



Gravesend Grammar School – Understanding the Waiting List



Entry to Year 7

Boys not offered places who were successful in their Kent Test can join our waiting list. Over time it is possible that boys who have accepted places here will decide not to come after all. In this event the school is required to offer these places to boys at the top of the waiting list. As one boy goes elsewhere the boy at the top of the list is offered his place.

The waiting list is ordered according to the school’s oversubscription criteria. This means that all boys on it, and those who join it over time, are ranked so that those meeting the highest level criteria are places at the top. Our oversubscription criteria afford priority to boys living in our preference areas – Gravesham and certain surrounding parishes – and students living in these regions will be ranked highest. Within these regions, boys are ordered according to their proximity to the school. This means, for example, that two children both living in Gravesham will be positioned on the waiting list in an order determined by the distance of their home to the school.

Unranked Waiting List

Position	Name	Region	Distance from School (miles)
	Boy A	Out of Area	1.67
	Boy B	Gravesham	2.98
	Boy C	Parishes	2.66
	Boy D	Gravesham	7.14
	Boy E	Parishes	6.34

Ranked Waiting List

Position	Name	Region	Distance from School
1	Boy B	Gravesham	2.98
2	Boy D	Gravesham	7.14
3	Boy C	Parishes	2.66
4	Boy E	Parishes	6.34
5	Boy A	Out of Area	1.67

In the example above, the two Gravesham students are ranked highest as the Borough of Gravesham is our highest preference region in accordance with our oversubscription criteria. Boy B is above Boy D as his address is closer to the school. Second highest preference is our parishes’ region so those students are positioned 3 and 4. Boy A is positioned last as he does not live in our preference regions. Exact details of our oversubscription criteria can be found in our Admission Arrangements on the School’s website.

The waiting list changes over time as new students are added and others removed. Each time a change is made, the rank is updated. We are happy to provide periodic updates on a child’s position upon request. We maintain the waiting list until at least the first Christmas after its inception. We will inform parents of the closure of the list in advance of it occurring.

Our waiting list is usually lengthy and often in excess of 80 students. In reality very few places become available over the course of its life so it should not be relied upon to yield a place.