



## **HERSCHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL – ADMISSIONS POLICY**

### **SEPTEMBER 2018 ENTRY**

1. The school's standard admission number is 150.
2. Students will be admitted to the School at the age of 11 on the basis of their ability as determined by their performance in 11+ entrance tests set and administered by the Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools. The procedures for testing are outlined in the Slough Consortium of Grammar School – a Guide to the 11+ Test document published by the Consortium.
3. A standardised score of 111 or above in the entrance tests means that an applicant is eligible for consideration for admission to the School.
4. Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children (Note a) will take priority over all other applicants provided they are eligible for consideration. If this happens during the normal admission round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced accordingly.
5. Pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan (formerly a statement of Special Educational Needs) who have reached the required standard and who have named Herschel Grammar School specifically on the statement will be admitted automatically. If this happens during the normal admission round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced accordingly.
6. Up to 30 places will be offered to eligible applicants with a permanent home address within 10 miles of the school who are eligible for the Pupil Premium at the closing date for submission of the Common Application Form (Note b). Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance gate of the school, using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving the higher priority (Notes c and d). If this happens during the normal admission round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced accordingly.
7. To resolve issues of oversubscription, where the number of pupils who have achieved the required standard in the tests by gaining an overall score of 111 or more exceeds the number of places still available, the remaining places will be allocated according to the following oversubscription criteria in this order of priority:
  - (i) the next 60% of the remaining pupils in rank order of performance in the tests;
  - (ii) children of permanent members of the school staff who have been continuously employed by the school for a period of not less than 2 years prior to the closing date for applications.
  - (iii) proximity to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance gate of the school, using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving the higher priority (Notes c and d).
8. In the event of one or more eligible pupils being tied for a final place or places within criteria (i), (ii), or (iii), priority will be decided according to proximity to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance gate of the school, using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

9. A waiting list will be held for all eligible pupils who may not be offered a place initially due to oversubscription. This waiting list will operate for one term after the commencement of the academic year and places will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above.
10. No child will be admitted to the school, other than at the start of Year 7, unless there are available places and are eligible in the school's entrance examination.

Any pupil who has taken the Slough Consortium 11+ test and who has not achieved the eligibility mark will not be permitted to re-sit an entrance examination for Herschel Grammar School whilst in Years 7-11 and will not be considered for entry into the school.

11. The maximum number of places in the Sixth Form is 300. The intended number of students admitted from outside the school is 40. There are a variety of A Level courses on offer, each with different entry criteria. Full details of the Sixth Form admission requirements (both general and the subject specific) are published annually in the Sixth Form Course Information Booklet which is available on the school's website. Conditional offers of Sixth Form places will be based on whether an applicant's predicted GCSE grades meet these requirements. A supportive reference from the current school attended will be requested.
12. The school will establish arrangements for all appeals against non-admission, which will be independent of the school.
13. The school will publish details of admissions and appeals arrangements every year.

## NOTES

- a) Currently Looked After Children are defined as children who are (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a LA in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application to the school is made. Previously Looked After Children are defined as those who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (in accordance with Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002), or subject to a residence order (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989) or a special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989).
- b) Parents wishing to have eligibility for Pupil Premium considered as part of the admissions process must be able to demonstrate that they are in receipt of free school meals at the closing date for the Common Application Form, or have been in receipt of income-related free school meals at any time since 1 September 2012.
- c) In applying these admission arrangements, your permanent home address will be defined as the permanent place of residence of the parent with whom the applicant spends the majority of his/her time. The home address must be the address where the applicant is living at the time of application and before the closing date for applications. Where parents/carers share responsibility for part of the week, then both home addresses must be quoted. The school may check the authenticity of the address stated. Proof of residence or further information may be requested and must be provided.
- d) If the main address has changed temporarily, for example where a family is renting a property on a Short Term Tenancy Agreement (12 months or under), then the parental address remains that at which the parent was resident before the period of temporary residence began unless it can be shown that all ties to the previous address have been relinquished, or that the move is not easily reversible. The Governors may refuse to base an allocation on an address which might be considered only a temporary address.