

Admissions Policy — Sixth Form — September 2022

Oakwood Park Grammar is a high achieving, oversubscribed school with highly committed, well qualified staff, excellent resources, Specialist College Status and a wealth of extra-curricular activities, all of which go toward providing an enriching educational experience for our students. Oakwood Park Grammar welcomes applications for entry into the Sixth Form from Oakwood Park School Year 11 students and Year 11 students currently attending other schools.

Basic Information

Oakwood Park is committed to:

- High quality teaching that engages and challenges all students to become more independent and successful in their learning.
- Excellent standards of behaviour from all of our students to create a positive climate for learning based on respect for and tolerance of others.
- A wide range of exceptional opportunities for all our students to extend their learning beyond the classroom.
- Personalised Information Advice and Guidance for all our students at every stage of their school career and beyond so they can develop their learning and contribute to the wider community.
- Outstanding professional development opportunities for all our staff; they too are learners.

Application Procedures and Dates

- Applications can be made following the Sixth Form Open Evening which takes place in early November.
- External students need to make an application through the online application system, currently kentchoices. Applications should be received by mid-December.
- Once all the application deadlines have passed, decisions will be made concerning which course will run, and also who will be allocated a place on each course.
- Predicted grades for all applicants will be sought.
- The school will endeavour to run all courses applied for but reserves the right to withdraw a course if applications are below a cost-effective number.
- In the case that a course becomes full but that other courses are available, we shall offer the candidate an alternative choice.
- Confirmation of places on a course is organised as follows:
- Internal candidates will have their place in the sixth form confirmed when they receive their GCSE results.
- External candidates should confirm in person their GCSE results and acceptance of a place on results day or at the latest by the Friday following results day.

Admission to Year 12

Admission is based on the following criteria:

- Students achieving a minimum of at least six GCSEs (9 - 5) of which at least four are at a grade 6 (or equivalent).
- In addition, students must meet subject entry requirements, which in most cases require a minimum of Grade 6 in the subject to be studied, or related subjects.
- Students must also achieve a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.
- Typically, we would expect students following essay-based subjects to gain at least a grade 6 in English Language and students following scientific courses to gain at least a grade 7 in Mathematics.

- The school shall determine which grades at 6 are required when A level subjects requested have not been taken at GCSE Level.
- Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria.

All offers are conditional on students meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results. Offers made will also take into account capacity in the subjects chosen. Some courses may become over-subscribed even though the overall admissions number has not been reached. Where appropriate a reserve subject would be considered. The admission number for external candidates will be 30, but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal pupils transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall figure for the year group, which is 180.

Over-subscription

Following the admission of internal students transferring from Year 11 students, all remaining places will be allocated to learners who have met the entry requirements for the particular course of study. Where there are more learners seeking places than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in the order set out below to rank pupils until the overall figure for the year group is reached:

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care — a “looked after child” or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children previously in Care outside of England – Children who appear to KCC to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organization or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. See form at end of policy.
3. Current Family Association – a brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sister.
4. Health and Special Access Reasons — medical/health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school’s legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Oakwood Park Grammar School. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents’/guardians’ physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Oakwood Park Grammar School. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and Oakwood Park Grammar School.
5. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium – a child is eligible for Pupil Premium where they have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years. This does not include children who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Pupil Premium is also afforded to children in local authority care or previously in local authority care, however these children will be prioritized in the relevant criteria above. Parents wishing to apply under this criteria must ensure they complete the attached Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school by 31st October in the year of application. Parents must also complete an

application (via online or paper Secondary Common Application Form) naming the school, otherwise their child cannot be considered for a place.

6. Nearness of children's homes to school — we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and Oakwood Park Grammar School measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by the NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used by everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

After a place has been offered the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

- a. When the parent or learner has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
- b. When a parent or learner has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or
- c. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or learner.

Offers and Appeals

Offers will be made on the basis of predicted performance at GCSE, with the requirement that the above grades are achieved in the final examinations prior to entry to the Sixth Form and the pupil's 4 chosen subjects being accommodated on the timetable, in feasible group sizes.

All offers made during Year 11 are conditional on pupils meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results. Offer letters will be made before the end of March 2022. Offers will be confirmed once the school has been notified of GCSE results in August 2022.

Where learners have achieved better results than the predicted grades they will be considered based on the grades achieved and ranked accordingly for any places that become available as a result of other learners failing to meet the required entry levels.

Parents have a statutory right of appeal, should an application for a place be refused, by writing to The Clerk to the Appeal Panel, care of the school.

Late applications will be considered if places in appropriate subjects are still available after all other applicants have been considered.

A waiting list will be held, ranked according to the over-subscription criteria.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

Subject	Subject Specific Entry Requirements
Art	Grade 6 at GCSE
Biology	Grade 7 at GCSE or 6-7 in Double Science GCSE
Chemistry	Grade 7 at GCSE or 6-7 in Double Science GCSE
Computing	Grade 6 at GCSE
Design and Technology	Grade 6 at GCSE
Drama	Grade 6 at GCSE
Economics	Grade 6 in Mathematics
English Language	Grade 6 at GCSE
English Literature	Grade 6 at GCSE
French	Grade 7 at GCSE
Geography	Grade 6 at GCSE
Graphics	Grade 6 at GCSE in either Graphics or Art
History	Grade 6 at GCSE
Mathematics	Grade 7 at GCSE
Further Maths	Grade 8 at GCSE
Media Studies	Grade 6 in English Language
Music	Grade 6 in Music
Physical Education	Grade 6 at GCSE
Physics	Grade 7 at GCSE or 6-7 in Double Science GCSE
Politics	Grade 6 at GCSE in either GCSE History or GCSE Geography
Psychology	Grade 6 at GCSE in Psychology or in any science subject
Religious Studies	Grade 6 at GCSE or Grade 6 in either GCSE History or GCSE Geography
Sociology	Grade 6 at GCSE in either GCSE History or GCSE Geography
Spanish	Grade 7 at GCSE