

Friday 19th December 2025

Admissions Consultation - for September 2027 admissions

Dear stakeholder

Weald of Kent Grammar School is consulting on its policy for admissions for pupils joining the school from September 2027. The purpose of the consultation is to ensure that our school complies with the School Admissions Code (DfE, 2021) by consulting with our local and wider community when there are proposed changes and/or within every seven years.

The dates of the consultation have been set to comply with the School Admissions Code and provide the school's Board of Trustees time to consider comments made, in time for ratification and publication by February 28th 2026. The period of consultation is Friday December 19th 2025 to Friday January 30th 2026.

Proposed amendments to previous policy

1.1A Inclusion of Weald of Kent Grammar Assessment as an alternative route to grammar assessment and admission into Year 7 at Weald of Kent Grammar School.

*(Explanation: the school are proposing to administer their own admissions test. This will be delivered by Quest Assessments, a leading UK exam provider. The Kent Test and the Weald Grammar Assessment will be treated exactly the same for admissions purposes. Passing both tests does not give any additional advantage or priority. Once a child is deemed "grammar-assessed" through **either** route, the same oversubscription criteria apply to everyone. Thus, pupils can take **either** test, **or** both, but only need to be deemed grammar-assessed in **one**.*

The standard required to be deemed grammar-assessed by the Weald Grammar Assessment will be of an equivalent standard to the Kent Test.

The addition of a new test follows a thorough review of our admissions process. We are committed to providing a fair admissions process to all pupils. Quest's assessments are designed to be accessible, academically rigorous and to identify pupils with the potential to thrive in a grammar school environment.

We are dedicated to widening access whilst maintaining the standard required for grammar assessment. We believe that the addition of a new assessment, from a different provider, will ensure our admissions process is fair, inclusive, and forward-thinking.

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The assessment will focus on a child's understanding and use of core skills rather than familiarity with specific question formats so as not to provide unnecessary advantages to certain cohorts of children over others. We will not test topics beyond the Year 5 National Curriculum.

The Weald Grammar Assessment will be a set of questions based on English and Mathematics. There will also be some Verbal and Non-verbal Reasoning questions.)

1.2 There is a proposed change to the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 300 to 270.

(Explanation: this is following a temporary increase to 300 in the previous year, returning to our long-held PAN of 270.)

1.3 Removing the listing of specific postcodes.

(Explanation: the policy is simplifying Criteria 6 of the Oversubscription Criteria - 'distance from home' – by removing specific postcodes and solely using the simplified criteria of 'distance to the school' as the method of calculation.)

2.3 additional clarity that entry in to the sixth form is based upon eight full-course GCSE//iGCSE and the average point score is based upon eight such GCSE grades.

Appendix 1 – additional information regarding the procedure and deadlines for the application and administration of the Weald of Kent Grammar School Grammar Assessment Test

How to respond to the consultation

The Board of Trustees would welcome comments and questions during this period of consultation on any aspect of the proposed changes to the policy, from those within the Weald community as well as prospective parents, stakeholders and the local community.

Hard copies of the proposed policy are available on request from the school office.

All responses will be collated and considered by the Board prior to the determination of the admissions policy. The ratified policy will be published on the school website no later than February 28th 2027.

Responses can be sent:

- Via email to admissions@wealdgs.org
- Via post to 'Admissions Officer, Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, TN9 2JP'.

Yours sincerely

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