



## Beths Grammar School

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 – following Schools Adjudicator comments

#### At Age 11 (Boys born between 01.09.09 and 31.08.10 inclusive)

This school participates in the Bexley LA Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme. The School also participates in the local Fair Access Protocol.

Parents who wish to enter their son for the Bexley 11+ Selection Test, must register on-line directly with Bexley LA by their specified date, as advertised on their website. To register your child to sit the test, you should therefore go to <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/schools-and-education/selection-tests/register-secondary-selection-test>.

In exceptional circumstances, the School will consider applications on a case by case basis from boys no more than one year younger (born between 01.09.10 and 31.08.11) provided they are in Year 6 at a primary school and the school confirms that they are working successfully in that group.

The School will not consider students who are above the age for entry into a given year group.

Following registration, Bexley LA will oversee the organisation of the testing process. Those who attend a Bexley Primary School will take the tests there and those who attend a Primary School outside of Bexley will be required to sit the test in one of the secondary schools in the LA. Parents will be notified of the process by email or post depending upon their preference.

The tests will be taken in the third week of September 2021 (barring any unforeseen change) and results confirming whether your son has been deemed selective or non-selective will be sent directly by Bexley LA to parents within four weeks of taking the test. The pass mark will be determined once the results are received by Bexley LA but prior to parents being informed. Selectivity is based on the total weighted age standardised score achieved in the Bexley 11+ Selection Test and the Local Authority will decide how many children should be deemed selective, dependent upon the number of places available within the four Bexley Grammar schools and will confirm the selective score accordingly. Age standardisation is used because, in assessments of ability, it is expected that the older learners achieve higher scores than the younger learners. In a typical test situation, some learners will be up to 12 months older than their younger peers. When the assessment results are interpreted the learner's ability is compared against the wider group and therefore it is important that any differences seen are down to ability and not purely down to the ages of learners. Age standardised scores correct the effect age has on assessment and allow meaningful comparisons to be made between those being tested.

The age standardised scores are calculated from the raw scores to allow candidates to be compared when their age profiles are quite different and is based on the age of learners on the day they sat the assessment.

All applicants complete their Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF) which is returned to their home Local Authority. On the CAF all schools applied to are listed in order of preference. The order is used by the Local Authority when allocating applicants to schools.

Should your child be unwell on the date of the test, or if there are serious personal circumstances that might affect performance in the test, such as the death or illness of a family member, you should notify the Headteacher of your child's school and not send your child to the test. Arrangements will be made by Bexley LA for your child to sit the test at a later date and you will be notified in advance of the date and venue of the late test. Reasons other than illness or serious personal circumstances will not be accepted, and a medical certificate or other appropriate evidence will be required. It is not possible for allowance to be made retrospectively if a child is allowed to sit a test when ill or upset. Children who become ill during the test and are unable to finish the questions will not be allowed to sit the test again. The Review Panel will make a decision on whether he or she should be deemed selective. If the test is sat late, the same test, as was used at the original test, will be used.

Only boys who are deemed selective by Bexley LA will be eligible to be considered for entry to the school using arrangements published by them. However, should a child's current Headteacher believe that the score achieved was not a true reflection of a child's ability, they are able to put a case forward to the Headteacher Review Panel which can review

the case and subsequently adjust the child's score to deem them selective, should this be their belief. The Headteacher Review Panel ordinarily takes place during November.

Boys for whom the Local Authority maintains an Educational Needs/Educational, Health and Care Plan naming Beths Grammar School, who are deemed selective, will be admitted.

The Published Admissions Number (PAN) for the year commencing September 2021 is 192 at age 11.

In order to attend Beths Grammar School, boys will need to have attained the age standardised scores as deemed by Bexley LA. Once this has been achieved, places will be allocated according to the over-subscription criteria listed below.

### **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 Bexley LA as achieving one of the highest 180 scores in the selection tests. All scores are ranked from highest downwards and the top 180 students are those that achieve one of those highest 180 scores in the Bexley 11+ Selection Test. These students are awarded 'top scorer' status which gives them priority similar to that of a sibling. The cut off score varies from year to year dependent upon the scores achieved by those sitting the test. The decision made to set the cut off is made by Bexley LA and not by the school.
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 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 if applying under this criteria, can be found at the end of this policy 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.

Home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, defined as 'the Home address where the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday-Friday)'. Proof of residency will be required. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if proof of residence is not met.

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.

To find out more about the tests, go to <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/about-test>

The Admission to Secondary Schools in Bexley 2021/2022 booklet can be found on Bexley LA's website by following the link below. Details of useful dates can be found on page 2 of this booklet when applying for a secondary school and these include when to register your child to sit the selection test, when results will be made available and when you should apply for a secondary school: <https://bexley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/admission-to-secondary-schools-in-bexley-2021.pdf>

## **In-Year Applications for Years 7-11**

Boys will only be admitted from Year 7 to the beginning of Year 10 if the number on roll in the relevant year group falls below the published admission number of 192. The School does not normally offer places after the beginning of Year 10 or in Year 11 other than to boys who have moved into the area and cannot continue to attend their previous school. 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](http://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. Students may not undertake more than one test in an academic year and students that take the test at the usual time in Year 6 and who are not deemed selective may not undertake a retest before the summer of Year 7.

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 700.

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 with a minimum points total of 42 in the best seven subjects
- a minimum of grade 5 in both English and Mathematics
- meeting individual subject requirements: as detailed in the 6<sup>th</sup> form choices booklet

### **External Applicants**

There will be a minimum of 133 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](http://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk) via Sixth Form/Year 12 Admissions and should be completed and submitted by 4.00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2021 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 child arrangement order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.

### **Definitions**

**Standard prescribed by the London Borough of Bexley; Deemed Selective; Eligible for a place** – Each phrase refers directly to the 11 plus pass mark required each year to qualify for the opportunity of a selective place in a grammar school in the London Borough of Bexley.

**Age Standardised Score** – In order to account for the fact that some children taking the test are almost a year apart in age, an age standardisation is performed by the test provider, CEM, prior to Bexley LA receiving the test scores.

**Registered Carer/Guardian** – A registered carer/guardian of a child is a person who has a legal responsibility for the child. Such a carer may be a parent, family member or adult.

**Supplementary Form for Year 7 Entry September 2021**  
*(Please only complete this form if you are applying under over-subscription criteria 5 – Pupil Premium)*

Student Information	
Forename(s):	Date of Birth:
Surname:	
Permanent Home Address:	
Mobile Number:	
Email Address:	
Parent/Carer (print name in full):	
Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium	

Have you ever been in receipt of Free School Meals for the child named above: Yes/No\*  
*(Excluding Key Stage 1 where all children are entitled to free school meals)*

**If Yes**, please state the dates Free School Meals applied: .....

Please tick to give consent for the Local Authority of your child’s current school to disclose pupil premium eligibility information for the purposes of Beths Grammar’s application, should this be necessary.

Please supply the name and address of your child’s current school: .....

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If your son currently has a sibling attending Beths Grammar please give their details below:

Name of sibling: ..... Form Group: .....

**All completed Supplementary Forms should be completed and returned to Beths Grammar School by Friday 30 October 2020.**

I understand that if I do not name Beths Grammar School on the CAF (Common Application Form), this Supplementary Form will be invalid and will not register as an application.

I declare that the above information is correct and understand that any false information given may result in my son’s place (if offered) being withdrawn.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Print name in full: .....

Relationship to child: .....

*\*delete as appropriate*