

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS TO THE ROCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2016

THE RGS THINKING SCHOOLS LEAD ACADEMY

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 Principal 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 175.

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 2015:

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 – as defined in the Medway co-ordinated admissions scheme.

- (b) Where a pupil can demonstrate a specific musical aptitude, as assessed by graded examinations. Parents/carers should write to the Chair of Governors using the Expression of Interest form with details. Two 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/In-year Applications

- (a) For rising Year 7, as set out in the coordinated scheme, the Medway Council will be responsible for holding a waiting list for parents who request their child's name be added until 31 October. The waiting list will operate until the end of Term 1 and its order will be based on rank order score achieved in the Medway tests.
- (b) From 1 November, once outside the scheme of entry, the In-year Admissions Policy will be followed and the school may administer its own entrance test for admission.
- (c) For Years 8 – 11 the school will administer its own entrance test for admission, which will be carried out according to a published calendar of dates. No other selection process will be valid. The In-year Admissions Policy is available on the school website.
- (d) There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for any pupils unsuccessful in gaining admission.

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*-B grades – general course requirements.

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

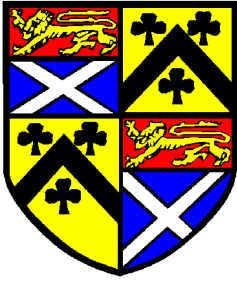
**The same minimum entry requirements apply for transfers from the RGS Year 11.*

- Subject choice discussion will take place with students.
- Any offers will be conditional on final GCSE results.
- Entry to Year 13 on A Level courses requires at least three Cs from a combination of:
 - End of year mock examinations in Year 12 (in reformed A Level subjects); and/or
 - AS Levels for each A Level course to be studied (non-reformed subjects).

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 - as defined in the Medway co-ordinated admissions scheme.
 - ii) Students demonstrating a specific musical aptitude, as assessed by graded examinations or their equivalent.
 - iii) Students attending Year 11 at the RGS or Trust school.
 - iv) Nearness of students' homes (distance will be measured using Medway Council's Geographical Information System).



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SEPTEMBER 2016

including musical aptitude

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ROCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I/We wish our daughter to be considered for entry to The Rochester Grammar School in September 2016. She has been deemed selective by the Medway Council Selective Test.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

CHILD'S DETAILS (As shown on birth certificate)

SURNAME			
FORENAMES			
Date of Birth	Day	Month	Year
Primary School Name			Headteacher's Name
Primary School Address			

PARENT(S)/CARER(S) DETAILS

Title(s)	Initials	Surname
Address		
Town	County	
Post Code	Home Telephone	Work Telephone

<i>Please tick the appropriate box:</i>	YES	NO
Do you live outside the Medway Council area? If YES what is the name of your area?		

Parents who live in areas outside the Medway Council may still apply to The Rochester Grammar School. Your daughter must have been deemed selective in the Medway Council Selective Tests.

If your daughter has any particular aptitude in Music, as assessed by graded examinations, please give full details here. You must attach documentary evidence of graded examinations. Governors will consider the applications of selective students for the award of Governors Places.

Signed:.....Date:.....

Parent(s)/Carer(s)

