

CONSULTATION ON
ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR
CASTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(A HIGH PERFORMING ACADEMY)
FOR 2012

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order-

- a) Children in Local Authority Care – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
- b) 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.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the Local Authority will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

- c) Health and Special Access Reasons – Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social needs means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular 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 particular school.
- d) Residence within a particular scheme of education. – Kent has both comprehensive and selective areas of education. Priority is given to pupils resident in the same scheme of education as the school as defined in the 'Admission to Secondary School in Kent' booklet.
- e) Nearness of children's homes to school. – The distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the school is a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a defined point within the child's home to a defined point within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for an oversubscribed Community or Voluntary Controlled school these straight line measurements

are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Further information on how distances are calculated, including what is defined as permanent or main residence, is available in the "Admissions to Secondary School in Kent" booklet provided by the Local Authority.

Supplementary Form Required: No

Waiting lists will be maintained up to January 2013.

Sixth Form Admissions arrangements – These will be advertised in a separate document.