

CHISLEHURST AND SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2026 - 2027

Admission Arrangements:

1. At Age 11

1.1 Basic information

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School participates in the Bexley Co-ordinated Secondary School Admission Scheme and the application process dates will be those set out in that scheme. The School also participates in the local Fair Access Protocol.

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. This order is used by the Local Authority when allocating applicants to schools.

Any students for whom a Local Authority maintains a formal Educational Health Plan naming Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, who are deemed selective, will be admitted.

Parents / carers may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child has experienced problems such as ill health. The School will consider applications outside of the child's normal age group on an individual basis taking into account any information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. Parents/carers wishing to apply for a place outside of the normal age group should contact the Head Teacher in writing in the first instance

Parents of children in Bexley primary schools can find more information about these arrangements on the Bexley website: [About the test | London Borough of Bexley](#)

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2026 is 192 at age 11.

1.2 Application process

Parents who wish to enter their child 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 [Register for the secondary selection test | London Borough of Bexley](#).

Following the completion of the online registration for the selective test, parents / guardians will receive information from Bexley LA including the precise date and location of the test and what to do if your child is unwell on the day of the test.

The tests will be taken in September 2025 (barring any unforeseen change) and results confirming whether your child has been deemed selective or non-selective will be sent directly by Bexley LA to parents within four weeks of taking the test.

Applicants must reach the required standard in a set of tests. The tests are marked and the scores age standardised. The pass mark will be determined once the results are received by Bexley LA but prior to parents being informed. Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School decides which students are 'deemed selective', taking into account discussions with the selection panel convened by Bexley Council. The assessment decision is based on the test results.

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. The Headteacher Review Panel ordinarily takes place during November.

1.3 Over-subscription

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

1. **Students who are or have been looked after children.** A 'looked after child' is a child who is (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 function. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).
2. **Up to 12 places for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium and deemed selective at the time of application in rank order of distance from the school.**

A Pupil Premium child is defined as a child who is currently eligible for free school meals or who has been eligible at any point during the last 6 years. This does not include children who have only been eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Documentary supporting evidence will need to be provided to support an application under this criterion and an additional supplementary form will need to be completed. Looked after children and previously looked after children are also eligible for the Pupil Premium but these children are prioritised in the relevant criteria above.

Parents wishing to apply under this criterion must ensure they complete the Supplementary Form for Pupil Premium Information which will be available on the School website at the time of making applications and return it to the school by 31 October in the year of application. Parents must also complete the Common Application Form naming the school, otherwise their child cannot be considered for a place. Completing the Supplementary Form for Pupil Premium Information alone does not constitute an application to the school.

3. **Those students 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 the 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 to set the cut off is made by Bexley LA and not by the school.

4. Students with a sibling attending Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School in Years 7 - 12 at the date of close of application. In the case of In Year Admissions, this will be either at the date of application or would take effect when a sibling has joined the school subsequent to the date of application. A sibling includes full, half, adopted, stepbrother or sister and foster sibling living at the same address.

5. Those students with a parent or registered guardian employed at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School on a permanent basis for two or more years at the date of close of applications.

6. Priority is given to pupils living nearest the school 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 Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School's entrance in Hurst 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. Random allocation tie-break will be used to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the scores are the same.

1.4 Tie Break

Where distance is identical to an accuracy of 0.001 of a mile then the scores in the selection tests will be used as a tie-breaker with priority given to the higher score.

1.5 Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept in order of the criteria above. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria. Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School will be holding a waiting list until the 31st of December of school year of admission.

1.6 Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place for their child at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel. Parents should contact the school direct to obtain an Appeal Form.

2. In-Year Applications for Years 7-11

2.1. Basic information

Children wishing to join Chislehurst and Sidcup School, except at the normal point of admission, must be deemed selective under testing arrangements for selection similar to those required at the age of 11, and their admission must not prejudice the efficient provision of education or use of resources. Children may not undertake more than one test in an academic year and children 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 term of year 7.

In such circumstances, places will be offered in accordance to oversubscription criteria 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 above. (Criterion 3 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.csgrammar.com.

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 selection 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. Students who took the test at the usual time in Year 6 and who were not deemed selective may not be tested as In-Year applicants before the summer of Year 7. When a parent applies for their child to sit the In-Year test, the School will notify them in writing, within 15 school days, when the In-Year test will be held, or, in the case of someone ineligible to sit the test, the reason why.

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.

2.2 Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept for each year group and will be kept in order of criteria 1, 4, 5, 6 & 7. A student's name can only be included on the waiting list for Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for Years 7-11 if they have been deemed selective. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

2.3 Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place for their child at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel. Parents should contact the school direct to obtain an Appeal Form.

3. At Age 16

3.1 Basic Information

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 12 is a minimum of 80 external places.

Any student for whom a Local Authority maintains a formal Educational Health Plan naming Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, who attain the entry requirements listed below, will be admitted.

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

3.2 Entry Requirements

The requirement for entry to the Sixth Form is 7 full course GCSEs at grades 9 - 5 which must include English, Mathematics (English & Maths grade 5 or above) and an average point score of at least 6.5.

In addition, all students are required to have at least grade 6 and above in the subjects they intend to study in the Sixth Form, except in the case of Mathematics which requires a minimum of a grade 7 at GCSE (8 for Further Maths). In the case that a subject is over-subscribed, preference will be given to those students who have achieved a 7. Science requires grade 7 in separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) or two Grade 8s or above in Combined Science Trilogy. In the case of English Literature, it will be necessary to achieve a Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature.

For gifted musicians, athletes, actors and artists a CSGS scholarship is available. The entry criteria for this scholarship are subject specific and include passing an independent audition and achieving a minimum of grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.

3.3 Specific Year 12 and Year 13 Requirements

The minimum course of study in Year 12 is three A Level subjects plus an enrichment course. A number of pupils study four subjects. Students must achieve at least 6 grade 7s if they wish to be considered for 4 A Levels.

There are no new admissions into Year 13 of the Sixth Form. It is not the school's policy to allow pupils to repeat Year 12 or Year 13; the school's Sixth Form education lasts for two years.

All students in Year 13 must study a minimum of three subjects.

3.4 External Applicants

External applicants must meet the entry requirements as above. Applications for admission should be made on the online application form via the School's website at www.csgrammar.com by the closing date shown on the website.

The school will consider applications from students on a case by case basis who are no more than one year older (that is, they were born no later than 31st August 2008) provided that they are in Year 11 at a secondary school and they meet with the entry criteria.

3.5 Over-subscription

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

1. Students who are or have been looked after children. A 'looked after child' is a child who is (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 function. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).
2. Rank order of their average APS points score.
3. Where two or more candidates have identical scores proximity to the school will be used as a tie break. This is measured in a straight line from the applicant's home address to Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School's entrance on Hurst Road. Home address will be taken as the child's home address at the time of offer. That is the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, that is, the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit. Random allocation tie-break will be used to decide who

has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the scores are the same. 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.

3.6 Waiting List

A waiting list will be kept for Year 12. A student's name can only be included on the waiting list for Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School's Year 12 if they are predicted to meet the entry requirements.

3.7 Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place for their child at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeal Panel. Parents should contact the school direct to obtain an Appeal Form.

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