



Batley Grammar School's Proposal to increase its PAN

Batley Grammar School has made an application to the Secretary of State to be allowed, in such exceptional circumstances, to increase its Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 entry from 60 to 88 for the academic year 2012-2013 only to better meet the high demand for co-educational places.

As a result of discussions with Local Authority representatives, a basic need in the Batley/Birstall area for more co-educational places has been identified.

This proposal is an exceptional increase in the PAN whilst the school roll has yet to reach its full capacity in the existing buildings. The proposed Year 7 increase is unlikely to be repeated in future years and is not sustainable without the provision for expansion and further building taking place.

The school is currently in discussions with the Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) with regard to plans for future expansion. The aim of this being an increased provision of co-educational places for local children who would otherwise have to travel outside the LA to secure such provision.

All comments should be e-mailed to admissions@batleygrammar.co.uk or addressed to:

Admissions Consultation
Batley Grammar School
Carlinghow Hill
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This consultation period closes on **Friday 17th February 2012**.

Apart from increasing the PAN, the agreed arrangements outlined in the Admissions Policy for 2012 entry will still be applicable and may be viewed on the website at www.batleygrammar.co.uk; they are summarised below.

Summary details of 2012 admissions as published in the LA Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) guidance to parents:

“Applying for a Year 7 place at Batley Grammar School

The admissions arrangements for the year 2012/2013 will be part of the Local Authority's admission procedures and parents should apply using the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by the authority and should also complete Batley Grammar School's own additional registration form.

We anticipate that there will be 60 places available. This is assuming that 24 year 6 pupils in the primary phase will transfer into the secondary phase. If less pupils transfer then more places will be available to external applicants.

Admitting pupils of all abilities

Our intake in September 2012 will be representative of the full ability range and will exactly match the profile of the children applying here.

To achieve this all applicants take a non-verbal reasoning assessment to divide them into five bands or “stanines” from Band 1 at the top to Band 5 at the bottom. We will admit the required number from each band based on the spread of ability of those applying for September 2012.

The fair banding assessment is not a traditional entrance exam which pupils either pass or fail. It is done to ensure we take a fair number of pupils across the whole ability range.

Criteria for admission

The following criteria for admissions apply in the order set out below:

- Children in public care, who apply to the school, will be offered a place;
- Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, who apply to the school, will be considered for a place without reference to the following oversubscription criteria;
- In addition, the governors may grant a place to a child with a very exceptional medical or social need on the recommendation of an independent professional indicating that Batley Grammar School would be the only school able to meet that child’s needs;
- Older siblings of a pupil on the school roll at the time of application. The term sibling includes a full, step, half adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousins, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the Free School
- An independently scrutinised random selection.

Calendar for admissions

September - The Free School will publish in its prospectus information about the arrangements for admission, including oversubscription criteria, for the following September (e.g. in September 2011 for admission in September 2012). This will include details of open evenings and other opportunities for prospective pupils and their parents to visit the school.

Saturday 24th September – Open Morning 9.00-12.30 - this event provides an opportunity for parents to visit the Free School;

Monday 31 October 2011 – Common Application Form (CAF) to be completed and returned to the Local Authority to administer. **Batley Grammar School registration Form to be returned to the Free School by Monday 31st October 2011;**

Local Authority to send applications to Free School;

Saturday 26 November 2011 – Free School holds a day when all year 6 applicants can sit the fair banding assessments;

Late December/Early January – The Free School sends the list of pupils to be offered places to Kirklees;

February - Kirklees applies agreed scheme for own schools, informing other LA’s of offers to be made to their residents; and

1st March – Year 7 offers are made to parents.

If your child is not offered a place

If your child is not offered a place for the Free School, your child will be placed on a waiting list which the school will administer. Where places become available they will be allocated in accordance with the criteria overleaf. The waiting list will remain until 31st December 2012. If you are dissatisfied with our admissions procedure, you will also have the right of appeal. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the School. The Panel's decisions will be final and binding on the school. If you are considering an appeal, please contact the Admissions Secretary at the school for further information and advice.

Appeals data

There were 44 appeals for places in year 7, for the academic year 2011/2012, of which 4 were withdrawn and 0 appeals were successful.

Contacts

E-mail: admissions@batleygrammar.co.uk or the Admissions Secretary, Mrs Rosie Gregg, is available on Wednesday afternoons 1.30-3.30 pm to help parents with their enquiries about admissions.

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