



6th Form Admissions – FAQs

- **How do I apply to the Weald of Kent?**

Applications are processed via Kent Choices rather than directly to our school. The deadline for applications via Kent Choices is Monday 16th January. Applications made after this date will need to go straight to admissions@wealdgs.org

- **What happens if I do not get the minimum entry requirements?**

Students who do not achieve the Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature or English Language, a Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and an Average Point Score (APS) of 5.5 from their best 8 subjects, including English and Mathematics will not be admitted to the Weald of Kent. Instead, they will need to contact admissions@wealdgs.org to find out the Kent Appeals procedures. Kent Appeals are usually held in the first 3 weeks of September and are held by an independent panel. It is advised that students should accept an offer at a school of a lower offer until that appeal has been heard (see next question).

- **How many schools should I apply to?**

It is recommended that students apply to a range of schools, including a school who will accept a lower offer in the event that students do not meet the entry requirements for their first-choice school.

- **What happens if I do not have the recommended grades for the subject entry requirements?**

Students should consider whether taking a subject where they have not met the recommended entry requirements is a suitable option, or whether they should consider an alternative course with a different offer. Students have over 25 A Level options to choose from. Students should consider their own strengths and where these are best suited in terms of subjects and the skills required. Final decisions lie with the Leadership Team and will involve looking at the suitability of the student to study that course, based on their performance throughout Year 11.

- **What happens if I change my mind and want to change courses?**

Students will have the opportunity to change their courses after they have been offered and accepted their place. It is important to note students may not be able to change to a different course if the course is full, or if the course clashes with another of their chosen subjects. If a course is oversubscribed, we will allocate places based on Average Point Score.

- **Do Year 11 Weald students get priority places?**

As per our Admissions Policy, Year 11 Weald students have priority places. Year 11 students are enrolled first, followed by external applicants.

- **Can I choose which campus I will be studying at?**

Students can choose which campus they would like to study at. However, please note that all 25 subjects may not be offered at both campuses. Courses will run if we have sufficient numbers. If a subject is being offered at one campus only, students may choose to study at that campus, or choose an alternative subject. If a course is oversubscribed at one campus, students may be offered that subject at the other campus.

- **How do I tell you which campus I would like to study at?**

For Weald Year 11 students, you will have a form to complete to indicate your 3 A Level subjects, a reserve subject, and which campus you would like to study at. This will allow us to build the curriculum around your choices.

For external students, places will be offered on results day when you accept your place.

- **What does a 'conditional offer' mean?**

A conditional offer is given to students who are predicted to meet the minimum entry requirements for the 6th Form. For Weald students, this offer is given to all students on the condition that they meet the entry requirements. For External applicants, a conditional offer is not a guarantee of a place, even when they have met the minimum entry requirements for the school. Every year we get many more applications than places available, so it is important not to decline another offer based on the assumption you will be offered at Weald. We will endeavour to process our external applications as quickly as possible and will notify you if we can accept or need to decline your application.

- **What is your 'Oversubscription criteria'?**

Where the number of external candidates exceeds the number of places available, places will be offered in accordance with our oversubscription criteria. 1. Looked After Children 2. Current Family Association 3. Health and Special Access Reasons 4. Pupil Premium 5. Children of Permanent Members of Staff 6. Nearness of Children's Homes to School.

In the event of any course being oversubscribed, we will use GCSE average point scores to assign places.