

15 November 2024

Dear Stakeholder

Admissions Consultation - for September 2026 admissions

Weald of Kent Grammar School is consulting on its policy for admissions in September 2026. The purpose of the consultation is to ensure that our school complies with the School Admissions Code (DfE, 2021) by consulting with our local and wider community when there are proposed changes and/or within every seven years.

The dates of the consultation have been set to comply with the School Admissions Code and provide the school's Board of Trustees time to consider comments made, in time for ratification and publication by February 28th 2024.

Period of consultation is November 15th 2024 to December 27th 2024.

Proposed changes

Year 7

There is a proposed increase to the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 270 to 300. This is following a temporary increase to this number for the last five years.

Sixth Form

- 2.1 Priority will be given to Weald of Kent pupils, who meet the entry requirements, transferring from Year 11 to the Weald of Kent Sixth Form.

Rationale: same text but emphasised in a new point.

- 2.3 A place is further based on spaces being available in appropriate subjects and the applicant meeting the published subject entry requirements (which can be found on the school website).

Rationale: additional point so that external applicants fully understand their place is subject to availability in appropriate subjects which have their own subject entry requirements published annually on the website

- 2.3 Applicants will be required to study a minimum of three A Levels.

Rationale: and additional comment to assist applicants in fully understanding that the academic programme of study is a minimum of three A Levels and we will not consider

applications based on a preference of one or two A Levels

- 2.4 Late Applications. Pupils who apply after the closing date of 15 January will be considered, with good reason, following GCSE Results Day, and after all other applicants have been considered, and dependent upon spaces being available in subjects.

Rationale – bringing policy into line with our practice of considering late applicants after those who completed the process on time

- 2.7 For applicants who are seeking a place in the sixth form outside of their normal age group, please see Section 3 of this policy. The school must be notified of this at application.

Rationale: we will consider out of age applicants only after we have considered applicants of the cohort. We are receiving an increasing number of such applications thus the additional comment made in this year's policy. These applicants are resitting GCSEs and have taken three or more years to achieve the same threshold as those on a standard two-year programme.

Appendices

Appendices have been amended to bring them up to date with current procedures. Procedural changes only.

How to respond to the consultation

The Board of Trustees would welcome comments and questions during this period of consultation on any aspect of the proposed changes to the policy, from those within the Weald community as well as prospective parents, stakeholders and the local community. All responses will be collated and considered by the Board prior to the determination of the admissions policy. The ratified policy will be published on the school website no later than February 28th 2025.

Responses can be sent:

- Via email to admissions@wealdgs.org
- Via post to 'Admissions Officer, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, TN9 2JP'

Yours sincerely

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