

Consultation on new admissions criteria for 2020-21

The Scholars' Education Trust together with the Admissions Committee of Harpenden Academy are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for September 2020. Please read this page and the documents published on it very carefully as it contains important information which you will need to know when applying to the school.

The current Admissions Arrangements Oversubscription Criteria are:

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Applications for children adopted but previously looked after abroad will be considered under this rule and accepted if the child's previously looked after status and adoption is confirmed.

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Reasons for the proposal

The DfE guidance outlines the importance of consistent decision making when considering applications for children previously looked after by the state abroad. As a result, Scholars' Education Trust feel it is important to be in line with Hertfordshire County Council's guidance.

You can view the proposed 2020-2021 admission rules in full on the school website.

Timeframe for consultation

The period of formal consultation opened on 19th November 2018 and ends on 6th January 2019. If you would like to comment on the proposed changes, please do so by 5pm on 6th January in writing for the attention of The Admissions Officer either by post (to the school address) or admin@scholarseducationtrust.co.uk.

Comments will be compiled and presented to the Governing Body and the Trust Admissions committee after 6th January for consideration. The Trust Board will determine Harpenden Academy's final Admission Arrangements by 28th February 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.