



KING EDWARD VI
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NEW ADMISSIONS POLICIES GET GO AHEAD

The five free grammar schools within The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham have announced that they can now continue with the change to their admission policies, which will mean increased opportunities for bright children on free school meals.

An objection to the proposal to widen access into these schools which was previously upheld has since been resolved by the Department for Education, and the new policy will be introduced for the entrance test which will be held on Saturday 6th September 2014.

The historic change to the admissions policies for the grammar schools centres around a separate qualifying score by which priority will be given to admit able, gifted and talented pupils on free school meals. The admissions staff at the Foundation Office in Edgbaston are keen to advise parents that given the expansion of the schools this policy will not displace other children who are looking to gain entry.

Denis Ramplin, Marketing & Communications Manager, said "We are advising parents to visit our website where they can read how the new admission policy for the grammar schools will work. There is also a Q&A section which we hope parents will visit in order to understand what the new criterion is for pupils who are taking the test".

All of the grammar schools have recently expanded and this now means that they can work towards trying to admit more bright children who are from less privileged backgrounds in the City. John Collins, Secretary to the Governors, said "This is a hugely challenging target which we do not expect to achieve in the first few years of the initiative, as currently there are relatively few free school meal pupils who apply to take the test".

	Qualifying Score	Maximum Number of Pupil Premium Places	Total Number of Places
KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL	204	30	120
KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR BOYS	215	24	120
KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS	209	30	150
KING EDWARD VI FIVE WAYS SCHOOL	200	36	180
KING EDWARD VI HANDSWORTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS	209	32	160

IMPORTANT

- All children must achieve the qualifying score to be eligible for entry.
- Children registered for free school meals at any point in the past six years have priority for up to 20% of admission places (25% Aston).
- After this allocation of places other children will gain admission by rank order of scores until all places are filled.

The five King Edward VI grammar schools have recently completed a pilot "familiarisation" programme with over 60 primary schools in the City; 600 children each attended five sessions at the schools with the objective of inspiring them to take the entrance test. "We have seen an increase in children on free school meals who have applied to take the test this year and we believe some of this increase is due to the activity that our schools did with their local primary schools" said Mr. Collins.

The Schools of King Edward VI, along with the Sutton Trust, Department for Education and the Grammar Schools Heads' Association, are working together to research the performance of children from less privileged backgrounds when they are given an understanding of the admissions process and the choices of secondary education available to them.

In addition to the grammar schools initiative, the charity has also increased grant funding to its two independent schools in Edgbaston, King Edward's School and King Edward VI High School for Girls, to enable them to provide more free and assisted places to families on low incomes.

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