



## **1. Purpose:**

The Admissions Policy establishes our criteria for admission.

## **2. Content:**

- 2.1 Kensington School welcomes applications from all students from Nursery to Upper Sixth who would benefit from studying in the English language a mainstream curriculum based on the English National Curriculum
- 2.2 Students are not barred from admission to the school on the grounds of race, colour, ethnicity, nationality\*, language, religion, attainment level, gender, disability (within the limitations of physical surroundings), class, background or any other reason that cannot be shown as justifiable. \*Please note that the school cannot admit local Spanish students of compulsory school age due to its status as a school for 'foreign students' as recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education
- 2.3 The ethos of this school is based on our desire to provide a high quality education. We insist on high standards, we expect our young people to work to the best of their ability, to behave in a way which shows courtesy to those around them and to wear their uniform smartly. Although we are academically non-selective, we do not accept all who apply.

## **3. The School agrees that the following admission arrangements will apply with effect from 1 September 2019.**

- 3.1 Students are normally admitted to EYFS to Upper Sixth, without reference to ability or aptitude.
- 3.2 Admissions will be such as to ensure that each year group will not exceed the intake number for that year group (20 students)
- 3.3 See Appendix 1 for Sixth Form Admissions.

## **4. Determination of Priorities:**

The school has to operate an equal preference system. In the event of oversubscription, all applications for the school will be considered equally and ranked in order of how they meet the criteria.

- 4.1 Students currently on roll (for re-registration purposes)
- 4.2 Where a student has a sibling attending/who attended the school.
- 4.3 Children of members of staff employed at the school for at least two years at the time of application for admission.
- 4.4 Other students.

## **5. Procedures:**

Applications should be made directly to the school. Applicants should complete an initial enquiry form available through the school's website or the Admissions Team.



If an applicant wishes to progress their registration, they must supply the child's latest school report and a visit to the school can be arranged.

Once a place has been offered, the applicant must pay the one-off deposit and annual registration to secure this place. Places are not guaranteed until the school has received the necessary payment.

A waiting list is kept for a full academic year. If there is oversubscription all children will be ranked in the same order as the published over-subscription criteria. The waiting list will be adjusted to take account of late or in-year applications. There is a charge to be placed on the waiting list and this will be deducted from the first term's fees.

## **6. Monitoring:**

The policy is monitored by the Headmaster and members of the School Leadership Team

## **7. Evaluation:**

The policy is evaluated in the following ways: informal discussion with parents; discussion with the local Department of Education in the case of Spanish nationals and through consultation with the Senior Leadership Team at the school.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Sixth Form Admissions**

#### Admission Requirements

- At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English and Maths. It is advisable to have an grade 7, 8 or 9 at GCSE level in each subject to be studied at AS level.
- Students arriving from schools not following the British system or unfamiliar with the British system AND/OR not taking GCSEs may be asked to sit an assessment in the chosen A level subjects so as to ascertain access to the curriculum.