



## Slough Grammar School Admissions Policy 2010-2011

1. The school's planned admission number for September 2010 is 145.
2. The school will give priority to children in public care as required by the Admissions Code.
3. As a Grammar School, the school is not required to fill all the places if pupils do not meet the required standard. Pupils will be admitted to the school at the age of 11 by reference to their ability and aptitude, which will be determined by their performance in entrance examinations consisting of Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics tests set by the National Foundation for Educational Research (GL Assessment).
4. The Governors will buy, supply and run a corresponding test in Non-verbal Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics to that run by the three consortium Grammar Schools, having regard to the statuses of Slough Grammar School, i.e. Language College and Science College. The test will be run on an appropriate Saturday (or Saturdays) in September 2009.
5. The required minimum score in the tests is 111. Where the number of pupils gaining 111 or more in the tests exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated (subject to what follows below) according to the rank order of performance in the admission tests.
6. Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the school to admit a child with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school. In cases where pupils have written evidence of special educational needs (from a recognised professional in an appropriate discipline) the governors may take account of the pupil's circumstances in deciding; (i) the appropriate arrangements to be made to enable such pupils to take the test and; (ii) whether to offer the pupil a place should they have failed to reach 111 on the entrance examination. In all such cases, the school will seek to make arrangements in conjunction with the Local Authority.
7. In the event of one or more eligible pupils being tied for the final place or places at the school, priority will be decided according to the following criteria:
  - (i) children in public care (Looked After Children). These children must always rank first, in accordance with the school's mandatory duty under para 2.7 of the School Admissions Code of Practice;
  - (ii) proximity to the school as normally measured from the main gate of the school to the front door of the child's main or principal home (and/or the front door of a flat) by the easiest walking route or easiest route by public transport.
8. In the event of under subscription, the governors may admit pupils strictly according to their rank order in the test and the tie break rules set out in paragraph 7 above. This does not replace a parent's formal right of appeal against refusal of a place.
9. Admissions after the initial year of entry will depend upon the availability of a place and suitability of the pupil for a grammar school education as determined by admission tests. This includes admission to the Sixth Form where the relevant admission test will be performance in GCSE examination or NARIC verified equivalent.
10. In relation to the Sixth Form, the school gives priority to pupils who are already pupils at the school. As with all applicants, they must meet the entry requirements specified by the school for their preferred courses. The planned admission number for Year 12 for applicants who are not existing pupils is 150. There are a variety of Sixth Form courses on offer, each with different entry requirements. Full details of these are published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus and the school website. Applicants should contact the school for further information. Academic references will be taken up from the current school.
11. The school will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission, which will be independent of the School and will follow local Admissions Forum guidance and the new Code of Practice.
12. Details of admissions and appeals arrangements will be published by the school every year by 15th April.
13. The Admissions Committee for the Governing Body will publish decisions about admissions and non-admissions to Slough Grammar School annually.

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