



Admission to Year 7 – September 2020

Information for Parents



The school has filled its allotted places for 2020 and will begin to compile a waiting list of students who passed their Kent Test but were not awarded a place here. Being heavily oversubscribed, we agreed to admit an additional 30 students meaning there will be 210 boys in seven form groups joining us in September. In this way, we have managed to accommodate all eligible boys requiring a place who live in our priority regions, but the year group is now full.

We will send out welcome packs to all those offered places on Friday 6 March. This contains all the information parents need to prepare their sons for transfer to GGS.

For further information, please read the section below that applies to your situation. Any other queries should be directed to admissions@gravesendgrammar.com.

My son has been offered a place at your school and we are happy with that...

You will need to send to us the paper acceptance form enclosed with your offer letter by Monday 16 March 2020.

My son has been offered a place at your school but it was not our preference...

You should send to us the paper acceptance form enclosed with your offer letter by Monday 16 March 2020. You may wish to consider appealing to your preferred school. This does not affect your son's place here at GGS. We will keep the place even if you are appealing elsewhere and will only withdraw it once you have informed us that you have found an alternative school.

My son passed his Kent test and we listed your school as one of our preferences, but have been given a lower preference school...

You should complete a waiting list form and send it to KCC as soon as possible. If places become available, KCC will offer these to boys at the top of the list on Wednesday 22 April. Additionally, you may wish to appeal for a place at GGS. If this is the case, please read the guidance on our website regarding the appeals' process. Your intention to appeal should be submitted on an appeal form and posted to the Clerk to the Chair of Governors at the school by Friday 27 March. You will not, at this stage, be required to submit evidence of any sort, but the form must include a summary of the grounds for your appeal. The independent appeals' panel clerk will write to you to give you the date and location of your appeal as well as a guide on what to expect and how to prepare. As the year group is full, there are unlikely to be many places awarded through the appeals process. In recent years, despite being full, the panel have directed us to take a small number of students. Appeals will take place in June.

My son did not pass his Kent test...

With supporting evidence that clearly shows your son to be of the required ability to sustain a grammar curriculum, you may wish to pursue an appeal. This is the only means by which you may be able to secure a place for your son. If this is your intention, please read the guidance on our website regarding the appeals' process. Your intention to appeal should be submitted on an appeal form and posted to the Clerk to the Chair of Governors at the school by Friday 27 March. You will not, at this stage, be required to submit evidence of any sort, but the form must include a summary of the grounds for your appeal. The independent appeals' panel clerk will write to you to give you the date and location of your appeal as well as a guide on what to expect and how to prepare. As the year

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My son passed his test but we did not list GGS as one of our preference schools...

You may apply directly to the school following reallocation day – Wednesday 22 April. Your son will not be given a place here as we are full, but we will add him to our waiting list. You may, once your request for a place has been declined, appeal for a place. We will provide information on this process at the time. It is likely that your appeal will be heard after the main batch of appeals as these will have been organised prior to your application.

We are new to the area and will need a school for our son...

You need to speak with the schools' admissions department at Kent County Council.