

ADMISSIONS BULLETIN UP-DATE

March 2010

Please note that more information can be found by following the links on the Homepage to 'Admissions 2010', 'Admissions 2011' and 'Admissions Policy'

This information is primarily intended for parents of boys who are currently in Year 6 of their primary school and who have queries concerning admissions for September 2010. This information takes the form of responses to commonly asked questions.

Q1. I have received confirmation that my son has gained a place for September 2010, what happens next?

You need to return the reply form that you received from Wirral Local Authority back to them by 16th March. Assuming that wish to accept the offer of a place, you should tick the relevant box and send the form to the address specified. In the next few days you will receive an introductory letter from Mr Hazeldine (Headteacher); this letter will explain how we will work to ensure that your son's move to Wirral Grammar School is as smooth as possible.

Q2. I have received confirmation that my son has not been offered a place for 2010 as the test standard has not been met, what can I do?

The admissions process allows you to make an appeal for a place at Wirral Grammar School. You will need to obtain an Appeal Form from Wirral Local Authority. The following link should take you to where appeals forms can be downloaded: www.wirral-abc.gov.uk/admissions/appeals.asp Appeals are typically made where a parent has specific reasons for why their son did not gain the required level for entry. Your completed appeal form will need to be sent to the school as soon as possible and no later than the date specified on the form. We will forward all appeal forms to the clerk responsible for the appeal hearings. Please note that the appeal hearings are managed by the Local Authority and usually take place towards the end of April. The school has no say in the appeals decisions.

Q3. How many places have been allocated for September 2010 and are there unallocated places at this stage?

The school's admission number is currently 152 for September 2010. At this stage, 149 places have been allocated. This represents the fairly typical pattern of recent years. The consequence of a falling birth rate inevitably means that there will be proportionately fewer potential pupils who will be eligible to join our school. As a

consequence of this, in the last few years, pupils have been joining our school from a wider geographical area and new bus services into Cheshire are a reflection of this.

Q4. My son has been allocated a place at another school but he has reached the standard for the Grammar school, is it possible for him to join Wirral Grammar School for Boys instead?

You should notify both the Local Authority admissions team and Mrs Tanya Fry (Admissions Manager at Wirral Grammar School) that you would like your son to join Wirral Grammar School for boys instead. An offer of a place will be made subject to availability and an entitlement to appeal applies.

Q5. My son has been allocated a place at another Grammar School but I would now like him to attend Wirral Grammar School for Boys, what do I do?

You should notify both the Local Authority admissions team and Mrs Tanya Fry (Admissions Manager at Wirral Grammar School) that you would like your son to attend Wirral Grammar School instead. An offer of a place will be made subject to availability and an entitlement to appeal applies.

Q6. My son did not gain the level required in the 11+ and therefore has not been offered a place, can he take the test again?

Firstly, you are entitled to make an appeal and if you consider it to be appropriate to do so, please follow the guidance in the answer to question 2. Your son can be re-tested but not until the Spring Term 2011; this is in accordance with the school's admissions policy. Testing for 'in-year admissions' is carried out by the school and places are allocated in accordance with the admissions policy. If you think that you would like your son to take the test in the Spring Term 2011, you are welcome to contact Mrs Tanya Fry (Admissions Manager) and register your interest; we will keep you informed concerning the testing arrangements.

Q7. My son did not take the 11+ test back in the Autumn Term but I would now like him to be tested for Wirral Grammar School for Boys, is this possible?

If your son has not been tested previously, for example you are moving to the area; you did not consider it at the time; or you live in Cheshire and we not aware that it is possible to join Wirral Grammar School; you should contact Mrs Tanya Fry (Admissions Manager). In accordance with admissions policy, your son can take the test in this situation and this process will be administered by the school. In the event that your son reaches the standard, a place will be offered, subject to availability and in accordance with admissions policy.

Q8. My son is currently in Year 5 and I am looking ahead to September 2011 when I would like him to join Wirral Grammar School for Boys, what should I do now?

Please follow the 'Admissions 2011' link from the home page, the information here explains the whole process of admissions, starting with an invitation to attend our

'Information Evening' on 29th June 2010. In September you are very welcome to attend our Open Evenings. Visits to the school can also be arranged if you would like to see the school in action on a typical day.

Q9. I am interested in my son transferring to Wirral Grammar School from his current school (e.g. to join current Year, 7, 8 9 etc.), is this possible and how do I go about this?

Moving a child to a new school part way through his secondary education can have negative consequences on the pace of progress. Equally we appreciate that such decisions are not taken lightly and it is quite common for parents to choose to transfer their son to our school with good reason (e.g. moving house, friendship issues etc). As a Foundation school, we manage our own admissions arrangements and boys take the assessment at Wirral Grammar School. Enquiries should be directed to Mrs Tanya Fry (Admissions Manager) at our school.

Q10. Who can I contact to speak to about admissions?

Mrs Tanya Fry is the Admissions Manager at Wirral Grammar School for Boys. She can be contacted on 0151 644 0908.

Wirral Local Authority Admissions Department can be contacted on 0151 606 2000

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