



THE SKINNERS' SCHOOL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2011

1. General

Boys will normally be admitted at age 11, and also to the Sixth Form. Selection is by reference to aptitude and ability. Those who attain the prescribed score in the Kent Selection Tests for Procedure to Entrance to Secondary School (PESE) will be considered for admission at age 11. For boys aged 12 or more, evidence obtained in examination of ability to keep pace with the work of the School will justify consideration for admission.

The School intends to offer 115 places each year for boys aged 11.

For admission to the Sixth Form from outside the School pupils are expected to have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade B or above. In the event of over-subscription for Sixth Form places, those with the best academic record at GCSE will be admitted.

Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11. The PAN for external candidates will be 1 but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal pupils transferring into Year 12 is less than is required to provide an overall total figure for the Sixth Form, which is 230.

2. Over-Subscription

Where the number of applicants for admission at age 11 exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order of priority set out below:

- a) Children in Local Authority Care, defined as a child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) or who is subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
- b) Applicants will be ranked according to their combined test scores.
- c) In the case of two applicants of equal ability, preference will be given to the boy who lives closest to the School. The distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the school measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a central point within the child's home to a similarly defined point within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The school uses measurements provided by the LA and further information on how distances are calculated is available in the Admissions Booklets provided by the LA.