with the Department for Education’s Code of Practice on School Appeals. Panels include people with experience of education and ‘lay members’. None of them will have been involved in making the original admission decisions nor will they have any connection with the school for which you are appealing.

The following is a summary of the current procedures.

1. An appeal must be submitted in writing setting out the grounds on which it is made.

2. An Appeals Panel must give parents an opportunity of attending and speaking at the meeting. They may allow parents to be accompanied by a friend or to be represented.

3. The matters to be taken into account by an Appeals Panel in considering an appeal will include:
   (a) any preference expressed by parents in respect of the child’s admission to schools; and
   (b) the arrangements for the admission of pupils published by the Admission Authority.

4. The conduct of the Appeals Panel will accord with the DFE Code of Practice on School Appeals.

5. The appeal will be heard in private and be conducted in an informal atmosphere and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

6. The Appeals Panel’s decision is binding on the admission authority for the school.

The appeal process and rules are the same for all types of schools. You should contact the admission authority for the school you wish to appeal for, for further information.

If you have been offered a place at another school, and you accept that place, it does not affect your right of appeal for your preferred school and will not influence the Panel’s decision.

The appeals procedure may also be used if a parent has requested a transfer from one secondary school to another and the request has been refused.

The table below shows the number of appeals heard and the numbers allowed for the past three years for pupils due to start in secondary school.

**Number of appeals heard and upheld (as at June 2019)**

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Checklist for parents

1. Visit as many schools as you wish. The open days and evenings for Bexley schools are listed under each school and on page 58.

2. Check the admission criteria for each school you are interested in to make sure you are likely to meet the requirements. Where home to school distance is deciding factor, please refer to the table on page 12 of this booklet.

3. Complete your application online, with up to six school preferences, with your highest preference first. You should include all schools you wish to apply for, even if they are not in Bexley. Do not complete more than one application.

4. You can return paper CAFs to your child’s primary school, if it is in Bexley, or to the School Admissions Team. The final closing date for receipt of CAFs, either online or paper, is 31 October 2019.

5. If you are applying for a school that requires a supplementary information form, obtain the form from the school or the Council’s website and return it direct to that school by the specified closing date. In Bexley the schools that ask for a supplementary form are: Beths Grammar School, St Catherine’s Catholic School for Girls, St Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School, Townley Grammar School and Trinity CE School, Belvedere. Schools that set banding tests may also ask you to complete a form to register for the banding test or to apply for special arrangements for the test.

6. Make sure you submit your application by 31 October 2019. If your application is late, your child will not be considered for the schools listed on the form until after the offer day on 2 March 2020, and may miss out on a place at the most popular schools.

Year 10 applications for University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools

University Technical Colleges (UTCs) are technical academies for 14 to 19 year olds. They have university and employer sponsors and combine practical and academic studies. UTCs specialise in subjects that need modern, technical, industry-standard equipment – such as engineering and construction – which are taught alongside business skills and the use of ICT.

Studio Schools are innovative schools for 14 to 19 year olds, backed by local businesses and employers. They often have a specialism, but focus on equipping young people with a wide range of employability skills and a core of academic qualifications, delivered in a practical and project-based way.

There is only one local UTC:

Leigh UTC
Dartford
www.theleighutc.org.uk
Specialisms: Engineering and Computer Sciences

A list of other UTCs and studio schools across London is available on request. Please contact schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk to request a copy.

Please look at the UTC websites for more information about the colleges and the admission criteria and process.

If you live in Bexley and your child will start Year 10 in September 2020, you can apply online for a place at a UTC or Studio School by 31 October 2019. Go to www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions for more details. The same closing date and process apply to UTCs as to secondary school admissions at Year 7.

Bexley selection test for entry to grammar schools

An information leaflet about the selection test can be downloaded from the Council’s website www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests

You can also e-mail selectiontests@bexley.gov.uk if you have questions that have not been answered here, or contact the School Admissions Team on 020 8303 7777 or by e-mail schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk
Part 2
More about our Secondary Schools
Information About Schools

Bexley’s schools

This section provides you with information about the secondary schools in Bexley. Further information can be found in the school prospectus published by each school. The prospectuses include information about things like organisation and curriculum of the school, religious education, sex education, discipline, pastoral care, school rules, uniform, careers advice, public examination entries and results. Parents may obtain copies of the prospectuses by applying to the individual schools in which they are interested. Schools will normally have their prospectus available at the open days and evenings.

You can also find more information about schools by reading recent Ofsted reports. A copy of the most recent Ofsted report for each school is available from Ofsted’s website, www.ofsted.gov.uk

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Beths Grammar School

Throughout his time at Beths Grammar School, your son will be academically challenged and stimulated through accelerated learning, given the opportunities and motivation for him to realise his true potential, and be supported at all times by an Outstanding team of teaching and support staff.

Our aim is to educate the whole pupil, readying them for higher education or the world of work through an Outstanding curriculum and wealth of extra-curricular activities which develop their independence and leadership skills. These include House Competitions, Duke of Edinburgh, highly successful sports teams, music and the arts. We retain nearly all our students into Sixth Form.

Focusing on, ‘Promoting Educational Excellence and Leadership Skills’, we seek to create young adults who are forward thinking, confident and highly successful, readying them for a technologically advanced age and a global community.

We do this through marrying the old with the new; combining grammar school traditions with the freedom enabled by academy status to offer a diverse and engaging curriculum, enriched by the use of technology.

Above all, our students remain our most valued asset. They are polite, articulate and their behaviour is Outstanding. We strongly recommend you attend our Open Events to speak to them directly about their life at Beths Grammar School and look forward to showing you some of the fantastic work they produce and the exciting opportunities we have to offer.

For more information about our curriculum, a copy of our Ofsted report or any other information, please visit our website: www.beths.bexley.sch.uk

Admission arrangements for September 2020

At Age 11 (Boys born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 inclusive).

This school participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme.

Only boys who attain the standard prescribed by the London Borough of Bexley for admittance to selective schools in the Borough will be eligible to be considered for entry to the school.

Boys for whom the Local Authority maintains a formal Statement of Special Educational Needs/Educational, Health and Care Plan naming Beths Grammar School, who attain the standard, will be admitted.

Parents of children in Bexley primary schools are notified of these arrangements and announcements are made in the local press.

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2020 is 192 at age 11.

Over-subscription

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied for students deemed selective in the Bexley Test, in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit:

1. Applicants who are or have been Looked After Children.
2. Those boys identified by the Local Authority as achieving one of the highest 180 scores in the selection tests.
3. For applicants with a sibling currently attending Beths Grammar School at the time of enrolment. A sibling includes full, half, adopted and step brother or sister living at the same address.
4. Applicants with a parent or registered carer employed by Beths Grammar School on a permanent contract at the time of application.

5. Up to 12 places for boys who are eligible for Pupil Premium and/or Free School Meals and deemed selective at the time of application in rank order of distance from the school. A supplementary form will be downloadable from the school website and will need to be returned to the school by 31 October 2019 for those wishing to be considered under this criteria.

6. On the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicant’s home address to Beths Grammar School’s east entrance in Hartford Road). In cases where parents live at different addresses, the home address is that at which the child resides for the greater part of the week.

7. Where the distance is identical to 0.001 of a mile, the scores in the selection tests will be used as a tie-breaker with priority given to the higher score.

In-Year Applications for Years 7-11

Boys will only be admitted in Year 7-11 if the number on roll in the relevant year group falls below the planned admission number of 192. In such circumstances, places will be offered in accordance to oversubscription criteria 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 above. (Criterion 2 does not apply for In-Year applicants). New In-Year applicants who are eligible for a place will be added to the waiting list when a place is not available.

Applications for admission should be made to the School using the In-Year application form which is available on the School’s website at www.beths.bexleysch.uk.

Applicants who took the Bexley Selection Test when in Year 6 and were deemed selective will be eligible to be considered for entry to the School.

Other applicants will sit the In-Year test. Applicants deemed selective as a result of this test will be eligible to be considered for entry to any of the four Grammar Schools in the London Borough of Bexley.

Applicants who took the Bexley Selection Tests when in Year 6 and were not deemed selective will not be tested as In-Year applicants before 1 June in Year 7.

At Age 16

The anticipated capacity of the Sixth Form (Year 12 & 13 combined) is 500.

All Beths Grammar Year 11 students wishing to transfer into Year 12 are encouraged to do so provided they meet the entry requirements.

Entry Requirements

- a minimum of 7 full course GCSEs at grades 9-5
- a minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics
- meeting individual subject requirements: as detailed in the 6th form choices booklet

External Applicants

There will be a minimum of 58 places available for external applicants (Boys and Girls) who must meet the entry requirements as above. Applications for admission should be made to the School using the on-line application form which is available on the School’s website at www.beths.bexleysch.uk via Sixth Form/Year 12 Admissions and should be completed and submitted by 4.00pm on 31st January 2020.

Conditional offers will be made to students predicted to meet these requirements. The minimum course of study in Year 12 is three A Levels.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more external applicants who are predicted to meet the entry requirements than the number of places available, the following criteria will be used to decide to which students places will be offered:

1. Applicants who are or have been looked after children.

2. For students with a sibling attending Beths Grammar School at the time of enrolment. A sibling includes full, half, adopted and step brother or sister living at the same address.

3. On the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicant’s home address to Beths Grammar School’s east entrance in Hartford Road). In cases where parents live at different addresses, the home address is that at which the child resides for the greater part of the week.

Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept in the same order as the relevant oversubscription criteria for each year group. A student’s name can only be included on the waiting list for Beths Grammar School for Years 7-11 if they have been deemed selective and for Year 12 if they are predicted to meet the entry requirements.

Appeals

In cases where a student is not offered a place at Beths Grammar School, parents/carers will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel.
All visitors to Bexley Grammar School, from parents to contractors, comment on the atmosphere they feel as soon as they enter our school: friendly, stimulating and welcoming. We pride ourselves on the quality of the relationships between students and staff which underpin this very palpable sense of a cohesive school community. Our students rise to the ambitious challenges we set them both within and beyond the curriculum so that they leave as self-assured, compassionate, highly skilled young men and women, equipped to flourish in higher education or employment in our ever-changing world.

Our vision is of a school that gives students the confidence to succeed in whatever they aspire to do in their lives. We want all students to reach their full academic potential and to develop into compassionate future leaders in line with our ethos: At Bexley Grammar School we strive to develop students who value Intellect, Empathy and Courage.

We have a first rate curriculum: Our outstanding academic record speaks for itself and Ofsted has rated us outstanding for over a decade. Our challenging curriculum includes two languages and three separate sciences as standard at GCSE and a fully IB (International Baccalaureate) Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form students regularly achieve the highest proportion locally of places at Oxbridge and other top universities and some of the highest rates of entry into Higher Education in the country. We have been designated as a Specialist Language College and awarded a further specialism in Science with Mathematics which we use to focus on promoting STEM, especially with girls.

We offer unrivalled pastoral care and excellent standards of discipline: Bexley Grammar School is, primarily, its students; their achievements present the best evidence for judging how the school is progressing. Students are valued as individuals in their own right and challenged to achieve their personal best in whatever they tackle. As a mixed selective school, we believe we are in a particularly privileged position to support the development of responsible, reflective, well-rounded people who understand tolerance and who appreciate and value differences between individuals. Year 7 students are nurtured particularly carefully as they settle into a new school, as are our relationships with you as parents and carers; this home-school partnership is central to the success of your child. Our highly qualified, enthusiastic and dedicated staff are committed to providing this care in a disciplined, inspiring environment which allows students to flourish and to face their next steps with confidence.

We offer a truly remarkable array of enriching trips and extra-curricular activities: There are opportunities to travel both locally and across the globe; to take part in World Challenge, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports, Music, Drama, enrichment visits to the theatre, lectures from prominent academics; the list is endless. But for many Bexley Grammar students, their most precious memories arise out of the healthy rivalry generated by our extremely lively House competitions which encompass everything from dance to gardening and from music to bridge. These also provide a strong link with the past traditions and values of the school.

We look forward to welcoming prospective Year 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening and hope that you will also choose to join us for one of our Open Mornings where you can see the school going about its daily life and make your own judgements about our strengths.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out more about the school, please visit the website at www.bexleygs.co.uk and be sure to have a look at our weekly newsletters to get a flavour of our vibrant community.
Basic Information

Bexley Grammar School participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admission Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme. The School also participates in the local Fair Access Protocol.

All applicants complete their Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF) which is returned to their home Local Authority. On the CAF all schools applied to are listed in order of preference. This order is used by the Local Authority when allocating applicants to schools.

Application Process

Applicants must reach the required standard in a set of tests. The tests are marked and the scores age standardised. The scores achieved in these tests are then considered by the selection panel convened by Bexley Council in order to decide which students should be ‘deemed selective’. The assessment decision is based on the test results. However, the applicant’s primary school Headteacher may request a review of the decisions they disagree with. In such cases, the ‘Head Teacher Review Panel’ considers all the relevant information before making a decision. This can include the applicant’s test scores, recent school work and comments from the applicant’s primary school Headteacher.

Note: If Bexley Grammar School is named in a student’s Statement of Educational Needs he/she will be admitted to the school if he/she is deemed selective.

Only applicants ‘deemed selective’ are eligible to be considered for a place at the school.

Over-Subscription Criteria

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit:

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children (children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, special guardianship order or residence order). Top priority is given to children who are, or have been, in public care.

2. Guaranteed Grammar School Place. Those students identified by Bexley Council as achieving one of the highest 180 scores in the selection tests.

3. Sibling Those students with a brother, sister or step/half brother or sister living at the same address who are currently attending Bexley Grammar School in Years 7 – 11 at the time of application.

4. Staff Children Bexley Grammar give priority to children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application was made.

5. Distance Students will be admitted on the basis of proximity to the school measured in a straight line from the home address. The distance will be measured by the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system from the gate of the home address to the middle gate entrance approved by the Governors as the official entrance to the school.

6. Test Score Where distance is identical to an accuracy of 0.001 of a mile then the scores in the selection tests will be used as a tie-breaker with priority given to the higher score.

Home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; defined as ‘the Home address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Mon-Fri)’.

Proof of residency will be required. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if proof of residency is not met.

Where applications exceed places, a waiting list will operate and is maintained by Bexley Grammar School. Names will be listed according to the oversubscription criteria above and the waiting list will be updated to include late and in-year applications.

Where parents are not offered a place they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process.

Admission except at the beginning of Y7

Students wishing to join Bexley Grammar School except at the normal point of admission must be deemed selective under testing arrangements for selection similar to those required at the age of 11. Students may not undertake more than one test in an academic year and students that take the test at the usual time in Y6 and who are not deemed selective may not undertake a retest before the summer term of Y7.

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available the oversubscription criteria 1 and 3 to 6 above apply. (The second criterion only applies to students applying to join the school for the start of Year 7).
Bexleyheath Academy

Bexleyheath Academy is under new Leadership. The Academy has a very clear vision for educational excellence. Our aim is to ensure that each individual student is able to achieve their full educational potential as well as providing them with the personal skills which will prepare them for life and work in the ‘real world’. As such, the opportunities the Academy offer are vast and ever expanding. Education is of the utmost importance to the young people we teach; it can be the starting point to a very different life trajectory.

We also have six very focused key drivers that help us engage in all we are trying to do daily. These drivers include: High aspirations, high quality learning, effective leadership, everyone valued, high quality outcomes and no excuses.

The Academy continues to strive for excellence in all the major key performance areas, with a particular focus on the quality of teaching, curriculum innovation, personal development and the retention and recruitment of outstanding staff.

We are continually evaluating our performance to ensure progression in this field as the progress of students is of the highest importance to us. We have equally high expectations of our students in terms of behaviour, effort and willingness to take an active role in school life and life beyond the school gates.

The Academy has the benefit of a building that has very good facilities.

Our aspiration is to be truly outstanding and with the support of parents, governors, students, staff and the wider community, we are confident that this can be achieved.

Admission arrangements for September 2020

These arrangements are established in accordance with Annex 1 of the Academy’s Supplemental funding Agreement.

Admission Number

Bexleyheath Academy has an agreed Published Admission Number (PAN) of 330 for entry into Year 7. The Academy will accordingly admit up to 330 students in the relevant age group, each year, if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 330 or fewer apply. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan or existing Statement of Special Educational Needs is required to be admitted if the Local Authority deems Bexleyheath Academy to be a suitable school to meet a child’s needs. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Oversubscription Criteria

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. If the Academy is oversubscribed after the admission of students with an EHCP where the Academy is named in the EHCP, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children (see definition).
2. Where the child has a sibling (see definition) currently attending the Academy at the closing date for applications, with a reasonable expectation that the older child will still be at the Academy at the time the younger child is admitted.
3. Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above criteria (other than Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children).
Applying for a place in Year 7 for September 2020

All applications must be made in accordance with the coordinated admission scheme operated by the child’s home Local Authority (LA). For children resident in Bexley this is published by London Borough of Bexley in the Secondary Education in Bexley booklet. Applications must be received by the national closing date, 31 October 2019. Offers of places will be sent on 1 March 2020.

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with in accordance with the co-ordinated admission scheme published by the child’s home LA. For children resident in Bexley, this is published in the Secondary Education in Bexley booklet.

Distance tie-breaker

All straight line distances are calculated electronically by the LA using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address-point between which straight line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places. In the unlikely event of two applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at the Academy, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by an independent person not involved in admissions.

Twins, triplets etc

For applications made in the normal admission round, if the last child to be offered a place is a twin and their sibling cannot initially be offered, the Academy will ensure both twins are offered a place. In the case of triplets or other multiple births, if the majority of children can initially be offered a place, the Academy will offer places to the remaining children. For example, if two triplets can be offered a place, the remaining child will also receive an offer of a place. For mid-year applications, where a family moves into an area necessitating a change of school for their twins (or triplets etc) and the majority can be offered a place then a place will be offered for the remaining child(ren). However, where the family does not move but wishes to transfer the children to the Academy where there are insufficient places for all of them then a place would not normally be offered for all.

Waiting Lists

In accordance with the co-ordinated admission scheme, the LA will hold the waiting list until the end of August, if the Academy is oversubscribed. Thereafter, the waiting list will be handed over to the Academy and maintained on an on-going basis. Waiting list positions can change, for example, as a result of an offer of a place being made or as new applications for the Academy are received. It is therefore possible that a child’s position on the waiting list could move down as well as up. The waiting list is open to any parent/carer who requests for their child’s name to be placed on the list following an unsuccessful application. Places from the waiting list will be offered in the priority order set out above, not in order of the date applications are made.

Mid-year admissions

The Academy will co-ordinate their own mid-year admissions and an application made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the Academy. Parent/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time. On receipt of a mid-year application, the Academy will notify the LA of both the application and its outcome, to allow the LA to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places within their authority.

Fair Access Protocol

The Academy works in accordance with the in-year Fair Access Protocol held by the LA. Should a vulnerable child within the protocol require a place at the Academy, they will take precedence over any child on the waiting list.

Appeals

Academies Enterprise Trust (AET) as the Admissions Authority delegates the responsibility for appeals back to Bexleyheath Academy. The Academy buys into the Independent Appeals Service at the London Borough of Bexley. If your child has not been offered a place you have the statutory right to appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to admit your child. Parents/carers have twenty school days from the date of their refusal letter to make an appeal. This is to ensure that it is heard along with all others. Detailed information about how to appeal will be sent to parents/carers with their offer pack.

Parents/carers making a mid-year appeal against the decision of the Admissions Authority to refuse their child a place at the Academy must be lodged within twenty school days of the date on their refusal letter by completing the Notice of appeal form. The form should be sent to the Clerk to the Appeal panel c/o Jo Laurance, Schools’ Appeals Administration, Customer and Corporate Services, Bexley Civic Offices, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7AT.
Blackfen School for Girls

Blackfen School is a progressive and vibrant learning community that focuses on raising the aspirations and releasing the potential of every young person in our care. The school is an Academy and is part of the Penhill Academies Umbrella Trust with Sherwood Park School, Hurstmere, Bexley Grammar School and Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School. This enables us to continue ensuring that students leave Blackfen School as successful, happy and fulfilled young people who are equipped with the necessary skills, qualifications and experiences to make them successful in their future lives. We believe everything is possible and can be achieved through hard work, determination and perseverance. We believe that all our young people have a growth mind set and that their intelligence is not fixed.

Our beliefs are demonstrated through a learning community that thrives on innovative and challenging teaching, complemented by frequent visits and enrichment activities.

Students participate in extra-curricular activities ranging from Music, Drama, Team Pond and D of E awards to life-changing expeditions through World Challenge events and trips to Poland, Amsterdam and our partner school in India. The welfare programme is characterised by strong personal and academic support, as well as the development of students’ leadership skills. Our frequent rewards and celebrations for high-level achievement are welcomed by students and their parents.

The success of Blackfen students at school is underpinned by the support of parents – at home and in partnership with staff. The contribution of our parent partners ensures that Blackfen School provides an educational experience that nurtures the very best outcome in every student. We invest heavily in nurturing our new students. All Year 6 pupils are visited in their primary school and spend a day with us in the summer term to familiarise themselves with different school routines. We look forward to welcoming prospective Year 6 pupils and their families to one of our Open Mornings to see the school in action and to the Open Evening, to collect a Prospectus and further subject information.

Admission arrangements for September 2020

At age 11 (Girls born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 inclusive)

The school participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme.

Consideration of Applications

Blackfen School will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than the published admission number (230) for any relevant age group are received Blackfen School will offer places to all those who have applied.

Girls with a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (when Blackfen School is named on the statement or plan) will be admitted.
Over-subscription criteria and priority

**Priority 1 - Looked After Students**
This is given to a girl in public care (‘Looked After’) or a girl who has previously been in public care (previously Looked After), but has ceased to be so because she has been adopted or become subject to a residence or special guardianship order.

**Priority 2 - Medical**
This is given where a girl, sibling or a parent has a medical condition which makes it essential on medical grounds, for the girl to attend Blackfen School. Documented social, medical or psychological evidence must be provided from an appropriate independent registered professional. The Council’s own medical advisor may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

**Priority 3 – Sibling**
This is given to a girl with a sister or brother attending a Penhill Academies Trust school named in the list here (Sherwood Park Primary School, Blackfen School or Hurstmere School). This includes a full or adopted sister/brother or step/half-sister or brother or foster sister/brother living at the same address at the time of application. Where twins or children from a multiple birth apply, if one child is allocated a place, their sibling or siblings will automatically be allocated a place.

**Priority 4 – Penhill Academies Trust Feeder School**
This is given to a girl who attends a Penhill Academies Trust primary school (Sherwood Park Primary School).

**Priority 5 – Distance**
This gives priority on the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicants’ home address to Blackfen School’s main visitor pedestrian entrance). Home address will be taken as the girl’s home address at the time of application. That is the address at which she lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; that is the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/ or Child Tax Credit or if this does not apply the address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday-Friday).

Tie-break
Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the school is the same.

This process will be independently verified.

In-Year Admissions
Applications for places during the year should be made direct to the school. A girl’s position on the waiting list is determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above.

For applications for in-year admissions, appeals must be heard within 30 days of the appeal being lodged.

Right of Appeal
There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for unsuccessful applicants. Please contact the school to make an appeal.

Waiting List and Continued Interest List
Where applications exceed places, a waiting list will be maintained until 31st December in the year of admission, in accordance with the admission criteria. After that date a new Year 7 list will be created and held from January 1st to 31st July, containing the names of students whose parents have expressed (in writing) a continued interest in a place at Blackfen. Similarly, continued Interest lists will be created and held from September 1st until 31st July each year for Years 8-11 inclusive.

Continued Interest lists will be ordered in line with the oversubscription criteria, and therefore positions on those lists are subject to change in the event of new applications.

Fair Access Protocol
Blackfen School is required to participate in the Fair Access Protocol. The school can be directed to admit a student and this could mean such a child being admitted ahead of the waiting list or even if the year group is full.
Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School

The vision of Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar school is to ‘help the learners of today become the leaders of tomorrow’ whilst offering the best of selective education to young people. The school stands for excellence in all fields: academic, cultural, aesthetic and sporting. All pupils are encouraged to develop their character in a caring, disciplined environment, and above all to have high expectations of themselves. The school prides itself on its traditions and values and in developing a friendly and personal atmosphere.

Curriculum
The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum, including two languages, three Sciences and a full range of artistic and creative subjects, all of which can be studied to A level. The staff are highly qualified and dedicated to ensuring that students achieve highly at GCSE and A Level. Students leaving the Sixth Form go on to many of the country’s most prestigious universities or achieve apprenticeships with leading companies.

Pastoral care
Pastoral care is organised around six tutor groups led by a Head of Learning. Each tutor group is part of a House, which forms the basis for extensive competitions during each year. We understand the importance of the transition process for Year 7 and have a bespoke programme in place, including a team building day and support from senior students through the early weeks of Year 7 and beyond. Each student is treated as an individual and challenged to fulfil their potential during their Chis ‘n Sid journey. We value our partnerships with parents and parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their son or daughter’s education. The school’s achievement of the prestigious Quality in Careers Award reflects the outstanding support given to all students as they prepare for life beyond school.

Enrichment
The extra-curricular life of the school is outstanding. A wide variety of opportunities exist for all pupils in sport, music, drama, language exchanges, trips abroad, debating, dancing, clubs and societies. The music, drama and sport is exceptional with outstanding children in all years. In particular, our rugby and netball teams are very successful and enjoy excellent facilities, including the new floodlights for the netball courts and the extended weight training facility for the senior rugby squads. There are purpose built facilities for Drama and Music.

The hallmark of the school is its success in developing each pupil’s skills and abilities and enabling them to take their place with confidence in higher education or employment. Pupils are confident, self-disciplined and eminently marketable in the world that lies ahead.

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Open days and evenings
**Open Morning**
Friday 11 October 2019
9am to 11am
Monday 14 October 2019
9am to 11am
(Tickets for the Headteacher’s speech are NOT required)
**Open Evening**
Wednesday 16 October 2019
5.30pm to 8pm
(Tickets for the Headteacher’s speech are required. Please see www.csgrammar.com for booking details)

Guided tour dates
(bookable from Friday 4 October 2019 via www.csgrammar.com - See Admissions/Open Days Year 7 Intake: 2020 )
Monday 7 October
Tuesday 8 October
Wednesday 9 October
Thursday 10 October
Tuesday 15 October
Wednesday 16 October
Thursday 17 October
Tuesday 29 October
Wednesday 30 October
Guided tours are for those children who are in Year 6 and have been deemed selective.
Places are limited and only one parent per student may book.

Supplementary form required
No
Admission arrangements for September 2020

Pupils born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 inclusive will be admitted to secondary school in September 2020. The number of intended admissions for Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School in Year 7 is 192.

This school participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme.

Only students who attain the standard prescribed by the London Borough of Bexley for admittance to selective schools in the Borough will be eligible to be considered for entry to the school.

Students for whom the Local Authority maintains a formal Educational Health Plan naming Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, who attain the standard, will be admitted.

The school will consider applications from students on a case by case basis who are no more than one year younger (that is, they were born no later than 31st August 2010) provided that they are already in Year 6 at a primary school and the school confirms that they are working successfully in that group.

Parents of children in Bexley primary schools are notified of these arrangements and announcements are made in the local press.

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2020 is 192 at age 11.

Over-subscription

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit:

1. Students who are or have been looked after children.
2. Those students identified by the Local Authority as achieving one of the highest 180 scores in the selection tests.
3. Students with a sibling attending Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School at the date of close of applications. In the case of In Year Admissions, this will be either at the date of application or would take effect when a sibling has joined the school subsequent to the date of application. A sibling includes full, half, adopted and step brother or sister living at the same address.
4. Those students with a parent or registered guardian employed at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School on a permanent basis for two or more years at the date of close of applications.
5. Priority is given to pupils living nearest the school based on distance from home to school. This is measured in a straight line from the applicant’s home address to Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School’s entrance on Hurst Road. Home address will be taken as the child’s home address at the time of allocation. This is the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, that is, the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit.
6. Where the distance is identical to 0.001 of a mile, the scores in the selection tests will be used as a tie-breaker with priority given to the higher score. Random allocation tie-break will be used to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the scores are the same. This process will be independently verified.

Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept for each year group. A student’s name can only be included on the waiting list for Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Years 7-11 if they have been deemed selective.

Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place for their child at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel. Parents should contact the school direct to obtain an Appeal Form.

In-Year Applications for Years 7-11

Students will only be admitted In-Year 7-11 if the number on roll in the relevant year group falls below the planned admission number of 192. In such circumstances, places will be offered in accordance to oversubscription criteria 1, 3, 4 and 5 above. (Criterion 2 does not apply for In-Year applicants). New In-Year applicants who are eligible for a place will be added to the waiting list when a place is not available.

Applications for admission should be made to the School using the In-Year application form which is available from the School or from your local authority.

Applicants who took the Bexley Selection Tests when in Year 6 and were deemed selective will be eligible to be considered for entry to the School.

Other applicants will be tested using the CEM Selection Tests and if deemed selective as a result of these tests will be eligible to be considered for entry to any of the four Grammar Schools in the London Borough of Bexley. Students may not undertake more than one in year test in an academic year and students that take the test at the usual time in Y6 and who are not deemed selective may not undertake a retest before the summer term of Y7.
Cleeve Park School

Cleeve Park School was judged as GOOD by Ofsted in July 2018

Our vision is To provide an excellent education for all our students

Our mission statement is Commitment, Pride, Success
Commitment to learning; Pride in ourselves and our community; Success in all we do.

Our students are at the heart of what we do. From the moment you visit our school on Open Mornings, we will support the whole child, recognising their potential, so that they can flourish and continue to value learning.

We know that all students and parents have high aspirations. It is our job to channel this through academic rigour and ambition.

An essential element of this is building resilience in our students through:

- Fostering a sense of what is worthwhile
- Building trusting relationships
- Promoting self-esteem
- Encouraging autonomy
- Academic risk-taking

For September 2019 the school is rebranding to a new and distinctive uniform which has been selected by our student voice through the student council and celebrates the addition of Cleeve Meadow Free School to our wider community. The new school is being built within the Cleeve Park site and brings the addition of a new performing arts block and 3G pitch to our school facilities.

Commitment

All students are set challenging individual targets based on prior learning. They and their teachers track progress regularly. Quality assessments inform vibrant teaching and learning. The SEN department, the Head of Year and pastoral team provide bespoke support for students to reach their potential.

The curriculum is broad and balanced. In Years 7-9 students study English, Maths, Science, Art, Design & Technology, Drama, Geography, History, Computer Science, French, Music, PE and Religious Studies.

In Years 10-11, students study the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, PE and Religious Studies. Students also choose option subjects, which give balance to the curriculum and allows them to develop their interests and attitudes.

Our Sixth Form is well integrated into the life of the school, with a wide range of courses available. Students can also access a wider curriculum, such as volunteering, mentoring and leadership experiences. They are supported to aspire to university and other appropriate career pathways.

Pride

Learning beyond the classroom recognises our students’ unique talents and fosters self-belief:

- Extensive individual music tuition
- Frequent musical and dramatic performances
- Duke of Edinburgh and other leadership programmes
- Competitive and non-competitive sport is promoted through our extra-curricular programmes. Students take part in the annual TKAT (Academy Trust) Games.
• Educational trips and visits to a range of overseas and UK venues, for example a yr 7 PGL trip to the Isle of Wight, Ski trip to Andorra and a trip to the French battlefields.
• Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge develops the skills and confidence to speak in public.

Success
We all thrive on praise and as such we have a multitude of ways to celebrate the success of our students. Opportunities for parents/carers to be part of their child’s achievements include Prize Giving, contact with home and parent consultation evenings. Celebration assemblies are integral to a community of respect and recognition.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school at one of our open mornings to experience its unique atmosphere.

Further information available from the web site www.cleevepark-tkat.org

Admission arrangements for September 2020
Cleeve Park School, located in the Borough of Bexley, is a comprehensive entry 11-18 mixed academy and is part of The Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT).

We offer 180 places in Year 7 each year and 120 places in Year 12.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission numbers (PAN) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process
Applications for admission must be made via the local authority, more information can be found at https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/education-and-services-children/school-admissions/secondary-schools

Applications for September 2020 must be received by the 31st October 2019. The local authority will send parents/carers letters / emails telling them the outcome of their applications on 1st March 2020.

Where more than 180 students apply places will be allocated in accordance with the criteria and in the order set out below:

Oversubscription criteria
The criteria in this section apply to entry at both phases of the school. Any students wishing to enter the sixth-form will also be required to have met the academic entry criteria for the sixth-form set out below.

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order (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)).
2. Siblings in school at the time of proposed entry. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer’s partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
3. Distance to the School as measured in a straight line route from the front door of the child’s home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the School, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the School receiving the higher priority.
4. Other children.

Tie-break
If in categories 2-3 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, random allocation undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with the Academy Trust will be used as a tie-break to decide who will be admitted.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all and exceed our PAN.

Arrangements for admission to the sixth-form
Children in our own year 11, providing they have met the academic entry criteria, will be permitted to move up to year 12.

The school will admit any students with an education health and care plan naming it.

All other students must meet the entry requirements for the post-16 vocational or academic route they wish to follow and any individual subject entry requirements as set out in the sixth form prospectus on the school web site at http://www.cleevepark-tkat.org/34/prospectus

Where there are more eligible students than places, the oversubscription criteria above will determine who is admitted.

Late applications
All applications received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school’s waiting list.
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 and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Executive Head Teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Children directed via Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over any child already on the school waiting list and this includes admitting children over the published admissions number.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child’s name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Children’s position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list. The school will also keep a list, ranked against the oversubscription criteria, of those applying for entry to year 12 who are not made a conditional offer by 29th March 2020. Any of those students meeting the academic entry criteria on Thursday 20th August 2020 will be considered for a place if any students who were previously offered places, conditional upon meeting the above academic entry criteria, do not achieve their grades.

In-year admissions

Any parent can apply for a place for their child at any time to any school outside the normal admissions round. They can do this by applying directly to the local authority who coordinates all in-year admissions for the school. Details on how applications can be made and how they will be dealt with can be found at: https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/education-and-services-children/school-admissions/secondary-schools

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the Chair of Governors by 1st May 2020. Any child not offered a place has the statutory right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. The Independent Appeal Panel will be determined by the Governing Body on an annual basis and will, usually, consist of two lay members and one person from the community, independent of the School. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel will be binding on the Governors and the parents. Full details of the appeals process are available from the Clerk to Governors.

Falsifying information

Falsifying information to gain advantage in obtaining a school place will lead to the withdrawal of the offer of a place. If it is found that a place has been achieved by falsifying information, any further siblings will not be considered.

Notes:

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.

Sibling:

‘Sibling’ means a natural brother or sister; a half brother or sister; a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister; a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.
The Haberdashers’ Aske’s Federation is a multi-academy trust of four secondary schools and five primary schools each at the heart of its community that share a vision for the education of children and young people.

Our vision is built from our values of aspiration and achievement, personal responsibility, self-discipline and mutual respect.

We are forward looking and value innovation, but always within the context of our long tradition of providing excellent education.

Based upon these values we aim to ensure all the children and young people who come to our schools:

• Are happy and safe at school and are able to learn successfully within a supportive environment
• Are able to achieve their full potential personally, academically and socially
• Develop and grow as independent, resourceful and resilient individuals
• Are equipped with the skills, qualifications and love of learning they will need to be successful in the world they will join as adults.

We will achieve these aims by providing a safe environment where all children and young people can succeed and through:

• Provision of a curriculum that is stretching, relevant and provides each student with the opportunity to excel
• High expectations of every member of our community
• Excellent teaching, leading to the highest standards of academic excellence
• The best standards of behaviour based upon our values of mutual respect, self-discipline and self confidence
• A respect for tradition that embraces innovation and challenge.

How to apply for a Musical Aptitude Place

The Academy offers 10% of the places available to applicants who show an aptitude in music. In order to ensure equal opportunity for all, the Academy is unable to take into consideration music certificates achieved or references.

• If you would like your child to be considered under this criterion, please complete the online music application form which is available from www.habscrayford.org.uk by the Academy closing date Thursday 3rd October 2019.
• Applicants will be invited to sit a multiple choice aural test in music on Saturday 5th October 2019.
• Applicants who achieve the score required will be offered a music audition which will be held on Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th October 2019.
• Distance is not taken into consideration for the music aptitude criterion.
Admission arrangements for September 2020

Haberdasher’s Aske’s Crayford Academy offers the National Curriculum to all pupils and there are places for specialism in music. When the secondary school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan (EHC) where the academy has been named in the statement/EHC, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:-

a) A ‘looked after child’ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date of the relevant application for admission is made.

b) Pupils who are on the roll of Haberdashers’ Aske’s Crayford Temple Grove and Haberdashers’ Aske’s Slade Green Temple Grove, which are designated feeder schools for Haberdasher’s Aske’s Crayford Academy.

c) 10% of the number of pupils admitted will be admitted on the basis of aptitude in music, using a specified assessment process, which will be published on the academy’s website (year 7 secondary transfer only).

d) Pupils for whom it is essential to be admitted to the secondary school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs. The application will need to be supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional. “The information should demonstrate why the academy is the only school able to meet the child’s specific needs”.

e) Pupils who on the date of application will have a sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address) who is on the roll of the academy. Pupils will be considered under this criterion if they have a sibling who meets the above definition and who will continue to be on roll when the pupil joins the academy. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required if a place is offered.

f) The remaining places will be offered to pupils who live nearest to Haberdasher’s Aske’s Crayford Academy on the basis of proximity. Home to academy distance will be measured as the direct line distance between the pupil’s home post code and the academy’s post code. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as a block of flats, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Proof of residency will be required if a place is offered.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Tie Break

a) Sibling If there are more siblings than there are places available, the places will be offered to the siblings living nearest to the academy (clauses 7c, 9c, 10c and 11d).

b) Distance In the event of a tie break under the distance criterion for any of the academies within the cluster, random allocation will be used.
Harris Academy Falconwood

Ofsted March 2011
Outstanding

Ofsted November 2014
Outstanding

Overall Effectiveness Outstanding
Leadership and management Outstanding
Behaviour and safety of pupils Outstanding
Quality of teaching Outstanding
Achievement of pupils Outstanding

Ofsted says this is an outstanding academy because:

• All students between the ages of 11 and 16 make outstanding progress, in a wide range of subjects, including English and mathematics.

• Students quickly develop a wide range of skills, including literacy and numeracy. This helps them to make outstanding progress in their learning.

• Teachers and teaching assistants have very high expectations of all students. They help them to develop high levels of self-confidence and to be enthusiastic about their learning.

• Teachers gauge the quality of students’ work very well and set appropriate but challenging academic targets.

• Students’ behaviour in lessons and around the school is outstanding. They work hard and concentrate very well in lessons.

• Students’ safety is a very high priority for all staff. They work exceptionally well to make sure that all students are safe and secure.

• The curriculum is outstanding. It promotes and sustains students’ academic achievement. It prepares students extremely well for life in modern Britain.

• The academy encourages excellence beyond the classroom. It provides a very wide range of extra-curricular activities, enrichment opportunities, trips and visits.

• Students’ spiritual, moral, cultural and social development is promoted exceptionally well. As a result, they mature into considerate and thoughtful young adults who have a very good understanding of life in modern Britain.

• Leadership at all levels, including that of the principal and governors, is outstanding. Leaders provide a very successful drive and ambition to keep improving the quality of teaching and students’ achievement.

The Harris Academy Falconwood opened in September 2008. It is set up and managed by the Harris Federation, which has over twenty five years’ experience in education. The £25 million building opened in September 2011.

New research by The Times newspaper has shown the Harris Federation to be one of just two academies trusts whose GCSE students do better than the national average across eight key subjects. Similarly, we are one of only three major groups whose students achieve a positive ‘value added’ score for the progress they make between joining secondary school and sitting their GCSE exams. The research highlights the success of Harris academies in achieving outstanding outcomes for students, which we can all be very proud of.

A happy and caring environment

The Academy combines traditional values of respect and good behaviour with the latest techniques in teaching and technology. These are the principles in place which we believe help us to produce happy, educated young people with the drive and desire to succeed.

How to Apply

The Harris Academy Falconwood will be free of charge and open to students of all abilities and backgrounds. If you wish to apply, you will need to include the Academy in your preferences on the Common Application Form provided by your home local authority. The Academy will apply its own oversubscription criteria to applications.
Admission arrangements for September 2020

The Academy has an agreed admission number of 200 students. Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley’s co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the online Common Application Form (CAF) provided and administered by Bexley Local Authority (LA).

The Academy will consider all applications for places.

Ability Banding

The Academy will operate an Ability Banding Admissions procedure with nine ability bands. All applicants will be required to undertake a Non-Verbal Reasoning Test (NVRT) on Friday 13th December 2019. Applicants also applying to other Harris Academies will only need to sit the test once. Applicants will be allocated to an ability band on the basis of their NVRT score. The percentage of places available in each of the nine bands will be determined by the distribution of the national ability profile.

Procedures where the Academy is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications in each band will be considered against the criteria set out below:

1. After the admission of:
   • Students with statements of SEN
   • Looked after children
   • Siblings of students who will be attending the Academy in Years 8 to 11 at the date of admission
   • Children of staff
   
   the remaining places in each ability band will be allocated by the drawing of lots in two geographical zones.

2. Zone A is an area of a radius of 1.75 miles from the Academy; Zone B will be an area outside Zone A.

3. 90% of places in each ability band shall be allocated to applicants drawn by lot from Zone A. 10% of places in each ability band shall be allocated to applicants drawn by lot from Zone B, until all places in each ability band are allocated, or until all applicants in that ability band have been placed.

4. If there is insufficient Zone A applicants within any ability band to enable the Academy to admit 90% from Zone A, then places will be allocated to applicants from Zone B.

5. If, at the end of this process, there are unallocated places in any band, these will be filled by unallocated applicants from the nearest band(s) using the same allocation process set out in paragraph 3 above. The places shall be filled evenly by children falling into the bands below or above. If the first applicant is taken from the next nearest band above, then the next should be from the next nearest band below and so on until all the places in the band are filled.

Waiting lists

Where in any year the Academy receives more applicants than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the term after the admission date (31st December 2020). This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to any parent/carer to ask for his or her child’s name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Appeals

Parent/Carer(s) wishing to appeal against the Academy’s decision should complete an Appeal Form, available from the Academy, stating the reason for the appeal based on the published Admissions Criteria.

Completed forms should be sent to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel, Harris Academy Falconwood, The Green, Welling, Kent, DA16 2PE.

The appeals will be heard in private by an Independent Appeal Panel.
Dear Parent/Carer

Harris Garrard Academy opened in September 2017, as part of the Harris Federation. This is one of England's most successful groups of academies. As an all-through school, pupils can join us in EYFS, Year 7 or Year 12.

The academy’s motto is ‘Learning Changes Lives’. This motto underpins everything that we do. The academy is characterised by the highest expectations of conduct and achievement for all. It is a happy and caring community, but one in which academic achievement remains an unrelenting focus. Students make exceptional academic progress and achieve impressive exam results as a direct result of the excellent teaching that they receive. Through both the formal and informal curriculum, students practise the habits of virtue and develop good character. They will become thoughtful and polite young people, interested in the world around them, in the arts, in culture, in travel and in politics. They will relish their time at the academy and, when the time comes, will leave ready and eager to lead their lives as effective, well-rounded and responsible citizens.

We warmly invite you to visit the academy at one of our Open Events. More information about the academy can be found on our website www.harrisgarrard.org.uk

Mr Christopher Everitt
Executive Principal

Secondary Admissions Policy and Admissions Arrangements for 2020

The capacity of Year 7 is 180 students. The published admission number (PAN) is 90 students for entry in Year 7. The PAN applies only to external applicants.

Applications to the secondary school will be made in accordance with the local authority’s coordinated admission arrangements. A common application form (CAF) is provided by the local authority in which the child resides and should be completed and returned to the home local authority to administer.

Of the capacity number of 180 for the Year 2020, the Academy will allocate 90 places to the Year 6 children already on roll in the primary school.

Year 6 students from the Academy’s primary school have an automatic right to transfer to the secondary school. Parents of Year 6 at the Academy are therefore not required to complete a CAF unless they wish to apply for a place in a different school.

If fewer than 90 students in the Year 2020 intend to progress from Year 6 to Year 7, the Academy will offer the available places until the capacity number of 180 is reached.

Banding tests

The Academy will admit students representing all levels of ability among applicants for admission to the Academy. All applicants will take a standardised non-verbal reasoning test, which will be standardised against the national distribution of ability. Then students will be placed in rank order and will be allocated to one of nine groups. The number of places in these groups will represent the national distribution of abilities by applying national percentages in each group to the number of places available. There is no pass or fail to the assessment but the process produces valid and reliable scores so that places can be allocated from each of the nine groups to produce a balanced and equitable intake.

Parents will be notified of the date and time of the tests by the Academy. Unless they have a statement of special needs or are looked after or previously looked after children, children who do not attend the test will be considered for a place after those children who have sat the test and who therefore take priority.
Based on the results of the non-verbal reasoning test, applicants will be placed into nine ability bands as described above. Children already on roll transferring to the secondary section of the school will be placed in the appropriate bands for them first and then the remaining places in each band will be available for external applicants to fill. If there are more children in each band than places, the oversubscription criteria will be applied within each band, and places will be allocated accordingly.

**Secondary school oversubscription criteria**

All students with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational, Health and Care Plan where the Academy is named in the Statement or Plan will be admitted.

Where the number of applicants exceeds the published admission number the allocation of places will be based on the use of banding to ensure that a fair representation of all abilities is admitted. Priority in the allocation of places within each band will be given to those children who meet the following criteria in the order set out below:

1. A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Siblings of students currently on roll at the Academy, whether primary, secondary or both. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters who will be living with them at the same address on the date of admission to the Academy.
3. Other children by distance from the school, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the school. The Academy commissions the London Borough of Bexley to measure distances on its behalf. Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

In the event of a tie-break in respect of criteria 3 above, random allocation will be used to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

As indicated, in the event that the allocated places to the primary sector are not taken and the number of applicants exceed the published admission number, the Academy will offer places in line with the oversubscription criteria until the capacity of 195 is reached.

Offers of places will be made in writing direct to parents by the local authority.

Any application for school places outside the normal admissions round, i.e. for places in-year, should be made direct to the secondary section of the Academy.

**Waiting lists for primary and secondary schools**

Where applications exceed places, waiting lists will operate for Reception for the primary school and Year 7 for the secondary school. The lists will operate from the day after the national offer day until 30 September of the new academic year. The ranked order of the waiting list will be set out in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Secondary applicants will remain on a waiting list within their band and when vacancies arise within each band a place will be offered from the same band’s waiting list. Applicants who did not take the banding test will be placed on the waiting list below those who did sit the test and ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

After 30 September applicants to Reception or Year 7 need to confirm in writing that they wish to remain on the waiting list and this will be maintained by the Academy for the remainder of the academic year. Banding will now not apply to the Year 7 list and it will be open to all applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

When a place becomes available the next applicant on the list will be offered a place. Whenever a new applicant asks to be added to the waiting list the order of the waiting list will be adjusted applying the oversubscription criteria to all the applicants now on the list.

**Arrangements for admitting students to all year groups outside the normal admissions round (in-year applications)**

In-year applications should be made directly to the Academy by obtaining and completing an Academy Application Form at any time throughout the academic year. The application will be considered in line with this policy, the School Admissions Code and any other legal requirements on funding or otherwise, for example post 16. If a place is available in the relevant year group, the child will be admitted. Where there are no places, the opportunity will be offered to be placed on a waiting list.

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group which is full and it will maintain the ranked order in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Positions on these lists are subject to change in the event of new applications being made throughout the academic year. The list will be operated for the remainder of the academic year that the application was made. If a place is still required for the subsequent year group in the following September then a new application should be made.

The Academy will participate in the Bexley Fair Access Protocol (FAP) and will give priority to a child allocated via FAP over children on the waiting list for that particular year group if it should be full.

**Appeals**

Parents have the right to appeal a decision made by the Academy not to admit their child. In such cases parents should forward their appeal in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the Academy address within 20 school days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will listen to the case and inform parents and the Academy of their decision.

This right of appeal does not apply if their child is not offered a place at the Academy if the preferred year group is not the peer year group of the child, based on their age.
Hurstmere School

Hurstmere School is a popular, non-selective secondary academy for boys aged 11-16 situated in Sidcup, a district in the borough of Bexley.

Our school is an inclusive place of learning that celebrates and welcomes diversity. Every member of our community is known, cared for and valued for the contribution they make.

We aim to provide the very best possible educational experience for every single one of our students. We all work hard to provide this through:

- Having the highest possible academic expectations of all Hurstmere boys
- Having high behavioural expectations of the entire school community
- Firing students’ imagination and developing an aspiration and a work ethic that will enable learners to achieve their ambitions.
- Providing a wide range of opportunities for students to learn in a safe, supportive, creative, happy environment
- Working together with others inside and outside the school to meet our aims.

We believe that it is essential that school is a challenging, inspirational and transformational experience. We also believe that it must support parents in providing a moral framework for learners to live their lives by and that students perform to their best abilities when they feel supported, confident and happy.

We are enormously proud of our academic, sporting and cultural successes, however we are proudest of the fact that parents tell us that their sons are happy here and that they enjoy coming to school.

In addition to academic success, we also place extremely high value on the development of character: responsibility, ambition, honesty, confidence, compassion and courage. This is targeted through a wide range of Learning for Life and extra-curricular opportunities, in tandem with the regular school curriculum.

The school has a large site with dedicated areas for each subject, including science laboratories, spacious technology workshops, computer suites and superb sports facilities.

Hurstmere School hosts the School Games programme for the whole of the Borough of Bexley, having recently agreed to a request by the Youth Sports Trust to add the Northern half of the borough to our very successful and long-established School Games Network. The School Games is used to drive whole school improvement, supporting schools to develop cross curricular links, increase physical activity, and develop young people’s personal and social skills, general well-being and raising standards across the school.

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A chance to walk around the school with the family, no booking necessary |
| Week Day Open Morning Tours – 9 - 10.30am | Monday 30 September; Tuesday 1 October; Monday 7 October; Tuesday 8 October; Wednesday 9 October; Monday 14 October; Tuesday 15 October; Wednesday 16 October. Guided tours of the school for parents followed by Principal’s address. |
| Tours begin promptly at 9am. | Appointments only Please telephone 020 8300 5665 in advance to make a reservation. |
| Supplementary form required | No |
Admission arrangements for September 2020

Responsibility for Admissions
The admissions authority is the Governing Body of Hurstmere School. The planned admission number is 210.

The parents of all applicants must complete an application form obtained from their home Local Authority. Applicants will then sit a compulsory ability banding test at the school.

Hurstmere School will admit pupils representing all levels of ability from admission applicants. They will be tested and placed in one of nine bands.

There will be 23 places available in bands 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 and 24 places available in bands 1, 5 and 9. In the event of oversubscription, applicants will be admitted using the criteria set out below:

Priority 1 – Looked after children
Looked after children (in public care) and previously looked after children.
- Children in public care at the time of application, or children who were previously in public care, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to residence orders or a special guardianship order.

Priority 2 – Medical
This is given where a child, sibling or a parent has a medical condition, which would cause significant hardship if the child could not attend the school of parental preference. In such cases the school will require confirmation that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend Hurstmere School.

Note: If you wish to request this priority you must do so, and provide any supporting evidence, at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority. “Significant hardship” will be interpreted as being greater than inconvenience, financial disadvantage or emotional upset.

Priority 3 – Sibling
This is given to a boy with a brother or sister attending a Penhill Academies Trust school (currently Sherwood Park Primary, Blackfen School for Girls or Hurstmere) at the time of admission living in the same household. This includes a full or adopted brother/sister or step/half brother or sister.

Priority 4 – Penhill Academies Trust Feeder School
This is given to a boy who attends Sherwood Park Primary School.

Priority 5 – Distance
Pupils who live within the nearest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicant’s home to Hurstmere School’s entrance on Hurst Road) to Hurstmere School on the close of the published admissions application date.

Note: Home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit or if this does not apply the address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday-Friday).

Tie-break
Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

Pupils with a statement of Special Education Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan will be dealt with through a separate process. The Governing Body will admit those students whose statements or plans name Hurstmere, after the process has been completed.

In-Year Admissions
Applications for places during the year should be made direct to the school. For an In-Year application form please contact the school.

Waiting List and Continued Interest List
Where applications exceed places, a waiting list will be maintained until 31st December in the year of admission, in accordance with the admission criteria. After that date a new Year 7 list will be created and held from January 1st to 31st July, containing the names of students whose parents have expressed (in writing) a continued interest in a place at Hurstmere. Similarly, Continued Interest lists will be created and held from September 1st until 31st July each year for Years 8-11 inclusive.

Continued Interest lists will be ordered in line with the oversubscription criteria, and therefore positions on those lists are subject to change in the event of new applications.

Fair Access Protocol
Hurstmere School is required to participate in the Fair Access Protocol. The school can be directed to admit a pupil and this could mean a child being admitted ahead of the waiting list or even if the year group is full.

Right of Appeal
Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal. In such cases parents should forward their appeal in writing to the Clerk to the Governors, at the school address, within 20 school days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An Independent Appeals Panel will then hear the appeal.

The Banding Test will be held at the school on Saturday 23rd November 2019 and, if needed, Saturday 30 November 2019.

In accordance with the Coordinated School Admission Arrangements parents will be sent a letter saying which school their child has been offered. This letter will be posted by first class post on the first working day of March.
Timescale and Arrangements

Saturday 28 September 2019: Open Morning – 10am until 12noon
A chance to walk around the school with the family, no booking necessary

Week Day Open Morning Tours, 9am:

Monday 30 September; Tuesday 1 October
Monday 7 October; Tuesday 8 October; Wednesday 9 October
Monday 14 October; Tuesday 15 October; Wednesday 16 October

Guided tours of the school for parents followed by Principal’s address.

Tours begin promptly at 9am. Appointments only: please telephone 020 8300 5665 in advance to make a reservation.

31 October 2019: Common Application Form to be submitted online to your Local Authority.

25 October 2019: Hurstmere’s Expression of Interest Form to be returned to Hurstmere School. THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM. Please note that if you indicate Hurstmere as a preferred school on your Common Application Form, you will receive an invitation to the Hurstmere Banding Test.

Saturday 23 November 2019: Hurstmere Banding Test (Non Verbal Reasoning). If a second date is necessary, it will be Saturday 30 November 2019.

In accordance with the Coordinated School Admission Arrangements parents will be sent a letter saying which school their child has been offered. This letter will be posted by first class post on the first working day of March.

Appeals for Secondary Transfer 2020

Parents have the right to appeal this decision. They may do so by writing to the Governors at the school address, within 20 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place at Hurstmere. The school will then forward the necessary Appeal documentation, which must be completed and returned to Hurstmere within 20 days of receipt.

The dates provisionally scheduled for Hurstmere appeals are between April – June.

Parents are asked to ensure that all details are correctly entered on the Common Application Form. Hurstmere reserves the right to withdraw any place offered on the basis of incorrect information. Such withdrawal may be made subsequent to a student’s entry to Hurstmere.
King Henry School is part of a Multi-Academy Trust, known as the ‘Odyssey Trust For Education’ with Townley Grammar.

King Henry School reflects the fact we serve a thriving, vibrant and diverse community and that we value all children irrespective of ability. We aim to provide all of our students with the best possible education within a safe and caring environment so that when they leave King Henry School, they will be fully prepared for a successful future.

This school has been serving families in our local community for over 100 years and believe in working closely with our local community stakeholders to ensure that our students are fully supported throughout their school careers.

We strive to improve year on year in everything we do and our curriculum offer has been designed to meet the individual needs of our students and to provide them with a broad and balanced programme of study. We have introduced a grammar stream within our banding system to make sure that all our students are academically challenged at whatever level they are currently working at and follow an appropriate curriculum pathway.

Our 6th form is part of the ‘Partnership 6th’. This is an arrangement which allows us to share courses with two other local schools to further increase the offer to our students.

Our students have enjoyed considerable success within this partnership and many have continued their studies at University or Colleges of Further education. In addition, our partnership with Townley Grammar, will provide our students with improved access to quality career guidance, higher and further education.

We aim to enhance the life chances of every student which go beyond exams and which cannot be measured by league tables.

We have a strong pastoral system which surrounds every child with a number of significant adults who provide guidance and support to students at every stage in their education.

We believe in high standards of behaviour and attitudes to learning from all our students. Discipline is strict and we expect the support and co-operation from parents to help us reinforce our School Policies and our high expectations of politeness, good manners and respect for other people and property. All students from Year 7 to Year 11 wear full school uniform and those in the 6th form follow a smart office dress code.

Good behaviour and positive attitudes are always recognised and rewarded through regular assemblies and celebration events.

It is an expectation that all our students have 100% attendance and arrive to both school and lessons on time.

Further information about King Henry School can be found on the website.
Admission arrangements for September 2020

Erith School has a published admission intake number of 360 pupils.

Responsibility for Admissions

The ‘Admissions Authority’ is the Governing Body of King Henry School. The admission number is 360. The parents of all applicants must complete an application form obtained from their home Local Authority. King Henry School will admit students representing all levels of ability from admission applicants.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number; children will be admitted from each band on the basis of the oversubscription criteria set out below.

Note: Where a pupil has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and that names King Henry School as the educational provision suitable to meet the pupil’s SEN that pupil has to be admitted to King Henry School. Therefore for the purposes of allocating places such students will be treated as having the first priority for admission to the King Henry School, and will be automatically allocated a place.

Priority 1 – Looked after children

This is given to Children in Public Care and Children previously in Public Care.

Note: This is a mandatory requirement from the new admissions code February 2012 reference below:

All schools must have oversubscription criteria for each ‘relevant age group’ and the highest priority must be given, unless otherwise provided in this Code, to Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Further references to previously Looked After Children in this Code means such children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. Oversubscription criteria must then be applied to all other applicants in the order set out in the arrangements.

Priority 2 – Medical

This is given where a child, sibling or a parent has a medical condition, which would cause significant hardship if the child could not attend the school of parental preference. In such cases the school will require confirmation that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend King Henry School.

Note: If you wish to request this priority you must do so, and provide any supporting evidence, at the time of application including confirmation of the relevant condition from a registered medical practitioner. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority. “Significant hardship” will be interpreted as being greater than inconvenience, financial disadvantage or emotional upset.

The Governors’ Admissions Committee will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements of this criterion.

Priority 3 – Sibling

This is given to a child with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission, other than where the older sibling started at the school in the sixth form. Note: For this priority, brother/sister includes a full brother/sister or step/half brother/sister living at the same address. Please be aware that you must provide the necessary details when you apply.

Priority 4 – Distance

This gives priority to students living nearest the school based on distance from home to school, measured by radial distance (straight line) from the home address to the nearest official school entrance. The distance will be measured from the front door of the home address (the main entrance in the case of flats or multi-occupation dwellings) to the nearest school entrance. The official pupil entrances, approved by the Governors’ Admissions Committee, are on Avenue Road, Ramsden Road and Limewood Road.

Note: Home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit. In the event of there being two or more applicants at a flat or multi-occuptional dwelling vying for a lesser number of remaining places, a random lottery will be used to determine allocation of those places.

Tie-Breaker

If the number of applicants assigned to one of the above oversubscription criteria exceeds the number of remaining places, a tie-breaker will be used to allocate those remaining places amongst that group of applicants. The tie-breaker will be home to school distance as set out in criterion number 4 above.

Where applications exceed places, a waiting list will be maintained in accordance with the admissions criteria.

Parents have the right to appeal. In such cases parents should forward their appeal in writing to the Clerk to the Governors, at the school address preferably within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. The Appeals Panel will then listen to the appeal.

In accordance with the Coordinated School Admission Arrangements parents will be sent a letter saying which school their child has been offered. This letter will be posted by first class post on first working day following 1st March.
Thank you for your interest in St Catherine's. We are a thriving Catholic comprehensive school with a reputation for providing the highest quality educational opportunity for all its students.

The school has developed over the years and is situated on a beautiful green site. The grounds of the school are fully accessible to the students throughout the day for them to enjoy.

Behaviour and the students’ attitude to learning are exceptionally good. The school is described by visitors as being very calm yet purposeful. Our staff work extremely hard in creating learning experiences for the students that are interesting, active and challenging.

The students are well supported throughout their journey and will leave St Catherine’s as young women empowered to take on the challenges of adult life but also with a true sense of social responsibility.

We believe it is essential to your daughter’s future success that we develop a healthy partnership with all parents and carers. Regular communication is essential and at St Catherine’s this has been a key to our success.

Please come and visit our school. It is a great place to be.

Please remember, if you wish to apply to St Catherine’s as well as putting the school on your CAF you must complete a supplementary form and return it to the school by Friday 18th October 2019.

Admission arrangements for September 2020

Admissions to the school are made by the Governing Body. The planned number for admissions in September 2020 is 210.

Parents must make application for admission to Year 7 by completing the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by the Local Education Authority in which the applicant lives. The closing date set nationally for the return of the forms to the Local Education authority is 31st October 2019. Applications for places in other year-groups can be made at any time.

The Governors will require parents to complete a supplementary form and return this to the school by the Friday 18th October 2019. The Supplementary Form will be to establish Catholic practice and commitment. It will seek information not available on the common Application Form relating to the evidence set out in Section 1 below. It will require a reference from a parish priest or other minister of religion. If a supplementary form is not received, the Governors will not be able to apply their admission criteria and the application will be considered under the ‘other girls’ category.

Criteria for admission

Governors will give priority to Catholic girls with Catholic practice. Baptised Catholic girls whose practice is not within Catholic tradition will be considered after Catholic girls with Catholic practice. The evidence which governors will take into account will be:

Address | Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7QJ
Telephone number | 01322 556333
Fax number | 01322 556919
Email address | admin@stccg.co.uk
Website | www.stccg.co.uk
Headteacher | Mrs Yvonne Connolly
Admissions contact | Mrs Jane Lenihan
Type of school | Catholic Comprehensive Academy
Age range | 11 - 16
Specialisms | Arts
School DFE number | 3035402
Y7 places available Sept 2020 | 210
Preferences (1st-6th) for Sept 2019 | 524
Total pupils on roll now | 1050
Bus route(s) | 96
Nearest station | Barnehurst
Open days and evenings | Open Evening Thursday 19 September 2019 6pm
| Tours will be available from 6pm followed by the Headteacher’s presentation to parents at 8pm
| Open Mornings Tuesday 24 September 2019 9.15am-11.30am
| Thursday 26 September 2019 9.15am-11.30am
| Monday 7 October 2019 9.15am-11.30am
| Wednesday 9 October 2019 9.15am-11.30am
Supplementary form required | Yes
1. Evidence

1.1. A self-assessment of Catholic or religious practice and observance, to be counter-signed by the parish priest, chaplaincy minister or minister of religion;

1.2. The originals of the baptismal or First Holy Communion certificates of the applicants for places.

2. Oversubscription criteria:

Where more applications are received than there are places, applicants will be admitted in the following order:

2.1. Looked after baptised Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.

2.2. Baptised Catholic children and members of Oriental Rite Churches in Union with Rome.

2.3. Other looked-after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.

2.4. Girls who are baptised members of Eastern rite churches that are not in communion with the See of Rome.

2.5. Girls of other faiths, provided that they have a statement of membership from the appointed minister or leader.

2.6. Other girls.

Where it is necessary to choose between applicants either within the category of 2.2. or that of 2.4., priority will be given to those girls whose applications show the greatest degree of religious practice. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the supplementary form: highest ranking to those who attend Mass regularly, then those who attend Mass occasionally, etc. Evidence scrutinised will include: the priest’s endorsement form showing degree of practice; evidence of baptism or First Holy Communion.

3. Tie-breakers

Where applicants are of equal standing within each of 2.1. – 2.6. above, the following sub-criteria will apply:

3.1. Within each of groups 2.1. to 2.6 above, preference will be given to applicants who have a named sibling attending St. Catherine’s Catholic School, St. Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School or Christ The King; St Mary’s at the time of the applicant’s application;

[Note: siblings equals “brothers or sisters” which means children who live as brother and sister, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives eg cousins.]

3.2. Within each of groups 2.1. to 2.6 above, preference will be given to applicants who are the daughters or in the care of a member of staff who has been employed at the school for at least two years (except for new joiners in shortage subjects).

3.3. The shortest distance from the girl’s home to the front entrance of the school as measured by the Local Authority. The distances are straight line measurements.
Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. Notes for guidance

4.1. Catholics include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches are in union with the Bishop of Rome.

4.2. An applicant who has received sacramental baptism according to the rites of a church which is in membership of Churches Together in England and is either preparing formally for or has made her First Holy Communion in a Catholic church at the time of application shall be considered a Catholic for the purposes of these criteria, as will an applicant baptised into an Eastern rite church which is in communion with the See of Rome.

4.3. Applications made after the closing date will be processed once the allocation procedure for on-time applications has been finalised. Priority among applications will be given to those who have recently moved into the area, in accordance with the Admissions criteria.

4.4. The School will keep a Waiting List which will be reviewed annually. The order in which applicants appear on the waiting-list will be determined according to the same criteria as are the admissions. Placing a child’s name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

4.5. If an applicant and her parents have lived in a parish for fewer than two months at the time of application, they may seek support from the parish priest of their previous parish.

4.6. In the event that a parish priest has been in post for fewer than two months before the time of signing or who is away from the parish long-term, the governors will accept a signature from the previous parish priest, or from a parish worker (such as a deacon or parish sister) who knows the applicant. In this case, the parish priest should countersign.

4.7. If a Christian, non-Catholic girl applies to the school, whose father or mother is the local minister/pastor, the ‘priest’s endorsement’ should be counter-signed by another accredited pastor/minister.

5. Statements

Any child who has a statement of special education needs (SEN) or an Education Health and Care (EHCP) Plan that names the school must be admitted without reference to the oversubscription criteria.

6. In-year (casual) Admissions

Applications for a place at the school in-year must be made by completing the school’s supplementary form to enable the governors to rank the application in the event of there being more than one application for a place. The governors will use the same criteria to rank the application as that listed above. The offer of a place at the school will be made by the Admissions Committee on behalf of the governors. In the event of the governors deciding that a place cannot be offered, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child’s name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

7. Fair Access

The school participates in the local authority’s Fair Access Protocol to allocate places to vulnerable and other children in accordance with the School Admission Code 2012. Admitting pupils under the protocol may require the school to admit above the planned admission number for the relevant year group.

8. Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parent/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.

9. Admissions for September 2019

For entry to Year 7 in 2019, 385 supplementary forms were received and 210 places offered and accepted. 121 of these were to Catholic girls. For September 2019, there were 10 appeals, of which 8 were heard. 0 were upheld.
St Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School

As a Catholic Comprehensive Academy we welcome boys of all academic and religious backgrounds. St Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School is a welcoming, vibrant and happy community dedicated to faith, learning and achievement. We have a tradition of high standards and high expectations. As a caring Christian community we work in partnership with parents and parishes to enable our students to achieve their very best.

We are a community where the Gospel values inform all aspects of community life and learning. Our motto is “Tenui Nec Dimittam” meaning “Have Faith”. Our community ethos ensures that the school is a place where everyone has the right to be happy, be safe and achieve.

We had a one-day Ofsted inspection in October 2016 and in their letter which confirmed the previous Good judgement, Ofsted said “Pupils at St. Columba’s show respect, tolerance and courtesy towards each other, staff and visitors in this harmonious school. Relationships between staff and pupils are positive. The boys feel well cared for and those spoken to were unanimous that, should they have any concerns, their teachers would deal with them quickly and efficiently. School leaders set high expectations around pupils’ behaviour.”

In January 2019, Ofsted returned for a full inspection and recognised that St Columba’s remained a Good school. They said ‘Warm and positive relationships are a strong feature of your school. As a result, pupils feel confident in lessons to ask questions and push themselves forward in their learning. You have continued to maintain high standards of behaviour since the last inspection.’ Gratifyingly they also said ‘The school has strong support from staff, parents and carers. A high number of parents responded to Parent View, Ofsted’s online questionnaire, and they are extremely positive about the school. Virtually all respondents would recommend St Columba’s Catholic Boys’ School to other parents.’

Ofsted recognise that our success is built upon our vision which is everywhere in our school, in every classroom, corridor and office. The vision says,

‘Our school is an inclusive place of learning that celebrates and welcomes diversity. Every member of our community is a unique and special creation of God and is known, cared for and valued for the contribution they make. Every student is challenged and supported to achieve his best.’

Our highly committed and caring staff ensure high academic standards are achieved and also offer a wide variety of exciting extracurricular activities. Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to match the needs of the individual child. As part of the Corpus Christi Partnership of Bexley Catholic schools, all students have access to the very successful Christ the King: St. Mary’s sixth form college to continue their studies.

More information is available on our website
www.st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk

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**Open days and evenings**
- **Saturday 5 October 2019 9.30-12.30 – OPEN DAY**
- **Tuesday 8 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**
- **Wednesday 9 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**
- **Thursday 10 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**
- **Tuesday 15 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**
- **Wednesday 16 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**
- **Thursday 17 October 2019 Tour at 9.30 – OPEN MORNING**

**Supplementary form required**
- Yes

**Admission arrangements for September 2020**

St. Columba’s Catholic School for Boys’ is a Catholic comprehensive school in the Diocese of Southwark. The governors are fully committed to maintaining the status of the school and wish to encourage applications from boys of all abilities.

Admissions to the school are made by the Governing Body. Admission will be made without reference to ability.

- Governors plan to admit 180 boys into Year 7 without reference to ability to the school in September 2020

More information is available on our website
www.st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk
• Boys with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted under a separate procedure and without reference to the criteria below.

• Application for admission must be made by completing the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by the Local Authority in which the applicant lives. The closing date set nationally for the return of the forms to the home Local Authority is 31 October 2019. Applications for places in other year-groups can be made at any time.

• Governors request parents to complete a supplementary form and return this to the school by 31 October 2019. The Supplementary Form will be to establish Catholic practice and commitment. It will seek information not available on the Common Application Form relating to the evidence set out in Section 1 below. It will require a reference from a parish priest or other minister of religion. If a supplementary form is not received, the Governors will not be able to apply their admission criteria and the application may be considered under the ‘other boys’ category. Parents of boys applying under the ‘other boys’ category do not need to complete the Supplementary Information Form.

Criteria for Admission
Governors will give priority to Catholic boys with Catholic practice. Baptised Catholic boys whose practice is not within Catholic tradition will be considered after Catholic boys with Catholic practice. The evidence which governors will take into account will be:

1. Evidence
1.1. A self-assessment of Catholic or Christian practice and observance, to be counter-signed by the parish priest, chaplaincy minister or minister of religion;
1.2. The originals of the baptismal certificate of the applicants for places.

2. Oversubscription criteria
Where more applications are received than there are places available, applicants will be admitted in the following order:

2.1 Baptised Catholic ‘Looked-after children’ or ‘Looked-after children’ in the care of Catholic or non-Catholic families, or those who have previously been ‘Looked-after’ according to the Local Government and Children’s Act 1989.
2.2 Baptised Catholic children and members of Oriental Rite Churches in Union with Rome
2.3. Other ‘Looked-after children’ including those who have previously been adopted or ‘Looked-after’
2.4. Boys who are baptised members of Eastern rite churches that are not in communion with the See of Rome.
2.5. Boys who are Christians (either baptised or preparing for adult baptism) who are in membership of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance, provided that they have a statement of Church membership from the appointed minister or leader.
2.6. Boys of other faiths, provided that they have a statement of membership from a faith leader etc
2.7. Other boys.

3. Tie-breakers
Where applicants are of equal standing within each of 2.1 – 2.6 above, the following sub-criteria will apply:
3.1 Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).

3.2 Within each of groups 2.1 to 2.6 above, preference will be given to applicants who have a named sibling attending St. Columba's Catholic School for Boys', St. Catherine's Catholic School or Christ the King Sixth Form College at the time of the applicant's application;

[Note: A “brother or sister” means children who live as brother or sister, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives eg cousins.]

3.3 Where it is necessary to choose between applicants either within the category of 2.2 or that of 2.4, priority will be given to those boys whose applications show the greatest degree of religious practice. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the supplementary form: highest ranking to those who attend Mass regularly on three out of four Sundays over the past three years. Evidence scrutinised will include: the priest's endorsement form showing degree of practice and evidence of baptism.

3.4 Within each of groups 2.1 to 2.6 above, preference will be given to applicants who are the sons or in the care of a member of staff who has been employed at the school for at least two years (except where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage).

3.5 On the basis of proximity to the school between the applicants' home address to the School's main visitor pedestrian entrance where priority is given to those determined to be closer to the school as measured by the Local Authority's system. Home address will be taken as the boy's home address at the time of application. That is the address at which he lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; that is the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit. Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. Notes for guidance

4.1 In the context of school admissions Catholic children are defined as Children who are baptized of received into the Catholic Church, children baptized of received into the Eastern Churches in union with Rome and children of members of the Ordinariate. (All children covered by this definition will be treated equally.)

4.2 Applications made after the closing date will be processed once the allocation procedure for on-time applications has been finalised. Priority among applications will be given to those who have recently moved into the area, in accordance with the Admissions criteria.

4.3 If an applicant and his parents have lived in a parish for fewer than two months at the time of application, they may seek support from the parish priest of their previous parish.

4.4 In the event that a parish priest has been in post for fewer than two months before the time of signing or who is away from the parish long-term, the governors will accept a signature from the previous parish priest, or from a parish worker (such as a deacon or parish sister) who knows the applicant. In this case, the parish priest should countersign.

4.5 If a Christian, non-Catholic boy applies to the school, whose father or mother is the local minister/pastor; the ‘priest's endorsement’ should be countersigned by another accredited pastor/minister.

4.6 The school participates in the local authority's Fair Access Protocol to allocate places to vulnerable and other children in accordance with the School Admission Code 2014. Admitting pupils under the protocol may require the school to admit above the planned admission number for the relevant year group.

5. In-year (casual) Admissions

Applications for a place at the school in-year must be made using the Common Application Form of the local authority (LA) where the child resides. This form must be returned to the LA. The school's supplementary form should also be completed to enable the governors to rank the application in the event of there being more than one application for a place. The governors will use the same criteria to rank the application as that listed above. The offer of a place at the school will be made by the LA on behalf of the governors. In the event of the governors deciding that a place cannot be offered, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

6. Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list. The waiting list will be operated for the rest of the academic year using the same admissions criteria listed above. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the local authority's fair access protocol, they will take precedence over those children already on the list.

7. Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made.

Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parent/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.
I am delighted to introduce you to Townley Grammar School, one of the selective schools in the Bexley London Borough. The school, which was founded in 1937, has over the years established a tradition of academic excellence and is a lively, caring community of which we are justly proud.

Townley was rated as Outstanding by OFSTED in November 2015 and some of the key findings were:

- Teaching is outstanding. Teachers are passionate about their subjects, have high expectations and excellent subject knowledge. They support the leadership of the academy in its ambitious vision of success.
- The Headteacher and Senior Leaders are relentless in their drive for the very best outcomes for pupils at the academy.
- Pupils behave exceptionally well in lessons and around the academy site. They are polite and engaging. They fully appreciate what the academy offers them and have excellent attitudes to learning.

At Townley education is a creative process. We have a learning community which encourages academic, emotional and physical confidence. Our students are inspirational learners who have the courage to take risks and the wisdom to learn from their mistakes. Our reputation is built on the dignity, responsibility and self esteem of all members of our community. Townley students develop the qualities of Confidence, Resilience, Courage, Compassion, Integrity, Spirit, Social Conscience and the Ability to Inspire.

We work to fulfill individual potential through providing outstanding teaching, rich opportunities for learning, and encouragement and support for each student.

The Curriculum

The school offers a broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum, which is designed to match the educational needs of the students. The rationale for our curriculum aims is guided by a desire to further enhance our students’ aptitudes to know things, question existing ideas, communicate clearly and reach out to the 21st century with an open hand. Creativity and imagination are valued in all aspects of the curriculum. In order for our students to flourish in the modern world, our curriculum should empower them with the ability to invent their own pathways rather than follow conventional routes, and seize the opportunities that will be presented to them. Our ‘Townley 21c’ vision is about enriching and expanding the mind to “Strive to Seek to Find and not Yield” creating their own future.

The school was awarded Specialist Status for the Performing and Visual Arts in September 2004. This specialist status has enriched the arts education offered by the school and encouraged the development of creativity in our staff and students. We were awarded our second specialism in Mathematics and Computing in 2009. Townley is a leading school for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and actively encourages students to consider career pathways related to these industries.

Facilities

Constructed on a 17-acre site, the school’s extensive grounds provide a pleasant environment as well as excellent sporting facilities and students benefit from up-to-date equipment in all areas of the curriculum; our Ada Lovelace Computer Suite provides a stimulating environment for STEM.

The Music Technology suite and the recording studio provide access to the latest technology whilst a modern professional theatre, photography facilities and dance studio give students the opportunity to explore and develop their creative potential. Additionally, there are five new laboratories, a fitness suite and a sports hall complete with showers and changing rooms.

If you wish to find out more about Townley Grammar please visit the website at www.townleygrammar.org.uk or come along to our open days.

Mr Desmond Deehan
Executive Headteacher
Admission arrangements for September 2020

Girls are eligible for admission to Year 7 in the September following their 11th birthday (for admission in September 2020 that is girls born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 (inclusive). The school will accept applications from girls who are no more than one year younger (that is, they were born no later than 31st August 2010) provided that they are already in Year 6 at a primary school and the school confirms that they are working successfully in that group.

In the first allocation of places, the school will only consider applicants “deemed selective” by the London Borough of Bexley — using arrangements published by them. At this stage, girls with a statement of special educational needs will be considered only if they reach that standard.

If there are fewer than 224 such applicants, all will be admitted.

Where there are more applicants than places available, after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Need which name the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below.

Over-subscription Criteria

- **Looked after children** - Children in Public Care (Looked after children) or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

- **Pupil Premium** - Children attracting Pupil Premium who achieve the qualifying score in rank order of distance from the school.

- **Guaranteed Grammar School Place** - Girls identified by the London Borough of Bexley as achieving one of the highest scores in the selection tests and who apply for a place at Townley Grammar School

- **Sibling** - Girls who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application. For this priority, sibling includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or, step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

- **Staff Children** – Those girls with a parent or registered guardian employed at Townley Grammar School on a permanent basis at the time of application.

- **Distance** – Distance from school with priority given to pupils living nearest to the school based on the distance from home to school in a straight line. The distance will be measured by the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system from the home address to the student entrance approved by the Governors as the official entrance to the school. Home will be taken as the child’s home address at the time of allocation (National Offers Day) that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and/or tax credit.

Further Allocations

If places remain available at Townley Grammar School after all girls “deemed selective” by the London Borough of Bexley have been offered places, the Governors will adopt the principles and process of the London Borough of Bexley’s reserve list, and will participate in that process where it is managed by the Admissions Authority.

Under that process, places will be offered to girls in descending order of the aggregate score achieved in the Bexley selection tests. Within each aggregate score priority will be given to girls with a statement of special educational need achieving that score and then according to oversubscription criteria 1 (LAC), 2 (Pupil Premium) 4 (sibling) 5 (staff children), 6 (distance) in that order, using the tie break described above where necessary.

Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept in the same order as the over-subscription criteria set out above.

Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place at Townley Grammar School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel.
Trinity Academy Trust was formed in 2013 and combines six schools in the north of Bexley (Trinity, together with Christ Church (Erith) CofE, St Augustine of Canterbury CofE, St Paul’s (Slade Green), Jubilee and Northwood Primary Schools). We are a family of schools working towards outstanding outcomes for all our pupils. Pupils from the Primary Schools are given priority admission to Trinity School.

Trinity School aims to:

- Offer an all-round excellent education for pupils of all abilities and backgrounds by providing a positive working environment in which all children and staff can develop to their full potential
- Encourage the highest standard of achievement for all
- Provide a caring and happy community in which our Christian ethos, underpinned by our values, is upheld
- Provide the highest standard of pastoral care and support to enable individuals to flourish
- Provide the highest standard of communication with parents and the wider community

Trinity School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff and volunteers are expected to share that commitment. The school caters for a wide range of ability, from the least able to those who will proceed to university. For most subjects pupils are grouped by ability, with support provided for those with additional needs.

The school is strongly committed to encouraging high academic standards and equal opportunities for all. Trinity delivers a broad, balanced relevant curriculum - all pupils study Religious Education and most study French or German to GCSE. Our Sixth Form offers a wide range of courses suitable for students of all abilities, and the majority of students choose to stay on and complete their studies in a familiar and supportive environment. Sixth Form students are also involved in an enrichment programme covering areas such as ethics, politics, money management and health education, as well as study visits to Europe and the United States.

For further information about the school (including our latest Ofsted and SIAMS reports) please refer to our website, www.trinity.bexley.sch.uk or collect a prospectus from the school when you visit.

Open Day  
Saturday, 12 October, 2019 10am – 2pm

Please arrive in time to be seated in the main hall at either 10.15am or 12 noon to hear a presentation which will be followed by tours of the school.

Open Mornings  
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October 2019 - please arrive promptly by 8.40am

During daytime visits parents will attend the regular Act of Worship with pupils in the main hall. This will be followed by guided tours of the school, and a presentation for those who did not come to Open Day.

To apply to Trinity you will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (including the Faith Information Form if appropriate), provided by Trinity School, as well as the Common Application Form. These forms together with a prospectus can be obtained from the school office or website and should be returned to the school by 3pm on 31st October 2019.

Remember, to apply for a place at Trinity School you must name the school on your CAF (not necessarily as first choice) and complete a supplementary form and return it to the school.
Admission arrangements for September 2020

All parents/carers applying for places for their children at Trinity School are expected to respect the Christian ethos of the school.

Trinity School admits children from the whole range of academic ability; therefore applicants are not required to take or pass any academic test to gain admission.

Feeder Schools

Trinity School recognises the primary schools in Trinitas Academy Trust as named feeder schools because they are members of the same Multi-Academy Trust.

Christ Church (Erith) C of E Primary School, Erith, Kent.
St. Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School, Belvedere, Kent.
Northwood Primary School, Erith, Kent.
Jubilee Primary School, Thamesmead, London.
St Paul’s (Slade Green) Primary School, Slade Green, Kent.

Oversubscription Criteria

The published admission number for Trinity School is 180 in Years 7 – 11. If there are more applications than available places the following oversubscription criteria for admission will be applied in numerical order. The oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

1. Children who are ‘Looked After or Previously Looked After’, in Local Authority Care.
2. Children who attend a named feeder school at the time of application.
3. Children who regularly attend a Church of England or Anglican Church. (See Note A, B and C)
4. Children of members of Trinitas Academy Trust staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
   a. Where the member of staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or
   b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children who regularly attend a Church which is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance. (See Note A, B and C)
6. Children who regularly attend their place of worship from one of the following faiths: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism or Sikhism (See Note A, B and C)
7. Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If over-subscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
8. Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child’s home address. The home address is the one which applies to the child at the time of place allocation. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category.

a. Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 to 6. If over-subscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.

b. Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child’s home address. The home address is the one which applies to the child at the time of place allocation.

Notes

A Regular attendance is defined as attending worship at least twice a month, over a minimum of twelve months.

B It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to ensure that they make their regular attendance known to the church clergy (or church leader/religious leader) in order to support their declaration. Church clergy (or church leader/religious leader) will advise of ways to do this. Evidence will be required in the form of the Trinitas Faith Reference Form completed by the parents and the church clergy (or church leader/religious leader). It must be completed and returned to the school by the published closing date.

C If the family has moved to the area or has moved to a different Church within the previous year, the applicant should provide clergy references for all churches attended during the previous year by completing the appropriate section of the Trinitas Faith Reference Form.

D For the purpose of this criterion a ‘sibling’ is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
   ● The brother or sister
   ● The half-brother or half-sister
   ● The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent’s marriage)
   ● Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).

After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code - December 2014.

Parents have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors c/o Trinity School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

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Welling School, located in the Borough of Bexley, is an 11-18, mixed Academy, part of the TKAT family of schools. The school was completely redesigned and rebuilt in 2005 and became an Academy in 2011.

Our School’s Vision is to provide an excellent education in a safe, supportive learning environment; one where students are valued and make positive contributions to the school community and prepare for their ‘next steps’ whether in the world of work, further education, or training.

Our excellent facilities include specialist classrooms; sports hall; all-weather sports pitch; art gallery; iBrary and a designated sixth form common room, complete with Apple Mac computers. It provides students and the wider community with the best possible environment for learning in the 21st Century. The school continues to provide a range of extra-curricular activities, educational trips and visits, which we view as an essential element to offering your child opportunities to the broadest possible curriculum.

Our mission is to achieve high standards and fulfil the expectations of all students of all abilities and from diverse backgrounds by making Teaching and Learning our focus. We recognise that if a child is to accomplish those ambitions and improve their life chances it is essential that we work in partnership with parents and carers.

In conclusion through a combination of our innovative, broad curriculum, stimulating learning experiences and a safe learning environment we aim to provide students with the qualifications, skills and values they need to be happy, independent learners who will be able to enjoy their lives now and in the future.

The best way of finding out whether Welling School is right for your child is to view our website (www.wellingschool-tkat.org), our prospectus and/or contact the school direct.

Admission arrangements for September 2020

Welling School is an academy within The Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT). The school welcomes all applications regardless of ability, gender, ethnicity or religion – it is a highly inclusive school recognising that children may have different needs and takes due regard to the Equality Act 2010.

Within our admissions policy you will find information regarding arrangements for selecting students who apply; oversubscription criteria; and, an explanation of what parents / carers should do if they wish to apply for a place for their child.
Admission Numbers
Welling School admits a total 300 students into Year 7 (PAN). Our Sixth Form can accommodate a total of 350 students each year.

The published admission number is inclusive of students with a statement of special educational needs that are admitted to the school pursuant to the school being named in part 4 of their statement.

Consideration of applications
The school will consider all applications for places and all students with statements of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care plans. When Welling School is specifically named on the statement, the child will be allocated a place.

The school does not have specific facilities for students with disabilities. As far as possible the school will ensure that students with disabilities have access to the same opportunities as other students.

Application Procedures
Applications for places will be made in accordance with Bexley Local Authority Admission Arrangements and will be made on the Common Application form administered by the Local Authority.

Over subscription
If the number of applications exceeds the number of places, those places will be allocated according to the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

2. Siblings in school at the time of proposed entry, other than where the older sibling started at the school in the 6th Form. Sibling refers to brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step brother or sister; or the child of the parent/carer’s partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
3. Distance to the school as measured by the radial or straight line distance, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Distance is measured to the nearest official school entrance designated by the Governors of the school from the home address.

Students with a statement of special educational needs will be dealt with through a separate process and the Governing Body will admit those students whose statement names the school after this process has been completed.

Timetable
Applications for new Year 7 students (currently in Year 6) should be made through the Local Education Authority using the Common Application Form found on the Bexley Borough website (www.bexley.gov.uk) or by contacting the admissions team on admissions.els@bexley.gov.uk / 020 8303 7777.

In accordance with the Co-ordinated School Admission arrangements, parents / carers will be sent a letter saying which school their child has been offered.

Admissions appeals for all applications
(not managed moves)
If you are dissatisfied that you did not receive an offer of a school place for your child at Welling School, you have the right to lodge an independent appeal with us.

If you wish to appeal against Welling School’s decision please complete an Admissions Appeal form, stating the reason for the appeal, based on the published Admissions Criteria. Please click on the sub tab link via our ‘Contact Us’ page to submit a request for a form to be sent to you.

The completed Admissions Appeal Form should be sent to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel within 20 school days of the date of the letter confirming the school’s decision not to offer your child a place.

Clerk to the Welling School Appeal Panel
Bexley Council, Civic Offices
2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7AT

The appeals will be heard, in private, by an Independent Appeals Panel. The school will arrange an appointment within a reasonable time.

• Only one appeal per application is allowed.
• Appeals are conducted in person, and you may bring a friend.

The Appeal Hearing
The Clerk will arrange for an Independent Appeals Panel to consider the school’s reasons for refusal and your reasons for wanting your child to attend Welling School. The Panel will consist of 3 people independent of Welling School.

The Panel will consider the cases put forward both by you and the school. They must consider the admission arrangements for Welling School and the reasons why you wish your child to attend.

The Panel must exercise its discretion by balancing the weight of your argument (for wanting your child to attend) against the school’s reasons for refusal i.e. the prejudice that one more student would cause to the education of the students already offered and the Health and Safety and educational well-being of all the students already attending the school, also taking into account the school’s published admission arrangements.
Should an appeal be unsuccessful, the Governing Body will not consider further appeals within the same academic year.

The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on the Local Education Authority, the school and the parents / carers.

**Admission to Year 12**

All Year 11 students wishing to continue to Year 12 at the school are encouraged to do so provided that they meet the entry demands of the course they wish to study.

**Applications for Years other than Year 7**

In the event of over subscription, Governors will apply the principles set out in the policy.

**Admission of children outside their normal year group**

Children will usually be admitted to a year group determined by their age. However, there may be occasions when students are admitted to a year group outside their normal age group. Individual decisions where this occurs will be taken by the school in the best interest of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent / carer view; information about the child’s academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group; the views of the Headteacher must be sought; where a child is admitted to a year group outside of their normal age, parents / carers will be given reasons for the school’s decision.

**Falsifying information**

Falsifying information to gain / keep a place at Welling School will lead to the withdrawal of the offer of a place and any further siblings will not be considered.

**Managed moves**

Welling School follows the New Horizons Federation protocol for managed moves. Should a child at the end of the managed move timeframe be accepted at Welling School, the child will take precedence over any child already on a waiting list and this includes admitting children over the published admission number. Should a child not have a successful managed move, in line with the protocol, the school would not expect an admissions application by the parents / carers.

**Operation of waiting lists**

All in year admissions and waiting lists will be co-ordinated by Welling School. Where in any year Welling School receives more applications than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year in question. This list will be maintained by Welling School and it will be open to any parents / carers who wish to ask for their child to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application.

All names on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the over-subscription criteria.

Children directed via the Fair Access Protocol (FAP) will take precedence over any child already on the waiting list. This includes admitting children over the published admission number.

*Admissions Code December 2014* - previously looked after children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or become subject to a Residence Order or Special Guardian Order).
Schools outside Bexley

Each year a number of Bexley parents apply for their children to attend secondary schools outside the Borough. Applications by Bexley residents for out-borough schools must be included as one of the six preferences on the online application and submitted to London Borough of Bexley.

Please note that travel assistance is available to a pupil attending an out-borough school only in exceptional circumstances.

For guidance and further information on travel assistance, please contact the School Admissions Team, London Borough of Bexley, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7AT.

Telephone: 020 8303 7777
Email: schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk
www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

Each Authority will produce a booklet similar to this one with details of their schools’ open days and admission criteria.

The neighbouring Authorities to Bexley are:

London Borough of Bromley

Education, Care & Health Services
Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley BR1 3UH
school.admissions@bromley.gov.uk
Tel 020 8313 4044

Royal Borough of Greenwich

Admissions Service
The Woolwich Centre
35 Wellington Street
London SE18 6HQ
school-admissions@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
Tel 020 8921 8043

Kent County Council

Sessions House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ
kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk
Tel 03000 41 21 21
## Schedule of open days/evenings


For more details about open days, please see the section for schools in the 2020 Secondary Admissions brochure (to be published in July 2019).

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Part 3
General information
Admission to secondary school after the start of Year 7

Applications for a secondary school place after the beginning of Year 7 should be made on an in year application form. You can apply either to the School Admissions Team if you live in Bexley, or direct to the schools that you are interested in. If you apply to the School Admissions Team, we will pass details on to the schools listed. The school will make a decision on whether a place can be offered and let you know the outcome. If a place is refused, you can ask for your child to be placed on the waiting list and you have the right to appeal against the decision.

Applications for places at grammar schools where the child has not already been deemed selective will be dealt as an in year application. Arrangements for testing will only be made on receipt of a completed in year application form submitted either to the Council or to the school. If a child is deemed selective after an in year test, it does not guarantee the offer of a place at a grammar school. Any vacancies will be offered in accordance with the school’s oversubscription criteria.

Every effort will be made to meet your preferences. However, it will not always be possible to place your child in one of the schools you would prefer. If you live in Bexley, the School Admissions Team will ensure that your child is offered a school place if he or she is not on the roll of any school or is not being educated at home.

The London Borough of Bexley prides itself in the work it undertakes to plan for and commission school places. That said, like the rest of London, it is coming under increasing and unprecedented pressure. In the case of applications for Year 7 places received by the published closing date, offers of first or second choices remain amongst the highest in London. For applications received at any other time in the academic year including all other year groups, options are far more restricted. Therefore, before you consider applying please be aware of these limitations. Further advice on this can be obtained from schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk.

Transfer between Bexley secondary schools

Occasionally parents ask for their child to transfer from one school to another. Parents are expected to consult the head teacher of their child’s current school, before the request to transfer is made, to establish whether a change of school is in the child’s best interests. If, after full consultation with the child’s head teacher, you wish to apply to move schools, you should ask the head teacher to arrange a managed move. If that is not agreed, an in year application can be made either to the School Admissions Team or to your preferred school.

Decisions on in year admission to Academies will be taken by the governors.

Fair Access Protocol

Pupils who have been permanently excluded, or who are having difficulties finding a school place for the reasons specified in the School Admissions Code 2014, may be considered under the Fair Access Protocol agreed by Head Teachers and operated in partnership with the Local Authority. A panel of secondary school head teachers considers applications for places made under the protocol and seeks to facilitate an appropriate placement. Parents should apply as described above for a school place; the London Borough of Bexley will determine whether the Fair Access Protocol applies and will inform parents as necessary.

Entry into 6th form

Further information on school sixth forms and other post-16 learning opportunities in and beyond Bexley will be provided to students at the start of Year 11 at secondary schools. It will also be posted on London Borough of Bexley’s website (www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions).

Home to school transport

For most children, transport needs will be met by the provision of free travel by Transport for London (TfL). Children who travel by bus will need to obtain the appropriate Oyster photocard in place at the time. It will be the parent/carer’s and child’s responsibility to meet the requirements set by TfL for retaining their Oyster photocard.

The parent/carer of any children whose transport needs fall within the criteria set out within The London Borough of Bexley’s Travel Assistance Policy, but which are not met by the TfL scheme should write to the Schools Admissions Team setting out why they believe that they need additional support. The transport needs of children with Statements or Education Health and Care Plans will be considered as part of the child’s annual review.

Home to school travel assistance and Special Educational Needs (SEN) for children aged between 5 and 16

The majority of children with an EHC Plan will not need or receive specialised travel assistance from the Council, and the completion of an EHC Plan does not confer an automatic entitlement to the provision of travel assistance by the Council. Please see Bexley’s Travel Assistance Policy, available online, for criteria.

Bexley parents/carers, in the first instance, are required to apply for home to school travel assistance by contacting the Transport Assistance Commissioning Team on tact@bexley.gov.uk, tel: 020 3045 4321 or the Bexley Integrated Transport Unit (BITU) on BITU@bexley.gov.uk, tel: 020 3045 4431. The parent/carer will be sent a Request for Home to School Travel Assistance application form which is to be completed and emailed to above addresses or returned to London Borough of Bexley, BITU, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, DA6 7AT for processing, subject to the eligibility criteria. All referrals are assessed for eligibility and most appropriate form of transport provision against Bexley’s Home to School Travel Assistance Policy.
The London Borough of Bexley requires good standards of behaviour on all transport to and from school and reserves the right to withdraw transport where a child places himself or herself, other passengers or transport staff, at risk in terms of health, wellbeing or safety.

Travel Training

Travel training is designed to help young people get more from life by giving them the confidence to travel independently.

Being able to access public transport helps people to make their own choices about how they live and what they want to achieve. If you would like more information about home to school travel training, please contact the Bexley Integrated Transport Unit (BITU) on BITU@bexley.gov.uk, tel: 020 3045 4431.

School Meals

Midday meals are provided at all schools in Bexley for pupils who wish to have them. Arrangements are also made for pupils who bring their own food to eat at lunchtime.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free meal by the school. Your school still needs to know if your child would have been entitled to free meals, as it can claim valuable extra funding. Please complete a free school meal application form and return it to your school if you receive any of the benefits below. Even if you don’t want your child to receive a free meal, it is still important to complete the application form so that the school can get extra Government funding towards things like learning support and after school activities.

Children in Year 3 and above are eligible for free school meals if their parents receive one of the benefits listed below. We would encourage you to apply for free school meals if you think you may qualify.

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit ‘run-on’ - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

The application form for free school meals is available from www.bexley.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. You do not have to provide evidence of your income to support your claim, as the Council will check all details through the Department for Education’s Free School Meals Eligibility Checking System.

Claims will normally be processed within 10 working days of the form being received, although it may take longer during busy periods at the start of the school year.

You must inform the Council immediately if you change address, stop receiving any of the qualifying support payment/benefits or about any other circumstance that might affect entitlement to free school lunches. If you do not, you may be liable to repay the cost of any lunches taken by your children.

Some schools (currently: Belvedere Junior School, Burnt Oak Junior School, Chatsworth Infant School, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, Christ Church, Erith, CE Primary School, Cleeve Park School, East Wickham Primary Academy, Harris Academy Falconwood, Harris Garrard Academy, Hurst Primary School, Jubilee Primary School, Northumberland Heath Primary School, Northwood Primary School, Peasewood Primary School, Sherwood Park Primary School, St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary School, St Catherine’s Catholic School, St Columba’s Catholic Boys School, Townley Grammar School, Trinity School, Belvedere and Willow Bank Primary School) administer their own free school meals and applications should be made direct to the school.

Entry for public examinations

The information booklet published for each school sets out how courses leading to public examinations are organised and the options available to pupils. The school will normally meet the cost of all entries for public examinations. Before a pupil is entered for any particular examination, the school must be satisfied that the candidate has undertaken and completed the appropriate course of study, intends to present him/herself for the examination and, in the opinion of the Head Teacher, has a reasonable chance of success. Parents whose child, without good reason, absents him/herself from an examination for which he/she has been entered will be expected to repay the amount of the examination fee.

Precise details for each school will be printed in the school’s information booklet.

Special educational provision

Appropriate provision will be made for all children with Education, Health and Care Plans.

If you have an enquiry concerning Special Educational Needs that is not covered in this booklet, you should contact the Statutory Assessment Team, Education and Social Care, London Borough of Bexley, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7AT. Telephone 020 3045 4451, or email specialneeds.els@bexley.gov.uk

General enquiries and information

For any general enquiries about London Borough of Bexley and its services, you can telephone 020 8303 7777 or email customerservices@bexley.gov.uk. The Contact Centre is located at the Civic Offices at 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT. The Council’s website www.bexley.gov.uk gives details of Council departments and services.
Data Protection Act 1998

Any information parents provide when applying for a school place will be entered on a computerised data base. As such the information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998 which ensures the information can be used only for defined purposes and can be passed only to specific people.

The defined purposes are:

(i) administering the admissions process as set out in this information booklet

(ii) preventing any fraud/criminal offence or to ensure the safety of any child

The people who may receive the information are:

(a) the current school (if any)

(b) the schools which parents have included amongst their preferences

(c) other admission authorities in the borough for the purpose of securing a school place

(d) other Local Authorities so as to ensure that parents have provided consistent information and do not hold on to more than one offer of a place

(e) an organisation legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, criminal offences or child protection.

(f) a government department in order to comply with statutory requirements

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