

# **The Bromfords School and Sixth Form College**



## **Admissions 2017 Policy**

## Admission Arrangements for September 2017

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Parents who wish their child(ren) to attend The Bromfords School must apply in accordance with the co-ordinated admissions arrangements operated by Essex County Council. Details of the co-ordinated admissions scheme agreed by Essex secondary schools for September 2017 are set out in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet. The admissions policy of The Bromfords School will be applied in accordance with the co-ordinated arrangements set out in the booklet.

### Policy and Numbers

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of intended admissions for the Year 7 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 will be 224. For 2016 intake there were 414 applications for admissions.

The National closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. For children residing in Essex applications should be made using the Common Application Form supplied by Essex County Council. Parents residing outside Essex who wish to apply for a place at The Bromfords School should name the school as one of their preferences on their home Authority's application form. Essex County Council will notify parents of the outcome of their application on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### 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 children to admit.

- A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the 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).
- Where a child is living in the defined geographical area of Wickford, the closest to the school being given the highest priority (as determined by straight line distance). In the event of children living the same straight line distance priority will be given to a child who has a sibling currently attending the school in any year except 13.
- Where a child is living outside the defined geographical area of Wickford and has a sibling currently attending the school in any year except Year 13, the closest to the school will be given the highest priority (as determined by straight line distance).
- Where a child is living outside the defined geographical district of Wickford, the closest to the school being given the highest priority (as determined by straight line distance).

Exceptional social or medical circumstances may supersede all or some of the above criteria except 1. In order to be considered under this criterion applicants must produce a supporting report from either a registered social worker or registered medical practitioner setting out why The Bromfords School is the only appropriate school for their child.

In the event of a tiebreak in the application of any of the criterion above, the child living closest to the school will be given the highest priority. If that produces a further tiebreak due to identical distance, random selection by ballot will be used.

A map of the defined geographical district of Wickford is available on request from the school. The distances are calculated by the Local Authority as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet, by use of a Geographical Information System which accurately measures the distance from the home address to the school.

Children with a statement of special educational needs which names a school in their statement are required to be admitted by the named school. Therefore these students will be provided with a place regardless of the admissions criteria mentioned above.

**NB We adopt the definition of siblings as outlined in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet.**

Applications received after the closing date will be regarded as 'late' and treated according to the scheme for co-ordination of admission arrangements operated by Essex County Council.

In the event of over subscription the Local Authority will hold a waiting list in the order of admission criteria until the end of August 2017 in accordance with the co-ordinated admissions scheme. Thereafter we will hold a Year 7 waiting list until the end of the autumn term.

Unsuccessful applicants have a statutory right of appeal to an independent Appeal panel.

**Mid-year applications:** All in-year applications must be made directly to the school using the application form provided by Essex County Council.

**Admission to the Sixth Form**

The school is proposing to admit 100 in Year 12, including up to 15 who will be admitted for the first time in September 2017. Year 12 students will be admitted only if they meet the entry requirements for the pathway they wish to enrol on as set out in the sixth form prospectus. In addition students must meet specific subject requirements detailed in the prospectus

**Oversubscription Criteria where the Sixth Form is oversubscribed**

In the event of oversubscription existing Year 11 students who meet the entry requirements will be given priority according to their rank order when the above oversubscription criteria are applied. If any places remain the same oversubscription criteria will be applied to students seeking admissions to the school for the first time.

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