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## **Consultation regarding changes to the Admission Policy for 2026 - 2027**

In 2022, we consulted on significant changes in order to reflect our highly academic, selective status, while also reflecting the community school nature of QEGS.

The policy which we are consulting on today, is the same as our current policy, with minor amendments to make it easier to understand and use. Details of these changes can be found on the webpage below

A summary of the new admission policy has been provided below. Please refer to the full policy for details of how this is applied - <https://qegs.website/queen-elizabeth-grammar-school-admissions/>

Should you have any comments please put them in writing and send them to Mrs J Grindrod, Admissions Secretary, either through email at [jdgrindrod@qegs.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jdgrindrod@qegs.cumbria.sch.uk) or by post to:

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This consultation period will last for 6 weeks and commences on Tuesday 15 October 2024 and will close on Tuesday 26 November 2024. The Governors will consider any comments received and will reach a decision about making any amendments so that the Admissions Policy for September 2026 entry can be published.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Marchant'.

David Marchant  
Headteacher



Please note this is a summary of the policy and the detail of these areas are only fully explained in the full policy. <https://qegs.website/queen-elizabeth-grammar-school-admissions/>

#### Proposed changes:

- Definition of a member of staff is widened to include any member of staff who has been employed at the school for two years or who has been employed to fill a demonstrable shortage. (Previously there were exclusions for some part time staff)
- Criteria 5a (children within catchment) to be ranked by distance rather than rank order bringing it into line with 5b

## Year 7 Admission

Children will be required to pass the entrance test. A definitive 'pass mark' for the test, to be agreed annually

Children will be required to achieve a minimum score in each area plus a minimum aggregate mark.

Children will be deemed to have passed or failed the entrance test.

Children who pass the test will then be offered a place or placed on the waiting list, according to the following order as set out below.

### EHCP

- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan have an overriding priority before any other student. N.B. this is a statutory requirement

### Academic Ability Alone

- 20% places (32 places) offered according to ability alone (i.e. the top 32 students by rank score)

### Oversubscription Criteria

The remaining places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care
2. Children with a sibling currently in the school
3. Children who have been identified as receiving Pupil Premium (10 places)
4. Children of permanent members of staff
5.
  - a. Children who live within catchment area (in priority according to distance from the school)
  - b. Children who live outside catchment area (in priority according to distance from the school)

## In Year Admission

This will model the policy above but will establish a pass mark for entry based off CAT4 tests, not the QEGS entrance test.

## Sixth Form Admission

Students will be required to achieve Total Point Score (TPS) of 48 e.g. an average of Grade 6 in a student's best eight subjects including a Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature) and Maths.