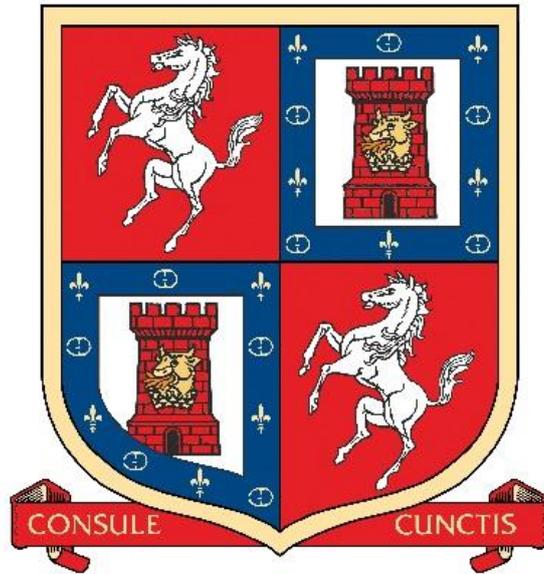


Gravesend Grammar School



A Parents' Guide to Year 7 Admissions

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For a majority of admissions enquiries Mr I Cook, the Admissions Manager, should be the first point of contact and can advise on a range of admissions issues. For specific SEN enquiries please direct your enquiries to Mrs N Hedley.

Key Admissions Dates	
1 st June 2021	Registration for testing opens
1 st July 2021	Closing date for registration
1 st September 2021	Applications for secondary transfer Opens
9 th September 2021	Test date for Kent pupils
11 th September 2021	Weekend for out of county pupils to sit Kent Test
14 th October 2021	Assessment decision sent to parents
1 st November 2021	Applications for secondary transfer closes
1 st March 2022	National Offer Day
3 rd March 2022	Schools send out welcome letters
28 th March 2022	Date by which appeals must be submitted

Applying for a Kent Grammar School

Parents need to register their child to sit the Kent Tests between 1 June and 1 July 2021. Children sit their Kent Test in September and parents will be informed of the outcome before they are required to submit their SCAF (Secondary School Common Application Form). On the SCAF, parents list, in preference order, the six schools they would like their child to attend and Kent LEA will allocate to them the highest available school on that list. This is dependent on whether schools listed have places available and whether or not the child is eligible to take up that place.

The Kent Tests are sat in a single day, usually in the child's primary school*, and consist of two papers. One is reasoning made up of three sections - verbal, non-verbal and spatial reasoning. The other has two sections - Maths and English. Students who achieve a pass in each of English, Maths and Reasoning, and whose combined scores meet the aggregate required, are deemed eligible for entry to a Kent grammar school. There is additionally a writing task that is used only as evidence of students' independent writing ability at a Head Teacher Review for those children who are later referred. Gravesend Grammar School does not have its own entrance tests for admission to Year 7 nor does it have a supplementary admissions form except for children in receipt of pupil premium.

Parents and their sons will be informed of the school allocated to them in March 2022. They are entitled to appeal to schools on their SCAF that they were not offered places at. Individual schools arrange independent appeal panels to hear parents' cases at various times between April and July. Appeal panels have the authority to overturn the decision not to offer a child a place.

*Alternative arrangements will be made by Kent LEA for those children whose primary schools do not administer the Kent Test.

How Places are allocated at Gravesend Grammar School

Each year, Gravesend Grammar School has more applications than there are places available. We rank applicants using the following criteria in the order they appear. Places are awarded to highest ranked students.

1. Children who are in Local Authority Care
2. Children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school.
3. Children who have a brother (or sister in the 6th Form) who will be attending the school when the applicant joins.
4. Children who have a parent who is a member of staff
5. Children who live within the Borough of Gravesham.
6. Children who live within the civil parishes of Ash-cum-Ridley, Bean, Fawkham, Hartley, Longfield and New Barn, Southfleet, Swanscombe and Greenhithe and Stansted.
7. Children who live within the civil parishes of Stone, Darenth, Horton Kirby and South Darenth, Cliffe and Cliffe Woods

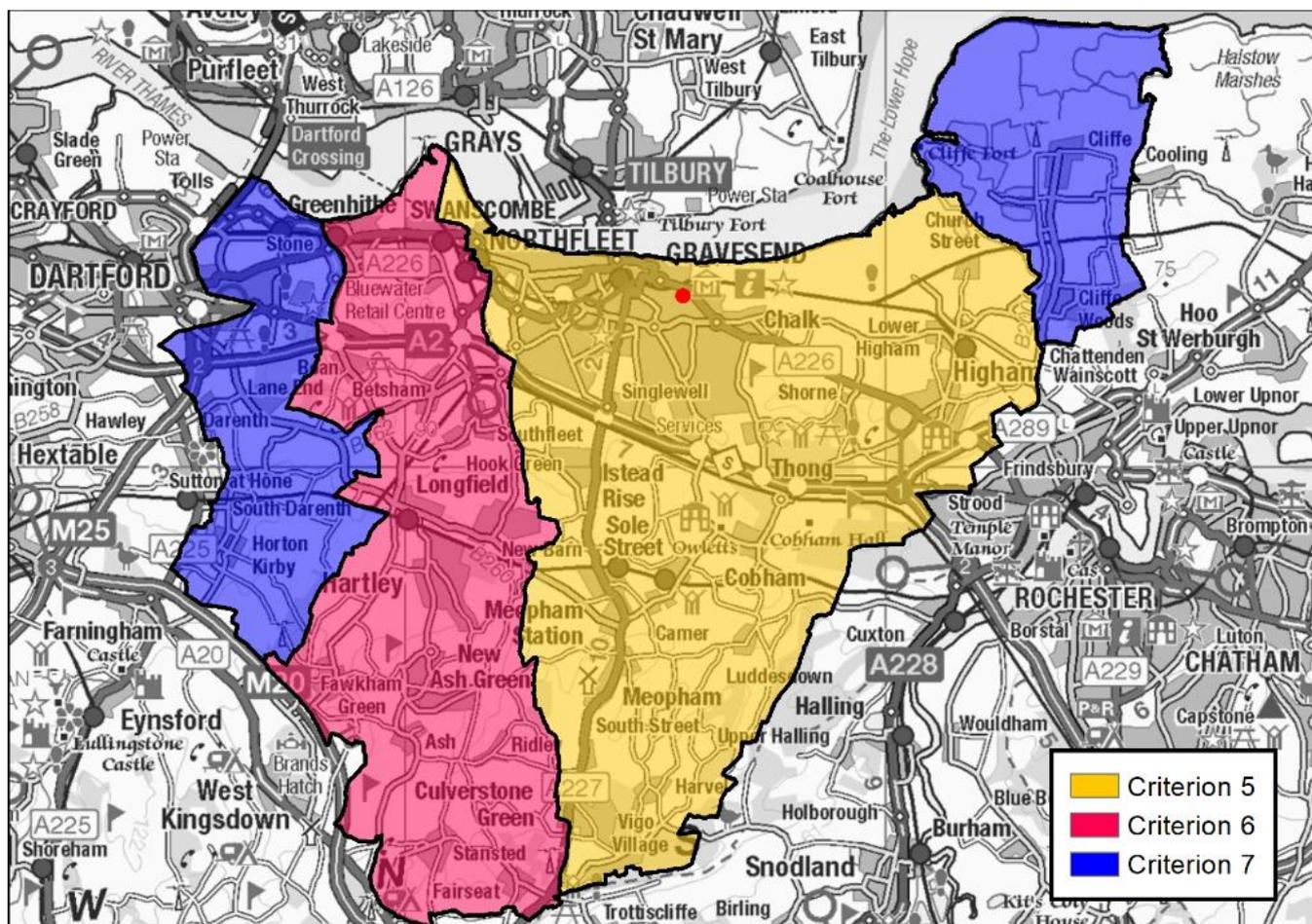
Additionally, priority is afforded within each criterion to children deemed eligible for **Pupil Premium**, whose parents, in addition to the normal admissions process, must complete a supplementary form found on our website.

Over-subscription criteria explained

Our Oversubscription criteria are fairly simple. Highest priority is given to those applicants with a Statement of Education Need, those in local authority care and those whose medical needs are best met by attending GGS. These criteria account for very few of the children we admit.

Around twenty students each year are awarded places because of their association with the school through a parent or sibling. The remaining places are awarded according to where pupils live. The yellow region below is Gravesend which is afforded highest priority. The pink region represents our second priority area (see bullet point 6 on the previous page) and the blue is our third priority region (bullet point 7). We offer 210 places. Were we not able to accommodate all children from within a priority region, places would be awarded to those in that region living closest to the school.

In recent years we have been able to offer places to everyone from our three priority regions with a small number of students outside these regions also getting places.



Gravesend Grammar School Priority Areas – See “How Places are Allocated” above.