

The Allocation of Places and Case for the School

Admission for September 2026 to Year 7

Unfortunately, the Governors of Borden Grammar School were unable to offer your son a place. This is because he was not assessed selective as a result of the Kent Test or Borden Assessment Procedure and was, therefore, not eligible for a place at this school. It is important that any student given a place at this school is judged to be of grammar school ability and able to access the pace and challenge of the grammar school environment. If a student were to be admitted who was not of grammar school ability, then there would be, 'prejudice to the efficient use of resources and the education of the other students in the year group/class'. (Code of Practice 2012) In practical terms this means that a teacher may have to spend a disproportionate amount of time with one student to the detriment of others and also obtain resources particular to one student. This could have financial implications for the school.

The school has a PAN, (Planned Admission Number) of 150. On 2nd March 2026 the Local Authority allocated 125 places to students who were assessed 'selective' as a result of the Kent and Borden Assessment Procedure.

The Governors are satisfied that the published admission arrangements for the school have been applied lawfully and correctly.

You have the right of appeal and the Independent Appeal Panel, having heard your case, with appropriate supporting and compelling evidence, may decide that your son is of grammar school ability. Currently there are places for students found to be of grammar school ability. If too many students are found to be of grammar school ability through the appeal process, then those with the most compelling case, in the view of the Independent Appeal Panel, may be offered a place until the year group is judged to be full (150), and there is no prejudice. The remaining students will be placed on a waiting list with places allocated according to the schools over subscription criteria and which may be found in detail on the school's website.

The current students are distributed as follows:

Year 7 - 147, Year 8 - 149, Year 9 - 150, Year 10 - 143, Year 11 - 138

Conclusion

At the time of writing the year group still has vacancies for students deemed to be of grammar school ability. For an appeal to be successful the case should be compelling and supported by appropriate evidence to demonstrate that a child is of grammar school ability.

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