

2012 Admissions Cover Sheet

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The following documents form the schools final and determined 2012 admission arrangements.

RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL (RMGS) FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

ADMISSION POLICY 2012

1 Admission Arrangements into Year 7

The arrangements for coordinated admissions in Medway will be set out in detail in the Medway Local Authority (LA) booklet for parents 'Admission to Secondary School', a copy of which will be available from the primary school or the Admissions Team at Medway Local Authority. The main points are summarised below:

- Parents complete the Medway common application form (CAF) in accordance with the Medway Coordinated Admission Scheme.
- Medway Local Authority will act as clearing house for the administration of pupils' preferences.
- Following the test arranged by Medway, selective and non-selective decisions will be posted to parents by the Local Authority on behalf of RMGS.

The published admission number for Rainham Mark Grammar School is 175.

Places will be offered first to any selective child with a statement of special educational need where Rainham Mark Grammar School is named.

2 Oversubscription criteria for September 2012

If the number of RMGS preferences received, via the Medway Coordinated Scheme, from parents of children achieving selective standard exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order.

- (i) Children in Public Care.
- (ii) In rank order of score as determined by Medway's Selection Procedures.
- (iii) In the event of two or more pupils having equal ranking for the last place the deciding factor will be the shortest available safe walking distance between the home address and RMGS as measured by the Medway Council Geographical Information System and determined by Medway Local Authority.

3 Waiting list

- (i) For rising Year 7, as set out in the coordinated scheme, the Local Authority will be responsible for holding a waiting list for parents who request their child's name be added and where that parent has ranked Rainham Mark Grammar School higher on the CAF than the school they have been offered. The waiting list will operate until the end of Term 1 of the new academic year when the new Year 7 cohort is admitted.
- (ii) The school will maintain a waiting list for Year 7 for one academic year from 1 September based on the scores achieved in the Medway tests.

4 Procedure for In Year Admission for pupils in Year 8-11 and Year 7 after the beginning of the new academic year.

Pupils admitted to any vacant places will be from the top 25% by ability. The school will use standardised tests to assess these "casual admissions" if qualifying selection test results are not available.

5 Admission Arrangements for Year 12 Entry

Number of additional Year 12 places available for students being admitted to the school for the first time: 40.

6 Admission to the Sixth Form will depend on:

- (i) Examination results at GCSE which confirm an adequate base level: generally at least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language and Mathematics **and** an average point score of 43*.
- (ii) Subject choice: all AS subjects have entry requirements. For most AS subjects, students will be expected to have achieved at least B grades in those subjects at GCSE. Please consult the 6th form prospectus for subject entry criteria.
- (iii) Evidence from the current school that the student could cope with at least a 3 A2 Level course, or its equivalent.
- (iv) Students who achieve an average point score of between 40 and 43 will be offered the opportunity to discuss, with a senior member of staff, whether the 4AS (plus IFS Certificate) / 3 A2 programme on offer at RMGS is appropriate for their needs. Accommodation of these students is dependant on numbers of students who have already secured places.

An average GCSE point score of 43 points across **all GCSEs taken, not just the best 5 or 8. Each grade is worth the following: A*=58, A=52, B=46, C=40, D=34, E=28, F=22, G=16. Then divide by the total number of GCSEs taken. A short course like RS counts as 0.5 of a GCSE.*

Existing RMGS students who meet our entry requirements at the end of Year 11 are guaranteed a place.

7 The oversubscription criteria for Year 12 entry is as follows

- (i) Children in Public Care.
- (ii) Students attending a school in the Rainham consortium.
- (iv) In the event of two or more students having equal ranking the deciding factor will be the shortest available safe walking distance between the home address and RMGS as measured by the Medway Council Geographical Information System and determined by Medway Local Authority.

8 Offers of a Sixth Form place will be conditional upon GCSE results and borderline cases would be considered using the admissions criteria in paragraph 6 above.

The school will meet parental preference (where possible) and will conform to the School Admissions Code of Practice and take note of the advice of the Admissions Forum. Applicants refused admission are entitled to an appeal before an independent appeal panel. The appeal system will conform to School Admission Appeals Code of Practice and appellants are encouraged to attend the hearing. Appeals should be made as soon as possible after parents have received the admission decision and before any date specified in the admission decision letter. Appeals are made to the independent appeal panel via the Clerk to the Governors at the school.