



GDST Admissions Policy

1. Equal Opportunities

The Council of The Girls' Day School Trust are committed to equal opportunities in education. Admissions to GDST schools will adhere to the Trust's Equal Opportunities Policy.

2. Admissions: Council Policy

The admissions policy of the Council of the Girls' Day School Trust (the "GDST") is that:

- GDST schools shall be open to all pupils considered by the Head to be capable of benefiting from the education provided at the school and of contributing fully to the life of the school (as more particularly described below);
- Admission is usually dependent on achieving an acceptable standard in an assessment or examination appropriate to the age group and academic pace of the school. Such examinations and tests are expected to be free of bias, as set out in the Equal Opportunities Policy;
- Due consideration should however be given to educational experience in assessing pupils' achievement of an 'acceptable standard', and to maximising access for pupils to whom the school can add value;
- Schools do not accept pupils under the age of rising three*;
- In relation to junior and prep schools, candidates will be admitted who are considered likely to progress through the usual pathways for pupils attending the school. In most cases in the all through context this will be the standard required to enter the senior school in due course, or to follow a range of complementary transfer routes;
- In relation to senior schools, candidates will be admitted who are likely to qualify for further education at post 16;
- In relation to the sixth form, entry is governed by the school's published criteria. These include, typically, 6-8 good grades at GCSE and specified GCSE grades (B, A or A*) in subjects chosen for A level study.

This policy shall apply to all Trust schools, save for Academies sponsored by the Trust which have their own admissions policies.

* 'Rising threes' are children who are registered pupils at a school and have not reached the age of three but will do so before the end of their first term at school. There are three cut-off dates for the end of a school term: 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.