

CONSULTATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS TO THE ROCHESTER GRAMMAR FOUNDATION SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

Statement of Ethos : The Rochester Grammar School

The ethos of this school is “excellence for all”; we have the highest expectations of all our learners in terms of their commitment to academic achievement, respect for others and contribution to the school community. Our Mission Statement, “Furthering Excellence through Support, Encouragement and Achievement” articulates the strength of personal support, care and guidance given to each learner. We have a clear policy on uniform and dress code as well as a Code of Conduct based on mutual respect.

We ask all parents applying for a place at the Rochester Grammar School to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.

1. **Admission arrangements Year 7 - 11**

The arrangements for coordinated admissions in Medway will be set out in detail in the Medway LA booklet for parents ‘Admission to Secondary School’, a copy of which will be available with the Headteacher or from the admissions team at the Education Office. The main points are summarised below:

- Parents complete the Medway common application form (CAF) in accordance with the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.
- The Local Authority will administer the Medway test on behalf of the governors of The Rochester Grammar School.
- The Local Authority will then act as clearing house for the administration of pupils’ preferences.
- Following the tests, selective and non-selective decisions are posted to parents by the Local Authority. Offers and refusals of places will be posted to parents by the Local Authority, on behalf of RGS.
- The school will also post to parents decisions of the governors on admission and details of the right of appeal against the governors’ decision.

The school’s published admission number is 165.

Places will first be offered to any selective girl with a statement of special educational need where The Rochester Grammar School is named.

2. **Oversubscription criteria for September 2010:**

If the number of RGS preference selective girls received via the Medway Co-ordinated Scheme exceeds the number of places available at the school, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

- (a) Children in public care.
- (b) Where a pupil can demonstrate a specific musical aptitude, as assessed by graded examinations. Parents/carers should write to the Chairman of Governors using the Expression of Interest form with details. Up to four places annually will be awarded, given eligible candidates.
- (c) In rank order based on the scores achieved in the tests. In the event that two pupils have equal ranking for the last place, priority will be given to the pupil whose permanent address is the nearest to The Rochester Grammar School, as measured by using Medway Council’s Geographical Information System.

3. Waiting List

- (a) For rising Year 7, as set out in the coordinated scheme, the School will be responsible for holding a waiting list for parents who request their child's name be added and where that parent has ranked RGS higher on the CAF than the school they have been offered. The waiting list will operate until the start of the autumn term when the new Year 7 cohort is admitted and its order will be based on rank order score achieved in the Medway tests.
- (b) The school will maintain a waiting list for Year 7 for one academic year from 1 September based on scores achieved in the Medway tests.
- (c) For Years 8 – 11 a waiting list for parents who request a place will be kept for one academic year. The order of that list will be based on rank order in the Medway test, if taken. If not the school will administer its own test.

4. Arrangements for admission to Year 12

See attached

The Rochester Grammar School

Applications for Year 12 Entry

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

50

- Minimum entry requirements for level 3 courses:*

5+ A*-C grades – general course requirements.

Courses to be studied at A Level or IB require B grade or above as specified in 6th form prospectus.

**The same minimum entry requirements apply for transfers from Year 11.*

- Subject choice discussion will take place with students.
- Any offers will be conditional on final GCSE results.
- Entry to Year 13 on A2 courses require at least a two Cs and one D from AS Levels for each A Level course to be studied. Each student must study at least 3 A2 courses or their equivalent. Students studying the IB must have demonstrated full commitment to the course, and the ability to achieve the full Diploma at the end of Year 13.

B Oversubscription criteria

- If there are insufficient places available in Year 12 for external candidates, places will be offered, in priority order, as follows:
 - i) Students in public care.
 - ii) Students demonstrating a specific musical aptitude, as assessed by graded examinations or their equivalent.
 - iii) Students attending Year 11 in one of the other schools in the consortium.
 - iv) Nearness of students' homes (distance will be measured using Medway Council's Geographical Information System).

Have you any comments to make about the proposed admission arrangements for September 2010?

YES/NO

If Yes, please state the reasons:

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Signed

On behalf of (school name)

Please return to: Mrs J Smith, The Rochester Grammar School, Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent ME1 3BY