

# Great Baddow High School

## ADMISSIONS POLICY – 2019/20

### Year 7 Admissions Policy

The school will admit 240 students each September for this age group. Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order given, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children or children previously looked after (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children with a sibling attending the school at the point of application. (For the definition of siblings please refer to the Essex County Council Secondary Education in Essex booklet).
3. Children living in the priority admission area, plus children attending St. Andrew's Junior School, Hatfield Peverel.
4. Up to 10% in each year group who demonstrate an aptitude for sport. To apply for a place under this criterion, the school's Supplementary Information Form must be completed.
5. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been employed for a minimum of two years at the time of application or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those living nearest being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distances are calculated by the Essex County Council).

Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel established under statutory regulations for this purpose. (See Essex County Council Secondary Education in Essex booklet for details).

### Sixth Form Admissions Policy

The Sixth Form is open to all Great Baddow High School students, and external students, subject to them fulfilling the requirements of suitable courses. All applicants are required to complete an Application Form and to confirm their acceptance of the Sixth Form Contract, which covers the requirements for the dress code, attitudes to learning and behaviour. The deadline for applications is mid-December; however, applications received after this date may also be considered.

Internal and external applicants are interviewed by The Head of Sixth Form or a member of the senior leadership team to discuss their option choices and predicted GCSE grades. Schools of external candidates will be contacted for references. Subject choices are provisionally confirmed at this stage but can change depending on the results that applicants achieve in the Summer GCSE examinations and the viability of class sizes.

For A Levels, students must achieve a minimum 38 points from GCSE English and Mathematics plus the best six other subject levels.

Entry requirements for BTEC L3 courses are outlined in our prospectus. BTEC students are

also encouraged to study another one or two subjects at A Level or BTEC and will need a minimum of a grade 4 in English (higher for certain subjects) and overall GCSE results that demonstrate their ability to undertake A Level equivalent work.

For both A level and BTEC courses, a student's behaviour, attendance and work ethic (determined through effort and attainment grades) will also be taken into account when considering their application to the Sixth Form.

### **Mid-year Admissions Policy**

Mid-year applications are made directly with the school and will be considered and dealt with promptly, as far as is practicable. In the event of oversubscription, applicants will be placed on the waiting list, with the exception of Year 10 (from the Spring Term) and Year 11. Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel (via Essex County Council) established under statutory regulations for this purpose.

### **Opportunities to visit the school**

- Our annual Open Evening is usually held at the end of September/beginning of October (actual date displayed on the school's website).
- Individual tours given throughout the year. Parents should contact school for an appointment.