

## DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

### **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON'S MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Note – these admission arrangements remain unchanged from 2015**

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School is an 11-18 boys' grammar school with Academy status. We admit girls in the sixth form and have a total roll of approximately 1180 pupils. The planned admission number, which has been agreed with the local authority (LA), is 168.

As an Academy the governing body is the schools' admission authority.

The admission arrangements are consistent with Medway Council's Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admissions. Entry is via the Medway Test.

Parents can apply for the school using the Common Application Form or using the on-line facility.

Places will be offered according to the co-ordinated admission scheme.

Parents will be sent a waiting list request form by Medway Council along with the school offer letter on National Offer Day in March 2016. Using this form, parents can request to be placed on the waiting list for this school if it was originally listed on the application form and if their son has been assessed as selective under the Medway test procedures.

Waiting lists will be maintained by Medway Council until the end of the first term in October 2016 and children will be ranked in waiting lists according to the oversubscription criteria.

Any application made to this school which has been unsuccessful will have the right of appeal.

#### **Oversubscription Criteria**

If the number of preferences for the school exceeds the number of places available at the school, the LA will allocate places in the following priority order:

- Looked after children (children in public care) and previously looked after children
- Children who at the time of application have a brother or sister (including children living as siblings in the same family unit) on the roll of the school at the time of the sibling's admission
- Child's health reasons, supported by medical evidence, which requires the child to attend this school
- Children who at the time of application have a parent who is a member of staff at the school (where the member of staff has been employed for three years or more at the time at which the application for admission is made and/or

where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage).

- Nearness of children's homes

Distance will be measured by the shortest available safe walking route between home and school as measured by the council's geographical information system. Those living closer to the school will receive the higher priority. Medway Council's Geographical Information System measures the start point, end point and distance of each route.

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 the school as measured by the Medway Council Geographical Information System and determined by Medway Local Authority. Where this cannot be determined, the available place(s) will be allocated by drawing lots.

### **Casual admissions**

Parents who are planning to or have just moved to Medway, may need assistance in gaining school places for their children. Parents wishing their child to enter this school under such circumstances should first contact the LA's Admissions Team. Testing will be required to determine if the child is of selective ability.

Parents whose children are currently attending a Medway **selective** school may wish to seek a place for them at this school. Parents wishing their child to enter the school under such circumstances should first contact the LA's Admissions Team. Testing **will not** be required because the child has been judged to be of selective ability.

Parents whose children are currently attending a Medway **non-selective** school may wish to seek a place for them at this school. Parents wishing their child to enter the school under such circumstances should first contact the LA's Admissions Team. Testing **will be** required to determine if the child is of selective ability.

### **Children with Special Educational Needs**

If a child has a statement of special educational need, parents will express school preferences through the process organised by the Special Educational Needs Assessment Team. However, if parents wish a child to sit the Medway Test, a test request form will still need to be completed and returned to the primary school.

### **Late Applications**

Parents who do not submit a secondary common application form by the closing date set by Medway Council must complete a paper application form and return it to the Medway Council Admissions Team accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for late submission. If Medway Council judge the reason provided does not constitute a good reason, the application will be held until after national offer day and will be considered during the re-allocation process.

## **Admission to the Sixth Form**

In order to gain entry to the Sixth Form the minimum academic requirements are: 5 A\* - C grades including English and Maths, B grades in the subject to be studied at A level (other specific course requirements exist) and an average point score of 46. The number of additional places available for students being admitted to the school for the first time is 30.

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) Current family association (as defined above)
- (iii) Students attending Year 11 in one of the other schools in the Trust
- (iv) Students who at the time of application have a parent who is a member of staff at the school (as defined above)
- (v) Nearness of students homes (as defined above)