

Wycombe High School

Admissions Policy

For entry from September 2009

Numbers and Policy

The published number of admissions is as follows: Years 7 - 10: 180 girls; Year 11: 180 girls.

200 places for girls will be offered for the 6th form from which there will be a minimum of 20 qualified external students.

Year 7

Girls are eligible to be considered for admission to Wycombe High School in Year 7 if they meet the required standard in tests currently used by Buckinghamshire County Council for 11+ selection, designed to select students with the aptitude and ability for a grammar school education. Applications should be made to Buckinghamshire County Council.

Years 8 – 9

Admission to other year groups will be subject to availability and dependent on grammar school ability demonstrated by a favourable report from the existing school and test results appropriate for the year group in question. The school will be taking part in the Buckinghamshire County Council's Late transfer process and therefore applications should be made in writing to Buckinghamshire County Council.

Year 10 - 11

Applications should be made directly to school.

Individual Needs

Girls who qualify and who have statements of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted prior to the application of the admission rules.

Late Applications

Late applications to Year 7 will be processed as set out in Buckinghamshire County Council's Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for secondary schools.

Over-subscription

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

- (a) Girls in Public Care.
- (b) Girls living in the catchment area.
- (c) Younger sisters of Year 7 to 13 students who will be in attendance at the school on the girl's date of admission.
- (d) Girls not resident in the catchment area who live closest to the school, in distance order,

If it is necessary to decide between girls on any rule, then the subsequent rules are used to decide who has priority.

- the place will be awarded by using the distance between the family's normal home address and the school's nearest entrance gate as defined in the appendix.

Waiting List

Girls who have qualified and have not been allocated a place may have their name placed on the waiting list. The waiting list will be ranked in accordance with the school's over-subscription criteria as detailed above.

If a girl qualifies but cannot be allocated a place, qualification ends 12 months after the test and she must be tested again under the Late Transfer Procedure.

Year 12

Applications should be made in writing direct to the school. Entry requirements are that:

- the course(s) required is / are on offer.
- a girl will have achieved a minimum of 368 points in her GCSEs, two of which will include Mathematics and English Language at grades A* - C.
- a girl will meet subject entry requirements in four AS level subjects as detailed in the prospectus.
- a girl is recommended by her present school.

Please note:

- Group sizes must be viable. In the event that a subject or course does not attract sufficient applicants, either at AS or A2 level, it may not run.
- Students who do not achieve a pass grade (A - E) at AS at the end of Year 12 will not be permitted to continue this subject to A2.
- In order to qualify for Year 13 a student must have pass grades (A - E) in at least two subjects at AS level.

Exceptional cases where applicants do not meet the entry criteria listed above will be considered by a panel chaired by the Headteacher.

Where eligible applications for courses exceed the number of places available, places will be offered to students obtaining the highest GCSE score in the intended subject of study or in subjects as specified in the prospectus. If there is more than one student with the same score, home to school distance will be the final determinant.

Notes

This Admissions Policy is subject to annual review.

Buckinghamshire County Council will establish arrangements for over-subscription appeals against non-admission.

A map of the catchment area is available at

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/get/assets/docs/ed_catch_map_wycombehigh.pdf

Parents wishing to know their entitlement to free transport should contact the Admissions Team.

APPENDIX

Definition of 'sibling'

A sister, which for admission purposes, means sisters of whole or half blood, or any other girl (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

A student in school will only count to provide a priority to a sister if she will be attending the school in Years 7 - 13 at the time of admission (September 2009) of the sister.

Definition of 'parent'

The application form should be completed by a person who is the girl's parent. The definition of a parent is as defined in the Education Act 1996.

Definition of 'normal home address'

'Normal home address' is a girl's permanent home address at the time the application form is being completed. This should be where the parent and child live and where the girl spends the majority of the school week (Monday to Friday including nights).

If there are reasons why a girl does not live at her parent's address, for example, she is resident with grandparents, this should be made clear on the application form.

Definition of 'home to school distance'

The shortest route will be measured by the Buckinghamshire County Council's Geographical Information System as described in the Buckinghamshire admissions booklet.

Fair Access protocol

As a Foundation school, we are working within the Fair Access protocol.

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