



Beths Grammar School

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

At Age 11 (Boys born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 inclusive)

This school participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme.

Only boys who attain the standard prescribed by the London Borough of Bexley for admittance to selective schools in the Borough will be eligible to be considered for entry to the school.

Boys for whom the Local Authority maintains a formal Statement of Special Educational Needs/Educational, Health and Care Plan naming Beths Grammar School, who attain the standard, will be admitted.

Parents of children in Bexley primary schools are notified of these arrangements and announcements are made in the local press.

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2021 is 192 at age 11.

Over-subscription

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied for students deemed selective in the Bexley Test, in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit:

1. Applicants who are or have been Looked After Children*.
2. Those boys identified by the Local Authority as achieving one of the highest 180 scores in the selection tests.
3. For applicants with a sibling currently attending Beths Grammar School at the time of enrolment. A sibling includes full, half, adopted and step brother or sister living at the same address.
4. Applicants with a parent or registered carer employed by Beths Grammar School on a permanent contract at the time of application.
5. Up to 12 places for boys who are eligible for Pupil Premium and/or Free School Meals and deemed selective at the time of application in rank order of distance from the school. A supplementary form will be downloadable from the school website and will need to be returned to the school by 31 October 2020 for those wishing to be considered under this criteria.
6. On the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicant's home address to Beths Grammar School's east entrance in Hartford Road). In cases where parents live at different addresses, the home address is that at which the child resides for the greater part of the week.
7. Where the distance is identical to 0.001 of a mile, the scores in the selection tests will be used as a tie-breaker with priority given to the higher score.

On occasions it may be possible for us to offer places from our Reserve List. Any offers from this list will be made once our waiting list of selective students has been exhausted.

Dependent upon the agreed pass mark (which is an arbitrary figure), we would be content to offer to students who attained a minimum of 214 – the mark that, historically, has not been offered below. Students from the Reserve List would be offered in rank order and according to the criteria listed above. Once those on the highest mark below the pass mark have been offered, the same would then be done with the next mark, and so forth.

In-Year Applications for Years 7-11

Boys will only be admitted in Year 7-11 if the number on roll in the relevant year group falls below the planned admission number of 192. In such circumstances, places will be offered in accordance to oversubscription criteria 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 above. (Criterion 2 does not apply for In-Year applicants). New In-Year applicants who are eligible for a place will be added to the waiting list when a place is not available.

Applications for admission should be made to the School using the In-Year application form which is available on the School's website at www.beths.bexley.sch.uk.

Applicants who took the Bexley Selection Test when in Year 6 and were deemed selective will be eligible to be considered for entry to the School.

Other applicants will sit the In-Year test. Applicants deemed selective as a result of this test will be eligible to be considered for entry to any of the four Grammar Schools in the London Borough of Bexley.

Applicants who took the Bexley Selection Tests when in Year 6 and were not deemed selective will not be tested as In-Year applicants before 1 June in Year 7. Applicants who have not previously taken the Bexley Selection Test, for example those moving into the area, will, as far as possible, be tested within 30 school days of receipt of their application form by the School. Applicants who were not deemed selective will not be added to the waiting list and will not be considered for admission into a year even if there is space, given that termly in-year tests could yield selective students.

At Age 16

The anticipated capacity of the Sixth Form commencing September 2021 (Year 12 & 13 combined) is 600.

All Beths Grammar Year 11 students wishing to transfer into Year 12 are encouraged to do so provided they meet the entry requirements.

Entry Requirements

- a minimum of 7 full course GCSEs at grades 9-5
- a minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics
- meeting individual subject requirements: as detailed in the 6th form choices booklet

External Applicants

There will be a minimum of 108 places available for external applicants (Boys and Girls) who must meet the entry requirements as above. Applications for admission should be made to the School using the on-line application form which is available on the School's website at www.beths.bexley.sch.uk via Sixth Form/Year 12 Admissions and should be completed and submitted by 4.00pm on 31st January 2021.

Conditional offers will be made to students predicted to meet these requirements. The minimum course of study in Year 12 is three A Levels.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more external applicants who meet the entry requirements than the number of places available, the following criteria will be used to decide to which students places will be offered:

1. Applicants who are or have been looked after children*.
2. Applicants who were eligible for Pupil Premium and/or Free School Meals during their secondary education. A supplementary form will be downloadable from the school website and will need to be returned to the school by 31 January 2020 for those wishing to be considered under this criteria.
3. For students with a sibling attending Beths Grammar School at the time of enrolment. A sibling includes full, half, adopted and step brother or sister living at the same address.
4. Applicants with a parent or registered carer employed by Beths Grammar School on a permanent contract at the time of application.

5. On the basis of proximity to the school measured by reference to the shortest radial distance (direct line distance between the applicant's home address to Beths Grammar School's east entrance in Hartford Road). In cases where parents live at different addresses, the home address is that at which the child resides for the greater part of the week.

Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept in the same order as the relevant oversubscription criteria for each year group. A student's name can only be included on the waiting list for Beths Grammar School for Years 7-11 if they have been deemed selective and for Year 12 if they are predicted to meet the entry requirements.

Appeals

In cases where a student is not offered a place at Beths Grammar School, parents/carers will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel.

* Children who are looked after are (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Children who have been looked after are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.