



# Weald of Kent Grammar School

## Admissions Policy –2023/24

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The Weald of Kent Grammar School uses the Co-ordinated Admission Scheme administered by Kent Local Authority (LA), details of which are outlined in the KCC published “Admissions to Secondary Schools in Kent 2023” booklet.

All applicants for Year 7 admission must have gained a selective\* place (i.e. met the required score in the Kent Test, as determined by KCC).

The Published Admission Number (PAN) is 270 girls for entry in September 2023. 180 at the Tonbridge Campus and 90 at the Sevenoaks Campus. Places will be allocated on the grounds of care, family association, medical need, pupil premium, children of staff members and geography. Before the application of oversubscription criteria applicants with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan who have been deemed as selective\* and have named the school will be admitted. Such admissions are included in the PAN.

The school is usually over-subscribed. If the number of applicants is greater than the number of places available, the following **Oversubscription Criteria** will be applied in priority order. Full details are given below.

- 1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care** - 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 including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A 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. Current Family Association** – A sister or brother attending Weald of Kent at the time the child starts. In this context sister or brother means children who live as sister or brother, in the same house including natural sisters and brothers, adopted siblings, stepsisters or brothers and foster sisters and brothers. If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc.) apply for a school and the school would reach its PAN after admitting one of more, but before admitting all of those siblings, a place will be offered to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.
- 3. Health and Special Access Reasons** – Medical, health, and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Weald of Kent. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social needs means there is a demonstrable and significant need for their child to attend Weald of Kent. All claims under this criteria must be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and Weald of Kent.
- 4. Pupil Premium** – Priority will be given to 18 Students in receipt of Pupil Premium who have passed the Kent Test. This equates to 2 places per Year 7 form group, based on a PAN of 270 (9 forms of entry). These places will be calculated on the basis of distance with those being the closest to the OS Reference (TQ 59489 45217) as determined by KCC, being given priority.

A child is eligible for Pupil Premium where they have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. This does not include girls who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Pupil Premium is also afforded to Children in LA Care or Previously in LA Care, however, these children will be prioritised in the relevant criteria above. Parents wishing to apply under this priority must ensure they complete the attached Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school by 31 October in the year of application. Parents must

also complete an application (via online or paper Secondary Common Application Form) naming the school, otherwise their child cannot be considered for a place.

*\* Selective - i.e. met the required score in the Kent Test, as determined by KCC*

If these places are not filled by applicants in receipt of Pupil Premium by the LA on National Offer Day any surplus or declined places will be offered to the next priority listed in our oversubscription criteria.

All children, in receipt of Pupil Premium, who gain a place at Weald of Kent Grammar School can receive financial assistance towards items such as school uniform and school trips.

**For more information on Pupil Premium places please refer to the Supplementary Information Form attached. This is ONLY required from applicants eligible and wish to apply for pupil premium. The deadline for submitting this form is 31 October.**

**5 Children of Permanent Members of Staff** – A child who has passed the Kent Test and whose parent is a current and permanent member of staff, providing that his/her child lives in the same house as him/her. In this context a child means a natural daughter/son including adopted children and or foster children who live at the same address as the member of staff. A permanent member of staff is defined as a full-time teaching member, a full-time support member whose contract is 37 weeks and above, a part-time teaching member with a 50% and above timetable and a part-time support staff member who works more than 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more. The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.

A permanent member of staff can be defined as someone who has been employed directly by Weald of Kent Grammar School Academy Trust for the last two years at the time of application or someone who was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

**6. Weald of Kent accepts students from towns and areas in the order set out below.**

Priority will be given to category A) followed by category B). The distance from the child's permanent home to the designated OS reference point (TQ 59489 45217) of the Tonbridge Campus will be used in conjunction with the order of priority given below.

A. Tonbridge Town, the District of Sevenoaks, and the Parishes of Ightham, Ivy Hatch, Kings Hill, Pembury, Platt and St Mary's Platt, Plaxtol and Shipbourne. (Please see appendix 4 for postcodes and/or boundary details.)

B. All other Postcodes

**Nearness of Children's Homes to School** –The LA uses the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to the OS Reference (TQ 59489 45217) within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school Campus is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

A student's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence and not an address at which your child might sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic or special arrangements. The address must be the student's home address on the day you completed your application form and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian, OR leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under a lease or written rental agreement.

The school uses measurements provided by the LA and further information on how distances are calculated (including for flats) is available in the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet provided by the LA.

**We will send you a Campus Supplementary Information Form with our welcome letter once you have been made an offer of a place at the school.**

### **Admission outside the normal age group Deferred**

#### **Admission Applications**

Parents who wish for their child to be educated out of year should contact the school in writing between April and May of Year 5 irrespective of age. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request, however if a child has a medical or educational psychologist report this evidence must be provided with the application. The school will provide acknowledgement of this request and parents should then make an application via paper CAF to the LA attaching the written acknowledgement from the school. All applications will be processed in line with our normal admissions policy for the relevant cohort.

#### **Accelerated Admission Applications**

Where parents wish to apply for a place ahead of their daughter's actual year group they should contact the school in writing between April and May of Year 5 irrespective of age. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request, however if a child has a medical or educational psychologist report this evidence must be provided with the application. The school will provide acknowledgement of this request and parents should then make an application via paper CAF to the LA attaching the written acknowledgement from the school. All applications will be processed in line with our normal admissions policy for the relevant cohort.

Please refer to the attached Appendix for the following procedures and information:

1. Admissions Procedure for entry at age 11
2. Procedure for Admission at age 12 + (In Year Admissions)
3. Procedure for Admission at age 16+
4. Boundary Information
5. Supplementary Information Form

This policy will be reviewed annually and changes to the Policy will be published as required.

Signed:  (Headteacher)

Signed:  (Chair of Trustees)

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## APPENDIX 1

### Admissions Procedure for entry at age 11

#### 1.1 Gaining entry to the School and making an application

- a. Weald of Kent Grammar School is a selective\* Academy school and admits girls at age 11 who have gained a Kent selective\* place through the PESE process. Weald of Kent Grammar School sets no test of its own for applicants at this stage of entry. The PAN is **270**.
- b. Under the co-ordinated Admissions Scheme run by Kent County Council parents name four schools on the Secondary Common Application Form ("SCAF"). **Parents must express their preferences, and rank them accordingly.** Kent County Council acts as the co-ordinating authority for all admission applications and will allocate a place to the highest preference school for which the child is eligible. If there are too many requests for Weald of Kent, the school places are allocated using the published over-subscription criteria (see Policy).

In the event of a tie breaker situation if more than one applicant has the same distance from home to school (as measured by the LA), then a random selection will be applied.

- c. Weald of Kent must be named on the SCAF for a student to be eligible for admission. The completed form should be handed in to the applicant's primary or preparatory school by the date specified on the SCAF. Alternatively, applications can be made online to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).
- d. Kent County Council will offer a place at a school which they will endeavour to make the highest of the four preferences named on the SCAF in accordance with the individual school's over subscription criteria. All children are sent one offer of a place on the same date in March.

#### 1.2 Acceptance/refusal

Weald of Kent Grammar School will post their welcome letters on a date as determined by KCC in and around March 2023.

Parents must advise the school either in writing or by email by the deadline date, as given by KCC, whether they are accepting or declining the place offered.

#### 1.3 Waiting list procedures

- a. The Admissions Manager will maintain a waiting list if the school is oversubscribed. This will include details of all applicants who have named the school on the SCAF and were not offered a place on National Offer Day and have asked to be included on the school's waiting list, and any late application sent to the school by the co-ordinating authority.
- b. Applicants will be listed in order of priority, in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria. (NB: priority is not given based on the date the application was added to the waiting list.) The Waiting List will be re-ranked every time a new child is added.
- c. If Weald of Kent has vacancies against their PAN places will be offered in line with KCC's prescribed processes and then as vacancies arise.
- d. If Weald of Kent has reached its PAN it may not admit applicants other than through the Independent Appeal process.
- e. When a place is offered to a student on the waiting list, the Admissions Manager will advise the coordinating authority.
- f. Weald of Kent will notify the co-ordinating authority whether the parent has accepted or declined the offer.
- g. Waiting lists will be maintained after the New Year 7 intake has been admitted in September, for the academic year.

**NB: Where a child has not been assessed as being suitable for a Grammar School, their parents cannot ask to join the waiting list for Weald of Kent.**

## 1.4 Appeals

There is a parental right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Committee against the refusal of a place regardless of where the school was ranked on the SCAF. In or around March, once notifications of school places have been made and using the Appeal Form provided by the coordinating authority, any Appeal Applications should be made to: Chair of Trustees, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JP. Waiting list places will continue to be offered throughout this period.

If the Weald of Kent has places available and parents lodge an appeal for a place, they may be offered a place after a specific date as determined by Kent County Council without the appeal being heard, provided there are no other applicants at that time on the waiting list and, where the child has been assessed as suitable for a Grammar School place. Places will be offered strictly in accordance with the Weald of Kent's oversubscription criteria.

After 31 December 2023 students wishing to make an application for a place in Year 7 will have to be CAT tested if they did not sit the Kent Test prior to 31 December 2023.

**There is no parental right of appeal against the Campus allocated.**

## 1.5 Making a late nomination for Weald of Kent Grammar School

Where parents who do not nominate Weald of Kent Grammar School on the SCAF decide subsequently that they wish for their daughter to be considered for a place at the school, the application can only be considered once the closing date for acceptances of student offer places on National Offer day has lapsed. Parents who think they might wish to pursue a place at the school are strongly urged to nominate Weald of Kent Grammar School on the SCAF.

## APPENDIX 2

### Procedure for Admission at age 12+ (In Year Admissions)

Weald of Kent Grammar School accepts applications for places, for girls, in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and these should be made directly to Weald of Kent.

**2.1 If the PAN for that Year Group is not exceeded**, the following procedure applies:

- I. A completed IYAF form must be received by the Admissions Manager at Weald of Kent Grammar School.
- II. Weald of Kent will write to confirm they have a vacancy or confirm they are prepared to proceed with the request and the student will be invited into School for tests in quantitative, verbal and nonverbal reasoning.

All girls wishing to apply for a place will be required to sit CAT tests (quantitative, non-verbal and verbal reasoning) to establish whether they are working within the range of the existing cohort. A minimum of 118+ in each test must be achieved. Following successful testing Weald of Kent will write to make an offer of a place if there is a place available. If you are refused a place because the school is above the PAN for that Cohort you have the right to lodge an appeal against the decision. If the CAT results are below the entry requirement of 118 points in all three tests a place will not be offered. You have the right to lodge an appeal against any decision not to offer a place.

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

- When a parent has failed to respond to an offer within ten working days, or
- When a parent has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or

- The admissions authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

## **2.2 Multiple Applications**

Like many selective schools, Weald of Kent Grammar School use GL Assessment CAT4UK tests to ascertain a child's eligibility. Given that students may only complete CAT tests once per Academic Year where a family applies to any school which uses a CAT4 test we will share the test results with other schools to speed up the Admissions process and to reduce pressure on the individual child.

Should a parent refuse permission for other schools to share test results from CAT4 tests with Weald of Kent, the application to Weald of Kent will be declined.

## **2.2 Sevenoaks Campus**

The Sevenoaks Campus provision only applies to students who were born after 1 September 2005.

## **2.3 Appeals**

There is a parental right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Committee against the refusal of a place. This should be made in writing to: The Clerk to the Trustees, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JP.

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **Procedure for Admission at age 16+**

We aim to offer a range of academic qualifications to our Sixth Form students and all of these require specific minimum grades at GCSE. Our policy is to ensure that students accepted into the Sixth Form can be placed on appropriate courses where they are likely to succeed

All students in Year 11 will be encouraged to apply for the Sixth Form. All students joining Weald of Kent Grammar Sixth Form must meet the academic entry requirements as set out in the Sixth Form Prospectus. Priority will be given to existing students transferring from Year 11. The PAN for year 12 is the same as the number of students in year 11 in the previous year. There are 25 places available for external students. This figure may be exceeded if there are more available spaces up to our PAN. Where the number of external candidates exceeds the number of places available Sixth Form Oversubscription Criteria will apply, see below.

Information together with details of the application procedure is detailed within the Sixth Form Prospectus, which can be found on the Admissions section of the school website.

Meeting the requirements of any course is no guarantee that the applicant will automatically be offered a place on their preferred choices.

Entry into Year 13 for external applicants will depend on the courses required, the availability of a place within that group and the applicant's results from any examinations taken in Year 12. We require evidence that the applicant will go on to complete the course successfully.

All applicants meeting the academic criteria will follow through the application process given below:

- a. Completion of an Admissions application via Kent Choices (all applicants)
- b. Students must obtain a minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Mathematics. All subjects also have grade specifications outlined in our School Prospectus.
- c. A conditional offer of a place is based on the above and an overall GCSE point score of at least 5.5 from eight subjects including GCSE English Language or English Literature and GCSE Mathematics.

### **Summary of Timescale:**

The timetable for Sixth Form applications is detailed on our website.

### **Late Applications:**

Students who apply after the closing date of 15 January should email the school giving details of their predicted grades and advising the three subjects they wish to study at A level.

Applications will be ranked in accordance with our over-subscription criteria.

### **Sixth Form Oversubscription Criteria**

Priority will be given to existing Year 11 Weald of Kent Grammar School students who meet the entry criteria

If there are more external applicants than spaces available, places will be offered in accordance with our oversubscription criteria.

1. Looked After Children
2. Current Family Association
3. Health and Special Access Reasons
4. \*\*Pupil Premium ( see note below)
5. Children of Permanent Members of Staff
6. Nearness of Children's Homes to School

Details of each category can be found on page one of this policy.

\*\* Students in receipt of pupil premium should confirm in August. These places will be calculated on the basis of distance with those being the closest to the OS Reference (TQ59489 45217) as determined by KCC, being given priority.

A waiting list of qualifying applicants will be maintained in the order of the oversubscription criteria until 1 October 2023. This list will be re ranked each time a new student is added.

### **Right to appeal:**

There is a parental right of appeal against the refusal of a place once GCSE results are published. This should be made in writing to: The Clerk to the Trustees, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JP. Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeal Panel within 30 school days of receipt of the request.

**All appeals for Sixth Form must be received within one week of the GCSE results.**

**The sooner we are made aware of the need for an appeal, the sooner we can convene the Independent Appeal Panel.**



## APPENDIX 4

### Boundary Information

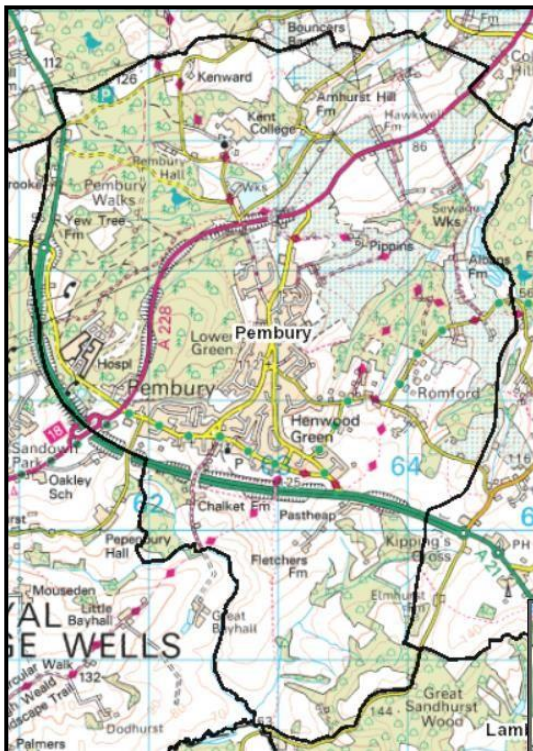
#### Category A

**Tonbridge Town** is made up of TN9, TN10, TN11 and TN12 and the Parishes of Ightham, Ivy Hatch, Kings Hill, Pembury, Platt and St Mary's Platt, Plaxtol and Shipbourne.

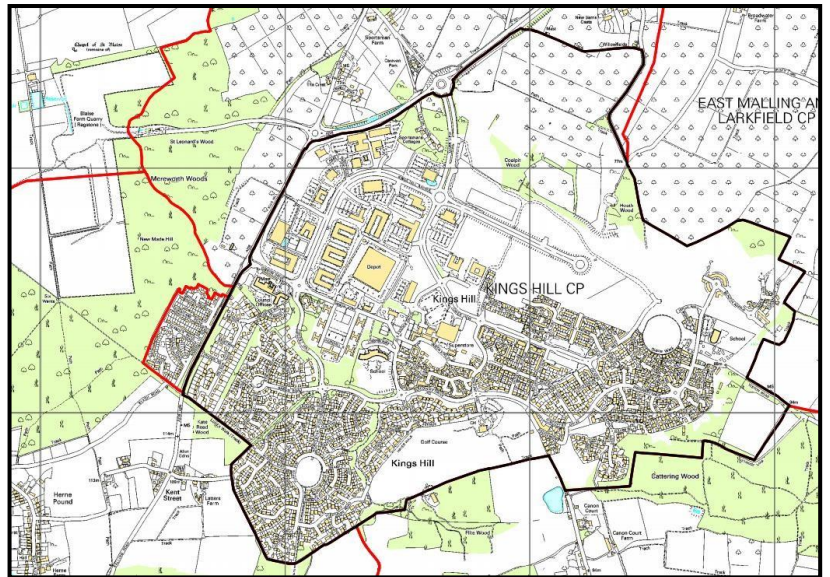
The following Parishes within the Sevenoaks district are included:

Brasted, Chevening, Chiddingstone, Cowden, Dunton Green, Edenbridge, Godden Green, Halstead, Hever, Kemsing, Knockholt, Leigh, Otford, Penshurst, Riverhead, Seal, Sevenoaks town, Sevenoaks Weald and Underriver, Shoreham, Sundridge and Ide Hill, Westerham and Crockham Hill.

#### The Pembury Parish Boundary:



#### The Kings Hill Parish Boundary:





# Weald of Kent Grammar School Academy Trust

## Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for 2023/24 Admissions Pupil Premium Notification

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**Required ONLY from applicants who are eligible for and wish to apply for pupil premium**

This form does not constitute a valid application. You must complete the relevant KCC Application Form (SCAF or IYAF) if you wish your child to be considered for a place at Weald of Kent Grammar School, these are available directly from KCC or online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).

The following sections should be completed and returned to the school **by 31 October 2023**, to notify us that you are applying for a Pupil Premium place. This should be sent to Admissions Department, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge TN9 2JP.

### Personal Details

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| Child's Surname:        |  |
| Child's Forenames:      |  |
| Child's Date of Birth:  |  |
| Permanent Home Address: |  |
| Telephone:              |  |
| Email Address:          |  |
| Parent/Carer:           |  |

### Other Details

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| Evidence of Eligibility: | Please provide a letter from the child's current school or a letter from the child's LA.    |
| Declaration:             | I confirm the information supplied is true and accurate and I consent to checks being made. |
| Parent/Carer Signature:  |   |
| Date:                    |   |

### ***Pupil Premium Eligibility Criteria:***

*A child is eligible for Pupil Premium where they have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. This does not include girls who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Pupil Premium is also afforded to Children in LA Care or Previously in LA Care, however, these children will be prioritised in the relevant criteria above.*