

Slough Grammar School Admissions Policy 2011-2012

1. The school's planned admission number for September 2011 is 145.
2. As a Grammar School, the school is not required to fill all the places if pupils do not meet the admissions criteria. Pupils will be admitted to the school at the age of 11 by reference to their ability and aptitude, which will be determined by their performance in entrance examinations consisting of Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning tests set by GL Assessment (formerly known as National Foundation for Educational Research).
3. The procedure for application and testing will be published by the School each year.
4. The required minimum score in the tests to be eligible for a place is 111.
5. Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the school to admit a child with a Statement of Special Education Needs which names the school. In cases where pupils have written evidence of special educational needs (from a recognised professional in an appropriate discipline) the governors may take account of the pupil's circumstances in deciding; (i) the appropriate arrangements to be made to enable such pupils to take the test and; (ii) whether to offer the pupil a place should they have failed to reach 111 on the entrance examination. In all such cases, the school will seek to make arrangements in conjunction with the Local Authority.
6. Where the number of pupils gaining 111 or more in the tests exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following oversubscription criteria in this order of priority.
 - (i) Looked After Children who have reached the required standard.
 - (ii) Pupils with special educational needs (where written evidence is supplied from a recognised authority specialising in the particular needs of the pupil) who have or in the view of Governors should have reached the required standard.
 - (iii) The next 100 Pupils in rank order of performance in the tests
 - (iv) Proximity to the school. Nearest first, measured 'as the crow flies' from the main entrance of the school to the front door of the child's home address (house or flat), using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving higher priority.
7. In the event of one or more eligible pupils being tied for the final place or places at the school, priority will be decided by proximity to the school, nearest first, measured 'as the crow flies' from the main entrance of the school to the front door of the child's home address (house or flat), using Slough's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those closer to the school receiving higher priority. The 'home address' is defined as the address where the child is normally resident. Where there is shared custody of the child or the child lives at more than one address in any given week, it is the address of the parent or carer who receives child benefit for that child.

In the event of a tie between two or more children with equal proximity to the school, lots will be drawn.
8. Admissions after the initial year of entry will depend upon the availability of a place and suitability of the pupil for a grammar school education as determined by admission tests. This includes admission to the Sixth Form where the relevant admission test will be performance in GCSE examination or NARIC verified equivalent.
9. In relation to the Sixth Form, All applicants must meet the entry requirements specified by the school for their preferred courses. The planned admission number for Year 12 for applicants who are not existing pupils is 150. There are a variety of Sixth Form courses on offer, each with different entry requirements. Full details of these are published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus and the school website. Applicants should contact the school for further information. A supportive school report in the form of a letter from the current Headteacher will be required.
10. The school will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission, which will be independent of the School and will follow the School Admission Appeals Code 2009.
11. Details of admissions and appeals arrangements will be published by the school every year.