



Year 7 Admissions Policy (2020-21)

Ermysted's Grammar School

The Governing Body of Ermysted's Grammar School (the 'School') ratified this policy on 7 February 2019.

Ermysted's Grammar School is a voluntary aided, selective grammar school for boys aged 11-18. The School is maintained by North Yorkshire Education Authority (the 'Local Authority'), which coordinates the School's admissions. The Governors of the School are responsible for the admissions of pupils to Ermysted's Grammar School and welcome applications from parents of boys who live in Skipton and further afield. The Local Authority operates a selection scheme for prospective pupils into Year 7 using GL Assessment Verbal and Non-verbal tests. Details of all the arrangements are to be found on the North Yorkshire website www.northyorks.gov.uk.

The School will hold an Open Evening in the summer term for prospective pupils and their parents/carers.

Introduction

As a parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age (between five and sixteen), you have a legal duty to make sure they receive full time education that is suitable for their age and ability. Under the Education Act 2002, your Local Authority must make arrangements to help you decide which school you prefer your child to go to. It is important that you fill in a **Common Application Form** (available from your Local Authority) to tell your local authority which schools you prefer.

The deadline for the submission of the Common Application Form is 31 October 2019. Information on 'late applications' can be found on the website of your Local Authority.

Entry at 11+ into Year 7

The Governors of the School are prepared to accept boys into Year 7 up to a Published Admission Number (PAN) of **120**. Admission at 11+ is in the September following the academic year in which the boy attains the age of 11 (for entry in September 2020, his date of birth will fall on or between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009). Applications from boys out of chronological age group will be considered at the discretion of the Governing Body. Assessment for entry into the School is arranged using the Local Authority selection scheme.

How to apply

Boys whose homes¹ lie within and attend schools within the catchment area (defined below) will be automatically entered into the Local Authority selection scheme unless parents choose to withdraw their child from the process.

Boys living outside the catchment area (defined below) and those who live in the catchment area but attend schools outside the area or independent schools inside or outside of the area may also be entered for the Local Authority selection scheme.

In such cases, applications for testing for a place at Ermysted's Grammar School should be made online at www.northyorks.gov.uk or in writing to the Admissions, Transport and Welfare Team, Jesmond House, 31-33 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5QE (telephone 01609 533679) according to the timetable set out by the Local Authority. Applications received after this date will be considered; however, depending on the time of the application, testing may not be possible until after the date of allocation of school places.

The required academic standard for entry into Ermysted's is determined by the Local Authority selection scheme which uses the GL Assessment tests to define the standard as that achieved by the highest scoring 28% of all Year 6 pupils who live within the catchment area (defined below).

Oversubscription Criteria

Should there be more boys who reach the required academic standard than can be accommodated, after the admission of boys who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of Special Educational Needs² (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) has been issued which specifically names Ermysted's Grammar School, priority will be given using the following over-subscription criteria:

- first to boys who are 'looked after'³ by the Local Authority or have been 'previously looked after'⁴, including those who are in the care of another local authority, for whom the school has been expressed as a preference
- second to boys whose homes lie within the catchment area (defined in below)
- third to boys whose homes lie outside the catchment area (defined in below)

Preference to boys in the second and third priority will be applied in the following order:

- a) to boys who have a brother at the School in September of the year of entry living at the same address (brothers include half-brothers, adopted brothers, step-brothers or the son of the parent/carer's partner where the son for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling).
- b) to boys who live closest to the School. All distance measurements are based on straight line distance measured by the Local Authority's electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance.

In the case of a tie-break situation where two or more applicants live equidistant to school, and there are not enough spaces to offer all applicants who fulfil the relevant criteria, the remaining place(s) will be allocated using a computerised random number generator.

Catchment Area

The catchment area refers to the area served by the primary schools in, Beamsley, Bradley, Burnsall, Carleton, Cracoe, Embsay, Gargrave, Grassington, Kettlewell, Kirkby-in-Malhamdale, Skipton, Thornton-in-Craven and Threshfield. Should further details be required, please contact the Admissions and Transport Team (Tel 01609 533679).

How places are offered

If a parent/carer has expressed a preference for Ermysted's Grammar School on the Common Application Form, the Governors will consider whether they can offer their child a place. If necessary, they will apply the over-subscription criteria detailed above to produce a list identifying which pupils can be offered places and which of the over-subscription criteria applies.

Having received this information from the School, the Local Authority will try to meet parents/carers highest ranked preference as stated on their Common Application Form.

A waiting list will be maintained by the School until 31 December of the admission year. Each child added will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Entry into Years 8-11

The Governors of the School are prepared to accept boys into each year group up to the maximum admission limit of 120 (in Years 8-11). Assessment for entry into the School will be arranged using in-house tests. The in-

house tests in English, Mathematics and Science determine which boys reach the required academic standard for that school year. For boys moving into the catchment area we will arrange testing as soon as possible. However, for boys living outside of the catchment area, testing only takes place in November and May. Please contact the School for further information.

Parents/Carers seeking a place in school have the right to have their son(s) tested to determine whether they reach the required academic standard regardless of whether places are available. Where a boy is judged to be suitable and should the relevant year group have reached or exceeded its published admission number then the school cannot award a place. Parents will have the right to appeal against this decision.

A minimum of 180 marks out of 300 needs to be achieved for a student to cope with the demands of grammar school education. This requires a minimum of 50% in one of the three core subjects and a minimum of 60% in the other two.

Should there be more boys who reach the required academic standard for a particular year than can be accommodated, after the admission of boys who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN)/EHCP has been issued which specifically names Ermysted's Grammar School and those who are 'looked after' or have been 'previously looked after' by the Local Authority for whom the school has been expressed as a preference, priority will be given using the same over-subscription criteria as for entry into Year 7.

Signed:



Mr C N Worts, Chair of Governors

Date: 7 February 2019

Notes

1 'Home Address' means the pupil's principle permanent residence, which refers to the address where the pupil lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday).

2 A Statement of Special Educational Need is a statement made by the local authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 specifying the special educational provision required for that child. An Education, Health and Care plan is a plan made by the local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

3 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 functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

4 '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 special guardianship order).