

Admissions Policy for Entry in 2022-23

[amended July 2021 to include legal change to Admissions Code.]

[These changes are contingent upon the new Code coming into force as planned on 1/9/2021]

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS

Registrations and Applications

The School participates in the co-ordinated admissions process operated by the London Borough of Barnet.

In order for an application to be considered two forms must be completed: the Common Application Form for your Local Authority (CAF) and The Henrietta Barnett School Entrance Test Entry Form.

1. A Common Application Form (CAF) from the Local Authority in which you live must be filled in and returned to them. This form, on which you name The Henrietta Barnett School as one of your choices, should be completed carefully, and returned to your Local Authority by the published deadline.

The local authority will offer you a place at the school that you have ranked the highest amongst those for which your application meets the admissions criteria. The advice from Barnet is that if you place The Henrietta Barnett School as your first preference, and you are then not offered a place, you will not jeopardise your chances of being given a place at your next preference school. The order of preferences will not be passed on to the schools themselves.

2. The Henrietta Barnett School Entrance Test Entry Form is available from the School website and must be completed in order to enter your daughter for the entrance test. It must be returned to the School by 5pm on Wednesday 21st July 2021 for both on-line applications and paper applications.

In order to apply to sit the test, candidates must be born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 and/or be in Year 6 at the time of the entrance tests.

It is therefore important that you apply to both the School and your Local Authority.

If a child in Year 6 is of outstanding academic ability, is exceptionally mature and has been working well with pupils in the year above their normal school year for a number of years, it may be possible for them to take a test for an older year group. Similarly, it is occasionally appropriate to test a child who is over the normal age of the year group for which they are applying. This would be because there are educational reasons for the child to be in a lower year group or because they have missed at least a year of school through being ill or living abroad. In all cases, the view of the child's current head teacher will be taken into account. If you would like to apply to register an under-age or over-age child, you must contact the school in advance of application.

Late Applications: If you submit the Entrance Test Entry Form after the deadline date above but before the Entrance Test takes place, the School will try to accommodate your daughter to sit the test if possible. If you do not fill in the Entrance Test Entry Form, or you submit it after the day of the Entrance Test, it will mean that your daughter will not be able to take the School's Entrance Test. Any candidate who does not take the test will continue to be ranked, but missing the test will affect their priority; they will be ranked after those who have sat the test. If places continue to be available after the normal admission allocation, and if there are no ranked candidates who have sat the test, the school will administer a further test.

If your daughter has **special educational or medical needs** which may require positive action, you must inform the School as our staff will need to be aware of these needs **before** the day of the Entrance Test to ensure appropriate arrangements are made for the Test sitting. There is a section of the Entrance Test Entry Form where this information, along with supporting evidence, is requested. It may not be possible to consider reports and documentation received after the Entrance Test Entry Form deadline due to administrative constraints. It is for the School to decide what adjustments are appropriate having taken account of all the information provided.

If there are special circumstances at the time of the tests, such as illness, you **must** inform the School no later than 9am on the day of the tests.

A candidate may take the Entrance Test for admission to Year 7 once only.

If you submit your form on paper and require acknowledgement of your Entrance Test Entry Form, please include a stamped addressed postcard that we will return on receipt of your form. It is the responsibility of parents to check that their forms have been received in time by both their Local Authority and the School. If you have not received your acknowledgement postcard from the School by the closing date, or did not send an acknowledgement card please contact the Admissions Office at the School to confirm your application has been received.

Entrance Test

The Entrance Test consists of two rounds.

Round One

Round One will consist of a verbal, non-verbal and English test set by a nationally recognised body.

Applicants will receive details of the Round One Entrance Test by Wednesday 25th August 2021. Information regarding Year 7 entry is regularly updated on the School website. Please do not contact the Admissions Office unless you have not received your invitation letter by Friday 27th August 2021.

The Round One Entrance Test will be held in morning or afternoon sessions in early September 2021 (1st, 2nd, 3rd September). Your daughter will be invited to attend one morning or afternoon session on one of these days; unfortunately this cannot be changed under any circumstances. Two / three days will be used only if there are too many candidates for one day or in order to mitigate Covid-19 risks if this is still necessary at that point. In the event of Covid restrictions preventing the test taking place on these dates, the revised test dates will be posted on the school's website as soon as they are known. The tests will take place at The Henrietta Barnett School. Candidates are not permitted to sit them elsewhere.

A supplementary date soon afterwards will be available for candidates who, due to illness, are unable to attend the Entrance Test on the original date. A doctor's certificate, which covers the date of the Round One Test, will be required to confirm that illness was the reason for non-attendance at the Entrance Test. Likewise, an equivalent supplementary date will be found soon after the Round Two test.

Following the First Round Tests, the results of the verbal, non-verbal and English sections will be standardised, combined and placed in rank order.

On the basis of this rank order, the top 300 candidates will be invited back to sit the second round of Tests. If there is a tie at the cut-off score, then all those with the tied score will be invited to sit the second round test.

Round Two

The Second Round Test is in English and Mathematics and will take place in School on one day in early October 2021. As above, a revised date will be posted on the website if Covid restrictions make this timing impossible. If there are severe restrictions at this time, then the School may decide not to hold Round Two in the interests of safety, in which case the Round One results will be used as the overall rank order.

Candidates will be able to take the Test once only and will be tested on literacy and numeracy appropriate to Key Stage 2. Candidates will be asked to apply their skills and knowledge to new situations.

Following the Second Round Test, the results will be standardised and combined with the results from the first round, and placed in rank order before being submitted to the Local Authority who will offer the highest ranked applicants in accordance with parental preference and over-subscription criteria. The results of both Tests will be used to determine the final rankings.

Entrance tests: Outcomes

Following the Second Round Tests, the results of both rounds will be used to determine the standardised marks and rank order of candidates.

In late October, in order to help them decide how they wish to complete their Local Authority Common Application Form, the School will write to parents of candidates who have sat the Second Round Tests stating one of the following:

i) The candidate falls under Category One (Looked After Children) or Two (Pupil Premium) of the Oversubscription Criteria and therefore if they apply to the School, they will be offered a place,

or

ii) As you know, the candidate performed well enough in Round One to enable her to sit the Round Two test. Therefore, it is the case that she may be offered a place at the School. Please note that candidates for whom the Local Authority confirms that they meet Category Three of the Oversubscription Criteria (live within 3 miles), will be considered ahead of those in Category Four (the rest in rank order).

The Published Admission Number for Year 7 is 104. Please note that it is likely that more than this number will apply to the School, in which case the oversubscription criteria will apply. Last year the vast majority of candidates were in Category Four.

Following the above, the ranked order will be passed to the Local Authority who will offer places according to the co-ordinated admissions process. After places have been allocated in accordance with the oversubscription criteria below, the remaining places will be allocated by the Local Authority on National Offer Day on the basis of the ranking provided and in accordance with parental preference as indicated on the Common Application Form (CAF).

Applicants whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement of Special Educational Needs names the School will be admitted.

Oversubscription

If the school is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to those candidates who meet the criteria set out below, in the following order:

1. A 'looked after' child or a child who was 'previously looked after' but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including an internationally adopted 'previously looked after' child who appears [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, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. 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. In this category, a candidate will be considered to have the necessary capability if they are ranked in the top 300 applicants in the Round One test. Please provide written evidence if you are responsible for a looked after child. This evidence must be received by Wednesday 15th July 2021.
2. Candidates who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. In this category, a candidate will be considered to have the necessary capability if they are ranked in the top 300 applicants in the Round One test. Candidates will be considered for a Pupil Premium place only if they provide written confirmation, directly from their current school, of their Pupil Premium eligibility. This evidence must be received by Wednesday 21st July 2021. Please note that the School will not contact the current school directly for this information – the candidate is responsible for ensuring that their current school provides it.
3. Candidates who live within 3 miles of the school at the point when they submit their application to the

Local Authority in October, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. In this category, a candidate will be considered to have the necessary capability if they sit the Round Two test. In the unlikely event that there are more candidates in this category than places available, then places will be allocated in rank score order.

Distance from the School will be calculated as measured by the London Borough of Barnet. Distance is measured in a straight line between the address point for the child's home, supplied by Ordnance Survey, to the school's main entrance on Central Square using the Council's computerised geographical information system. Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday – Friday. The Local Authority is rigorous in its regulation of home addresses, including ensuring that families do not move house in order to gain a place. See pages 14 -16 of Barnet's Secondary Guide for more information, which can be found at: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/guide_to_secondary_education_2021.pdf

4. All remaining candidates in rank score order.

Where candidates are equally ranked, geographical proximity to the School as measured by the London Borough of Barnet (as described above) will be used to decide the final placings. Applicants from the same block of flats, or applicants who live the same distance from the school will be selected in random order using Barnet Council's computerised system and places will be offered accordingly.

Candidates who are not invited to sit the second round will be informed of this prior to the deadline for the submission of the Common Application Form (CAF). At this point they will be able to request their daughter's overall standardised score and also the cut off score for the top 300 candidates.

Scores and rankings will not be released for candidates invited to sit second round tests on the basis that those who may eventually be offered a place at the School should arrive as equals.

Second Round candidates who are subsequently not offered a place by the Local Authority on National Offers Day, and who do not wish to remain on the Waiting List for the School, can request their test scores.

Waiting list

All candidates whose names were forwarded to the Local Authority, but who have not been offered a place at the school on National Offers Day, will automatically be put on the waiting list in rank order of their standardised test score, but only if they have not already been offered a place at a higher preference school. The waiting list remains open until the end of the first term of Year 7. Should a vacancy occur during this time the next student on the waiting list will be offered the place.

YEAR 12 ADMISSIONS

The Sixth Form at The Henrietta Barnett School aims to allow students to develop as individual learners by providing opportunities for academic excellence, leadership and service to the community. An important aspect of the School's Sixth Form is to prepare students for the next stage of their education and life beyond school.

Admissions Criteria

The Henrietta Barnett School offers the A level curriculum in the Sixth Form. Candidates must be born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006 and/or who will be in Year 11 at the time of application.

In addition to transferring students from The Henrietta Barnett School Year 11, applications are welcome from students currently attending other schools. A minimum (Pupil Admission Number - PAN) of 30 places will be offered annually to external applicants. In September 2020 we enrolled 47 external applicants.

Minimum GCSE Requirements

For all applicants, both internal and external, the minimum requirement is:

- (a) At least six grade 7s or above at GCSE (grade A or above)
- (b) At least a grade 6 in English Language and Mathematics, if these subjects are not being taken in the Sixth Form.
- (c) At least grade 7 at GCSE in the subjects to be studied at A Level. For subjects not previously studied at GCSE, a grade 7 or above in an equivalent subject will be required (please see the Sixth Form Information Booklet). Please note that at least a grade 8 in Mathematics GCSE is required in order to study Further Mathematics, and a grade 8 in Chemistry GCSE in order to study Chemistry A level. Any student wanting to study Physics or Economics at A Level is strongly advised to also take Mathematics, as Mathematics is essential if they decide to study Physics, Engineering or Economics at university.

Admission outside of the normal age group

Requests for admission outside of the normal age group must be made to the Head as early as possible to allow the Governors sufficient time to make a decision, in full consultation with the Head, before the relevant closing date. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer their application, however where provided it must be specific to the student in question. Where the School agrees to consider an application outside of the normal age group, the applicant will be ranked alongside all others in accordance with the School's oversubscription criteria.

Registrations and Applications: Conditional Offers

In order for an application to be considered, external candidates must complete the School's Application Form.

The Application Form will be available on the School website from November 2021 and must be completed and submitted online by 1st February 2022 at 5pm.

Registrations and Applications: Post GCSE Results Day August 2022

It is possible that the School may have some places available in the Sixth Form post GCSE Results Day in August 2022. Please visit the School's website in the Summer Term for further information.

Oversubscription

Applicants whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement of Special Educational Needs names the School will be admitted.

Where the number of applicants who have the required entry requirements for admission exceeds the places available, external applicants who meet the entry requirements will be ranked in order of the following, and will be offered a conditional place accordingly:

1. A 'looked after' child or a child who was 'previously looked after' but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including an internationally adopted 'previously looked after' child who appears [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, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. 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.
2. External applicants who are ranked according to predicted grades based on their top 7 predicted GCSE grades in the list of subjects below, which must include Mathematics, English Language and English Literature.

A conditional offer of a place is offered to external applicants on the basis of the above criteria.

The offer is provisional and becomes a confirmed offer only if:

- 1) the applicant's top 7 GCSE grades taken from the list of subjects below, which must include Mathematics, English Language and English literature, score at least the total points given in their offer letter (see details about Point Scores below); and
- 2) The applicant meets the minimum GCSE requirements outlined above.

If particular subject choices are over-subscribed, then priority will be given to those with the higher rank (as defined above). Once the subject is full, alternative courses will be offered.

If conditional offer holders do not achieve the required points total in their offer letter, then they will be re-ranked along with any candidates who apply on Results Day in August without a conditional offer. Any remaining places will be offered solely on the basis of this ranked list. Over-subscribed subjects will be addressed in the same way as above.

Where candidates are equally ranked, geographical proximity to the School will be used to decide the final placings. Distances are straight line distances measured using the post office address point of the home to the post office address point of the main school entrance. Where a candidate lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the candidate spends the majority of school nights Monday – Friday. Where two or more applicants ranked equally in the test live equidistant from the School, places will be allocated by random allocation (this process will be supervised by somebody independent of the School).

Subject List

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computing *or* Combined Science

Geography

History

Languages: French, German, Spanish, Latin or Classical Greek (must be studied as part of the school curriculum)

Music

Art

Design & Technology

Drama

Classical Civilisation

Religious Studies

[IGCSE examinations of these subjects will be accepted if that is the course offered at the candidate's school]

Calculating GCSE Point Scores

For the purposes of this Admissions Policy, the points scored for a GCSE subject equal the number grade achieved [for example, a grade 9 will score 9 points, grade 6 scores 6 points, etc. Legacy GCSE/IGSCE grades will be scored as: A*= 8.5 points, A =7, B = 5.5, C=4, etc].

All Sixth Form courses last for two years and applicants are expected to commit themselves in good faith to remaining for the full duration of the course.

YEAR 7 – 11 IN YEAR ADMISSIONS

Parents will be notified in writing within 15 school days of their in-year application of either the date for the assessment of ability or the reason for refusal with information about the right of appeal (where the admission authority chooses not to assess the child's ability because admitting an additional child would prejudice the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources).

In Year vacancies are rare. If a vacancy occurs after the Autumn Term of Year 7, ~~those on the continued interest list plus any other~~ candidates for the relevant year group are required to take written tests in English and Mathematics, related to the candidate's current curriculum year (we are unable to provide mock papers). The candidate who achieves the combined highest mark will be offered the place.

If candidates are ranked equally, the following criteria will be used to make a final decision:

1. A 'looked after' child or a child who was 'previously looked after' but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including an internationally adopted 'previously looked after' child who appears [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, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. 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.
2. Candidates who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, providing that the candidate is capable of following The Henrietta Barnett School education. Candidates must provide written confirmation, directly from their current school, of their Pupil Premium eligibility. This evidence must be received by the time they sit the entrance test. Please note the School will not contact the current school directly for this information, this is for the candidate to provide.

Geographical proximity to the School as measured by the London Borough of Barnet will be used to decide the final placings. Distance is measured in a straight line between the address point for the child's home, supplied by Ordnance Survey, to the school's main gate using the Council's computerised geographical information system. Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday–Friday. Applicants from the same block of flats, or applicants who live the same distance from the school will be selected in random order using Barnet Council's computerised system and places will be offered accordingly. The Local Authority is rigorous in its regulation of home addresses, including ensuring that families do not move house in order to gain a place. See pages 14 -16 of Barnet's Secondary Guide for more information, which can be found at: https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/guide_to_secondary_education_2021.pdf

The Local Authority holds the continued interest lists for In Year admissions. Parents must contact the local authority if they wish their daughter to be entered on the appropriate list or, alternatively, visit the In-Year Application Page on the London Borough of Barnet's website: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/school-admissions/in-year-school-admissions.html>

APPEALS

If you have not been offered a place at The Henrietta Barnett School, the law entitles you to appeal against that decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. This panel is completely independent of the school and the Local Authority. The proceedings of the Panel are informal and are usually held at the school. Parents have the opportunity, if they wish, to question the School's Representative and to put their case to the Panel.

Year 7

Appeal details will appear on the school website no later than the day before National Offer Day in March 2022.

In 2019-20, 2746 applications were received for 104 places in Year 7. There were 4 appeals, none of which were successful.

Year 12

In the case of applications for Year 12, any appeal must be lodged within 20 school days of receipt of the letter refusing a place at the school. Appeals for Year 12 will be held in the Autumn Term. In 2019-20 there was one appeal which was not successful.

In Year Admissions

In the case of applications for In Year admissions, any appeal must be lodged within 20 school days of receipt of the letter refusing a place at the school. Appeals will be held within 30 school days of any appeal being lodged with the Appeals Panel's Clerk. In 2019-20 there were no appeals.

Objections to Schools' Admissions Arrangements

The law allows anyone to submit an "objection" to an Admissions Policy to the [Office of the Schools' Adjudicator](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/objection-to-school-admission-arrangements):
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/objection-to-school-admission-arrangements>.