

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# For Admissions into Year 7 2024

Please refer to the WGSB Admissions Policy 2023-24.

- Q. How many students will you be taking in September 2024?
- A. Our Published Admission Number (PAN) is 180.

# Q. What was the distance of the last place offered in March 2024?

A. This year we offered 135 places within 1.5 miles of the school or within our parish boundaries (under criteria 5 of our Admissions Policy). We went out approximately 2.666 miles within these parish boundaries. All other places were offered to students that were in the top 10%, had a sibling link or an EHCP.

# Q. What was the distance in previous years?

A. In 2023 we took everyone that lived within 3.234 miles of our parish boundaries.

In 2022 we took everyone that lived within 3.021 miles of our parish boundaries.

In 2021 we took everyone that lived within our parish boundaries and 2.66 miles outside of parish (approx. 5. Students).

In 2020 we took everyone that lived within 5.807 miles within our parish boundaries.

In 2019 we took everyone that lived within 3.843 miles within our parish boundaries.

#### Q. What areas are in your Parish boundary?

A. As per our Admissions Criteria, our parish boundaries are:

Ash Cum Ridley, Bean, Crockenhill, Darenth, Dartford, Dunton Green, Eynsford, Farningham, Fawkham, Halstead, Hartley, Hextable, Horton Kirby & South Darenth, Istead Rise, Kemsing, Longfield & New Barn, Meopham, Otford, Shoreham, Southfleet, Stanstead, Stone, Sutton at Hone & Hawley, Swanley, Swanscome & Greenhithe, West Kingsdown, Wilmington, Wrotham.

# Q. What is the breakdown score for the Kent 11+ test (taken in September 2023 for entry in September 2024)?

A. The minimum score for entry into a grammar school in Year 7 is 332 and the maximum score is 423, with no individual score less than 107 (i.e. in English, Maths & Reasoning)

### Q. What was the cut off score for the top 10% in March 2024?

A. In March 2024 – 18 students (who live within 5 miles of the school) out of the school's 180 places offered, scored between 274-258 (this is based on their English and Reasoning score combined only)

In March 2023 – 18 students out of the school's 180 places offered scored between 273-252

In March 2022 – 18 students out of the school's 180 places offered scored between 269-258

In March 2021 – 18 students out of the school's 180 places offered scored between 276-253

In March 2020 – 18 students out of the school's 180 places offered scored between 272-255

In March 2019 – 15 students out of the school's 150 places offered scored between 275-251

## Q. How many places did you offer on national offer day?

A. We offered 180 places on national offer day.

#### Q. I want to place my child on the waiting list.

A. Your child can only apply for the waiting list if he was deemed selective for the Kent 11+ test and you placed WGSB on your SCAF in October 2023.

You will need to complete a Kent County Council (KCC) online waiting list form <a href="here">here</a> (this is posted home from KCC to those who applied to a Kent school but didn't receive one) and return it to KCC by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Please note that the school <u>will not know</u> where your child is on the waiting list until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, when it is handed back to the school to maintain.

### Q. Is there much movement on the waiting list?

A This varies each year. The waiting list for Year 7 will be kept for the whole academic year of Year 7, until July 2025.

### Q. What is the lowest score you would take?

A. WGSB only takes 10% of the total admissions (18 students) with the highest scoring in English and Reasoning only (i.e. those that have scored highly in the Kent 11+ test and placed WGSB on their Common Application form), the rest is broken down by our Admission Policy which includes, siblings, children of staff and those in receipt of Pupil Premium who live within 3 miles of the school and then distance – firstly those that live 1.5 miles of the school, those living within the parish boundaries (listed in our Admission Policy) and then those outside of the parish boundaries.

# Q. My child was one/two point(s) below the required pass mark but really wants to go to your school, what do I do?

A. If you wish to make an appeal and you placed WGSB on your Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) in October 2023, you can lodge an appeal via the online form before 4pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. Details of how to do this can be found on the Admissions page of our website here: WGSB Admissions. If you did not name WGSB on your SCAF in October 2023, you will need to submit an In-Year application form to the school after reallocation on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and not before. This form can be downloaded from the admissions page also.

### Q Do you hold back places for appeals?

A. No, we offered 180 boys a place at our school on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The school does not keep spaces back for appeals. The appeals are held by an independent panel organised by Education Appeals, who arrange admission appeals on behalf of schools and local authorities. If any appeals are upheld by the panel, this would mean we would go over our published admission number.

If you have any further queries which are not mentioned above, please email: admissions@wgsb.co.uk.

Please bear with us if you have called or sent in an email. We will do our best to respond to you as quickly as we can.