

Gravesend Grammar School

IN-YEAR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS



Parents and carers can apply for a place at Gravesend Grammar School regardless of where they live, providing they have not already made an application for entry in the same academic year. The school will process each application and will seek to provide an outcome within 15 school days of receiving it.

Applications are made using an In-Year Application Form which can be found on the school website. On receipt, we will determine whether we can admit the child without prejudice to our existing students. This decision is largely based on the number of students currently in the year group, but will also incorporate consideration of the impact on our resources.

Where we determine there is prejudice, we will not offer a place.

Where we consider that the child can be admitted without prejudice we will seek to offer a place but this will only happen if the child is deemed academically suited to a grammar curriculum. Eligibility is granted as a result of success in our entrance exams. We will arrange for the child to sit these exams as soon as it is practicably possible to do so. Boys entering during Year 7 and for the beginning of Year 8 will be deemed eligible if they were successful in their Kent Test and will not need to sit entrance exams. Where there are a number of students seeking entry into a year group for which admission of all or some would present prejudice to our existing students, places will be prioritised according to our oversubscription criteria (see our Admissions Arrangements on the school website).

When an application is declined, we will offer the applicant the opportunity to appeal. An appeal is made by completing an appeal form which is available on our website. We are required to offer an appeal hearing within 30 school days of the appeal request being received. An appeal panel is convened and applicants have the opportunity to present a case for the admission of their child. The appeal panel is independent of the school and will carefully consider the evidence presented before deciding whether or not to direct the school to admit the child. Where an applicant requests an appeal, we will test the child to determine eligibility so that the applicant and the panel know whether the child is suited to a grammar school. The parents and carers of a child who does not pass the tests are still entitled to continue with their appeal. The appeals' clerk will provide information to parents regarding the appeal process and the evidence parents should aim to provide.

Parents of children in receipt of Pupil Premium should complete the Supplementary Form on our website.