



## ADMISSIONS POLICY – SIXTH FORM - September 2020

Bexley Grammar School welcomes applications for entry into the Sixth Form from Year 11 students both at Bexley Grammar School and those currently attending other schools.

### A. Basic Information

Our aims

- To promote academic excellence
- To develop the personal and academic abilities of all our students
- To ensure that every student successfully participates in all aspects of the school's life (sporting, music, drama, art, languages and the environment)
- To develop the leadership potential of all students through the setting of high standards of behaviour, appearance, achievement and endeavour.

### B. Application Process

- External applicants are asked to complete an on-line application form which will be available after the Information Evening normally held in November in each year.
- The application forms must be completed by the due date normally early December in the year preceding entry to the school.
- Predicted grades for all applicants are then sought. The school endeavours to run all courses offered but it reserves the right to withdraw a course that is not viable due to an insufficient number of applicants choosing it.
- In the case that a course becomes full but that other courses are available we shall offer the candidate an alternative choice.
- Internal candidates will have their place in the Sixth Form confirmed when they receive their GCSE results.
- External candidates should confirm in person their GCSE results and acceptance of a place following notification of results by the last Wednesday in August.

### C. Requirements for entry to Year 12

All students entering the Sixth Form follow a two-year International Baccalaureate programme:

We require:

1. A minimum grade 5 in English Language & Literature and Mathematics **and**
2. A minimum GCSE point score of 44 in their best 8 full GCSEs which must include English & Maths.

(Point score is based on the new GCSE's graded 9 to 1 together with the national conversion system for unreformed GCSE: A\*=8.5pts, A=7pts, B=5.5pts, C=4pts, D=3pts, E=2pts, F=1.5pts, G=1pt.)

### **In addition the following are requirements for specific subjects**

- **Individual Higher subject requirements:** Grade 8 at GCSE to study Mathematics; Grade 7 to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, German, Spanish, Italian; Grade 6 grade for all other subjects.
- **Individual Standard subject requirements:** Grade 7 to study Mathematics: Analysis and approaches.  
Please note Mathematical: Applications and interpretation at Standard level is accessible for student with a grade 5 or above.

The school determines which grades are required when a subject requested has not been taken at GCSE (eg. Economics, Business Management, Theatre Studies, etc).

### **D. Admission number for Year 12**

The total combined number of places available in Year 12 & 13 will be 460 students. The minimum number of external places available will be 60.

### **E. Entry into Year 13**

No new admissions will be accepted into Year 13.

### **F. Over-Subscription Criteria (applicable to External Applicants only)**

Conditional offers are based on predicted grades and admission is based on actual GCSE grades attained. If there are more external applicants who have met the academic entry requirements than places available, places are allocated according to the over-subscription criteria in the order set out below:

1. Looked after Children or Previously Looked After Children;
2. Rank order of their predicted average GCSE points score across their best eight subjects (including English and Mathematics) provided by their current school;

### **Tie-break**

Where two or more candidates have identical scores in 2 above:

Proximity to the school measured by the shortest walking route by public highway and lighted footpath from the gate of the home address to the middle gate entrance approved by the Governors as the official entrance to the school.

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 (Mon-Fri)'.

Proof of residency will be required. The offer of a place may be withdrawn if proof of residency is not met.

## **G. Appeals**

If an application is refused there is a statutory right of appeal to an Independent School Appeal Panel. Any applicant refused a place will be notified in writing and given further details of the appeal procedure.