

## HERSCHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. The school's standard admission number is 120.
2. Pupils will be admitted at the age of 11 by reference to their ability and aptitude which will be determined by their performance in entrance tests consisting of Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning tests set by the National Foundation for Educational Research. The procedure for application and testing will be published by the school each year.
3. Where the number of pupils who have achieved the required standard in the tests by gaining an overall score of 111 or more exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following oversubscription criteria in this order of priority:
  - (i) Looked After Children who have reached the required standard;
  - (ii) pupils with special educational needs (where written evidence is supplied from a recognised authority specialising in the particular needs of the pupil) who have or in the view of Governors should have reached the required standard;
  - (iii) the next 70 pupils in rank order of performance in the tests;
  - (iv) proximity to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance gate of the school, using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
4. In the event of one or more eligible pupils being tied for a final place or places within criteria (i), (ii) or (iii), priority will be decided according to proximity to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance gate of the school, using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
5. A waiting list will be held for all eligible pupils but who may not be offered a place initially due to oversubscription. This waiting list will operate for one term after the commencement of the academic year and places will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above.
6. No child will be admitted to the school, other than at the start of Year 7, unless there are available places and:
  - (i) they are transferring from another grammar school, or
  - (ii) they have **not** already taken the 11+ test, reside in the area (as defined by 10 below) and are successful in the school's entrance examination.

Any pupil who has taken the 11+ test will not be permitted to re-sit an entrance examination for Herschel Grammar School whilst at statutory school age.

7. The maximum number of places in the Sixth Form is 250. The intended number of students admitted from outside the school is 30. There are a variety of Sixth Form courses on offer each with different entry requirements. Full details of these are published annually in the Sixth Form prospectus and applicants should contact the school for information. A supportive school report in the form of a letter from the current Headteacher will be required.

8. The school will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission, which will be independent of the school.
9. The school will publish details of admissions and appeals arrangements every year.
- 10 The 'area' for Herschel is defined with a parental or legal guardian address in the following districts: Slough; Burnham; Farnham Common; Farnham Royal; Windsor; Iver; Iver Heath; Datchet; Colnbrook.