



The Skinners' Kent Academy Trust

Determined Admissions for The Skinners' Kent Academy only

September 2020

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Determined Admissions

Year 7 Admissions: September 2020

Detailed information about The Skinners' Kent Academy and a prospectus are available from the Academy website: www.skinnerskentacademy.org.uk

Arrangements for applications for places at The Skinners' Kent Academy will be made in accordance with Kent County Council's Co-ordinated Admission Scheme and will be made on the Kent Secondary Common Application Form provided by the local authority.

The PAN for September 2020 Year 7 intake will be 180.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of special educational need which names The Academy will be admitted. As a result of this, the number of offers will be reduced accordingly. Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

a) Children in public care

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

b) Compelling medical or other exceptional social reasons for attending the school. Robust and documented social, medical or psychological evidence must be provided in support, from an appropriate independent registered professional such as a social worker, hospital consultant, GP or health visitor at the time of the original application, and must set out why the Academy is the only school that can meet the young person's needs or circumstances;

All correspondence will be treated as private and confidential

c) Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. (Note; the term 'sibling' includes full-, half-, and step-siblings and those living as siblings in the same family unit on the roll of The Skinners' Kent Academy);

d) Admission to children of staff employed by The Skinners' Kent Academy Trust in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. Where the member of staff has been employed at either of the schools forming The Skinners' Kent Academy Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the Skinners' Kent Academy is made, and/or
- b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- e) Admission of students, on the basis of proximity to the school using a straight line measurement.

Distances will be measured between the child's permanent address and the Academy using National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point data. Distances are measured by KCC in a straight line from a point within the child's home to a point defined within the Academy as specified by National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). The same address point on the Academy site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criteria for oversubscription, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's home address is to the Academy. The Academy uses measurements provided by the local authority and further information on how distances are calculated is available in the admissions booklets provided by the local authority. (Further information about how distances are measured and how students living in blocks of flats will be treated for the purpose of distance measurement is also available from the local authority booklets. They will also clarify definitions of permanent/main residence where students live in different locations through joint custody arrangements.)

Year 12 Admissions

Admission criteria for Year 12 students onto the IBCP scheme (International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme) for **September 2020** is set out below. The IBCP provides an exciting opportunity to attain a certificate that focuses on the mix of practical and academic skills needed by students in the 21st century.

In addition to the sixth form's minimum academic entry requirements students will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. If students fail to meet the minimum course requirements they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) will be 125 into Year 12 for September 2020. Priority will be given to existing Academy students transferring from Year 11, vacant places will be offered to external applicants meeting the Academic entry requirements up to a maximum year group size of 125 in Year 12.

Current Year 11 Academy students and external students are required to make a formal application to join Year 12 in September 2020 via the SKA Application Form on our website (www.skinnerskentacademy.org.uk) or via Kent Choices 4 U website (www.kentchoices4u.com). Candidates will be invited to a meeting at the Academy to ensure that their choice of subjects is appropriate for the career path they wish to follow.

In the event of oversubscription, the criteria to be applied will be as defined for Year 7 admissions above.

Operation of Waiting Lists

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the LA's co-ordinated admission scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year The Skinners' Kent Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until one term after the start of the school year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent/carer to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

In-Year Admissions

In line with Kent County Council's (KCC) In Year Admissions Process for Schools, the Skinners' Kent Academy will admit students (with the exception of those entering at the beginning of Yrs 7 and 12) using the KCC In-Year Casual Application Form (where numbers in a year group are 5 or more below PAN).

In all instances the Academy will write to the parents/carers of the child enclosing a Supplementary Information Form. Upon receipt of the completed supplementary information form, the application will be considered as per our admissions criteria.

If at all possible a meeting will be arranged with the prospective student and parents/carers to discuss admission to The Skinners' Kent Academy. During this meeting the admissions process will be discussed in full for entry to the Academy (in relation to the needs of the child and the needs of those already studying at the Academy). Ideally, this discussion will be held on site and be combined with a tour of the Academy.

If a meeting is not possible, the application will be considered per our admissions criteria from details taken of information given on the completed supplementary information form and we will contact the parent/carer to discuss entry to the Academy.

Fair Access Protocol (FAP)

In line with legislation as laid down in the School Admissions Code 2014, the Academy will admit In-Year students through the FAP except where it would be disproportionate to the Academy.

Appeals

Parents/carers have the right to appeal an admissions decision in front of an independent panel. In the first instance your appeal would need to be submitted in the form of a letter addressed to the Chair of Governors at the The Skinners' Kent Academy outlining your reasons for requesting an appeal. Your appeal would be heard in line with the Department of Education guidelines.

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IN-YEAR ADMISSION – SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM



(Please PRINT all information on this form;

ALL sections of this document MUST be completed)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Surname of Student:				Forenames:			
Legal surname (if different from above):							
Date of Birth:				Sex:	Male	Female	
Parent(s) salutation and name:							
Home Address:						My child will travel to the Academy by: (please tick all that apply)	
						School Bus	
						Family Car	
						Train	
						Cycle	
	Postcode:				Other (specify)		
Contact Telephone numbers:	Home:		Work:		Mobile:		
Email address:							
Please indicate name of siblings currently attending the Academy:		Name:				Tutor Group:	
Nationality: (PLEASE STATE BOTH IF DUAL)				Country of Birth			
				Language:			
Religion:				**First language:			
*Ethnicity:				Language spoken at home:			
Has the child been in the UK less than 2 years:		Yes	No	If yes, please give date of entry			
<p>*All schools are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to collect information on our students' ethnic background. Parents/carers of all students are asked to declare their child's ethnicity.</p> <p>Our ethnic background describes how we think of ourselves and may be based on many things, for example, skin colour, language, culture, ancestry or family history. Ethnic background is not the same as nationality or country of birth.</p> <p>Students aged 11-15 are considered capable of deciding their own ethnic identity. The DfE recommends that this decision be made with the support and knowledge of the parent or carer. Students aged 16 and over are recommended to make their own decision.</p>				<p>**A student's first language is defined as any language other than English that a child was exposed to during early development and continues to be exposed to in the home or community. If a child was exposed to more than one language (which may include English) during early development, a language other than English should be recorded, irrespective of the child's proficiency in English.</p> <p>In the case of an older student who is no longer exposed to the first language in the home, and who now uses another language, the school should consult with the student or parent to determine which language should be recorded.</p>			

The following information will help us to assess suitability and support required for your child

Please provide the reason(s) for your child's proposed move from their current school:

Why have you chosen to apply to Skinners' Kent Academy?

Please outline any areas where your child has displayed a particular gift or talent:

Please give details of particular concerns you may have regarding the academic progress of your child:

Current School Name & Address:

% Attendance at current school:

Does any other person or body exercise any parental rights in connection with the child?
If so, please state who:

Name & address of person child is living with if different from "Home Address" above:

You will automatically be the first point of contact should the need arise.
Please list below the details of additional emergency contacts you wish to record:

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1 (Parent, neighbour, other relative)

Name & Address:	Day-time contact number:

Relationship to student:

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2 (Parent, neighbour, other relative)			
Name & Address		Day-time contact number:	
Relationship to student:			
MEDICAL DETAILS			
Doctor's Name:			
Doctor's Address:			
Doctor's Telephone Number:			
We give permission for the Academy to contact our GP.	Signed:	Date:	
	(Person with parental responsibility)		
IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Student's medical conditions and details of any medication to be taken:			
ADHS on medication		Hearing Loss	
Asthma		Visual impairment	
Allergic to penicillin		Other:	
Allergies			
<p>INDEMNITY FORM – I confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of an emergency closure of the Academy, I understand that it might not be possible to contact me. I agree to you contacting me by text if you need to send my son/daughter home if the Academy needs to close in an emergency. In the event of such an emergency my child can be released early from the Academy without a response from myself. Day trips, Outings, Academy journeys, Field Trips and Exchanges: I give my permission for my son/daughter to undertake any of the above activities with the Academy and I consent to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) I give permission for photographs to be taken of my child which may be used either in the Academy, Academy publications (including website and/or promotional videos), the press and, possibly, TV coverage. (ii) Should the necessity arise, I give my permission for the person in charge of the party to consent on my behalf for an anaesthetic to be used, or for other urgent medical treatment to be given. I also authorise the Academy to disclose my child's details to any relevant authority should the need arise. 			
Signed:			Date:
(Person with parental responsibility)			