

The Royal Harbour Academy	
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Type of School: Secondary, Foundation, High, Mixed	
Age Range: 11-18 Day Pupils	
Specialisms: Humanities	
Published Admission No: 200	LA No: 886 DCSF No:4030
Number of places offered 1 March 2024: 220	

To access general information about the school, including annual school achievement and attainment tables, recent school inspection reports and uniform policy, please contact the school or visit the school's website: www.rha.kent.sch.uk

Yr 7 Open Sessions:

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Applications for places at the school will be made in accordance with Kent County Council's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF). Details of how to apply online can be found on the kent.gov.uk website.

The school will mainly follow the Kent County Council's Oversubscription Criteria and before the application of the criteria, children with a statement of special education need or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admission number will be reduced accordingly.

Oversubscription Criteria

Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care –

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) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Current Family Association – A brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

Health and Special Access Reasons – Medical/Health and Special Access Reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children for whom mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend the school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the school.

Nearness of children's homes to school - Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address (defined in KCC's annual admissions prospectus) and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Where applications are made from properties or abodes that are not registered to the NLPG, including new build properties, KCC may be required to use planning sites or other relevant co-ordinates. In exceptional circumstances where alternative co-ordinates are not available, measurements will be determined by a Senior Admissions Officer and confirmed by Head of Service.

In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority. In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place. This process will be independently supervised.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a place at the school and it would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) and after admitting one or more, but

before admitting all of the siblings, a place will be offered to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

A waiting list will be held for at least the first term of the academic year in oversubscription criteria order. The waiting list will be re-ranked, in line with the oversubscription criteria, every time a child is added.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Requests for admission to Year 7 outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher the school as early as possible in the year associated with the child's date of birth to allow the admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date.

Where a parent is requesting for their child to apply a year early, parents are advised to contact the school as early as possible before the year they wish their child to start.

Where a parent is requesting for their child to apply a year later than expected, they should make their request shortly before the application open date associated with the child's date of birth. Parents are advised to complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time, in case their request is declined. This application can be cancelled if the school agrees to accept a deferred application for entry into Year 7 the following year.

Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer their application, however where provided it must be specific to the child in question. This might include medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, however, failure to provide this may impede a school's ability to agree to deferral or early admission to their secondary phase of education. The school will take into account the year group the child has been taught in leading up to transition. Deferred applications must be made via paper Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) to the LA, with written confirmation from the school attached. Early or deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications for the cohort in the following admissions round and offers will be made in accordance with each school's oversubscription criteria. Further advice is available at www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Supplementary Form Required: No

Waiting lists will be maintained up to January 2026