

Meopham School

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Meopham School Admissions Policy September 2018 Admissions

Arrangements for admission at 11+ for September 2018

The school is open to boys and girls of all abilities without reference to a selection test. The school's published admission number is 140. The school has to apply criteria to prioritise applications in the event of being over-subscribed.

Oversubscription criteria:

If the number of preferences for the school exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied and priority given to:

1. **Children in Local Authority Care** – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately, after being looked after by the local authority, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989)
2. Applicants who have a **sibling association** with the school at the time of admission, i.e. a brother or sister, step or half-brother or sister, an adopted brother or sister or other person resident at the same address as if a sibling;
3. Applicants who can demonstrate a **special aptitude in Physical Education, Music, Drama or Art (up to a maximum of 14 places in all);**
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 a particular 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 a particular 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 the particular school.
5. **Applicants living closest to the school.** The distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the school measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. The school uses measurements provided by the Local Authority and further information on how distances are measured is available in the Admissions Booklets provided by the Local Authority.
6. We will maintain a clear, **fair and objective waiting list** until at least **31 December** of each school year of admission. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the school's published oversubscription criteria. Priority will **not** be given to children based on the date their application was received or their name was added to the list. Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol, **must** take precedence over those on a waiting list. In the unlikely event of a tie breaker all students have equal eligibility for the last available place, their names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be offered a place.

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Special Aptitude places:

Governors reserve up to 14 places each year for students with a special aptitude for Physical Education, Music, Drama or Art. If fewer places are taken in one subject, Governors can choose to offer more places in another, if suitable applications have been received. Students with special aptitude places are automatically included in our Scholastic Excellence programme. Students are ranked according to the evidence provided by parents and may be invited to a meeting if further clarification of standards is needed.

Application Form:

A separate application form is required **only** from parents who seek one of the 14 special aptitude places. These are submitted to **Meopham School** at the same time as the Common Application Form is sent to the LEA.

Arrangements for Admission at 16+ for September 2018:

Places will firstly be offered to children in Local Authority care. i.e. a child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/careers (Section 22 of the children Act 1989) or who is subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11.

Pupils are admitted to the Sixth Form subject to the following:

- a formal application by pupil and parent and a pupil interview to determine the courses to be studied
- availability of a specific course or combination of courses
- minimum entry requirements for specific courses (included below)

For a full time A Level/BTEC/Diploma programme at level 3: 5+ level 4-9 grades (equivalent to 5+ A*-C grades), including English and Mathematics. It is a normal requirement that students have a level 5 grade or above (6 or above for A-Level English and Maths) or better in the subjects they wish to study.

All pupils will be placed on a six week trial period when they first enter Year 12. During the trial period, pupils will be assessed on the following; attendance, behaviour towards learning, progress, suitability for their chosen courses, behaviour and homework completion rate. Assessment will be carried out by; Subject teachers, the Sixth Form Learning Leader and the Head of Sixth Form.

There are four possible outcomes at the end of the trial period.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required – pupil has passed the trial period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial period extended for certain courses - Parental involvement required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course change - Parental involvement required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal from Meopham Sixth Form – Parental involvement required

Please note that the school reserves the right to withdraw courses if there is insufficient student demand.

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

- a) when a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
- b) when a parent 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 a parent.

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