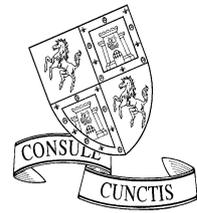


Joining Years other than Year 7



An In-Year admission is one where a student attending another secondary school transfers to Gravesend Grammar School during Years 7 to 11. This includes students who are moving into the area, so may not have a school to attend, not just those transferring from another school within the area.

How do I apply for a place?

Applications are made by completing an In-Year Application Form and submitting it to:

Mr I Cook
Admissions Manager
Gravesend Grammar School
Church Walk
Gravesend
DA12 2PR

What are the entry requirements?

As a selective grammar school, students seeking a place at the school must meet our minimum entry requirement. This means that they will need to sit our entrance tests and reach the required level in each. The entrance tests consist of a series of reasoning papers and a mathematics test. A writing test is used as evidence where the other papers prove inconclusive. Pass marks are set to identify students in the top 25% of their cohort and who perform in mathematics at a level above the lowest achieving 5% of students in the year group they would join. Students intending to join year 7 or year 8 who have previously taken and passed the Kent tests are deemed to be eligible for entry and do not need to sit entrance tests.

How do I know if a place exists?

On completion of the application form, the School will write to parents informing them of whether or not a place is available. Where the year group for which they seek admission is full, we will decline the offer a place. Where there are places available, the school will arrange for your son to be tested. Parents can telephone the school prior to completing an application form to determine whether or not places are available.

Who can apply?

Parents are entitled to apply to any school at any time providing they have not previously made an application for a place within the same academic year. The school will normally expect a student to be resident in the UK before an application is processed. Except in exceptional circumstances, the school do not advise parents to transfer students to Gravesend Grammar School in years 10 and 11. In these year groups, our students are part way into their GCSE courses which are frequently incompatible with the courses the applicant will be studying at his present school.

How long will it take for a decision to be reached?

We schedule tests to be taken once each month so we are usually able to turn round each application within 31 days.

What can I do if my application is turned down?

If the offer of a place is declined, parents have the right to appeal. The School appoints an independent appeals panel to hear individual parental appeals in accordance with the Admissions and Appeals Code. In the event that an appeal is upheld, the School are bound to offer a place.