

# GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL

## SPECIALISING IN SCIENCE AND SPORT



### ADMISSIONS POLICY – 2026/27

#### Year 7 Admissions Policy

The school will admit 250 students each September for this age group. Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order given, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children (LAC), Previously Looked after Children (PLAC) and Children Previously Looked after from outside England (IPLAC).
2. Children with a sibling attending the school at the point of application.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends Great Baddow High School at the point of application. Biological and adopted siblings who attend Great Baddow High School in any year group, will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. In the case of twins or triplets, both or all will be offered places.

3. Children of staff at the school where the member of staff has been employed for a minimum of two years at the time of application, or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Up to 10% in each year group who demonstrate an aptitude for sport. To apply for a place under this criterion, the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed.
5. Children living in the priority admission area; children attending a primary school within the priority admission area (Beehive Lane, Larkrise, St. Michael's, Meadgate); plus, children attending Barnes Farm, Chancellor Park and St. Andrew's, Hatfield Peverel.

Within this criterion, children will be ranked by proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those living nearest being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distances are calculated by Essex County Council).

6. All remaining applications by proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those living nearest being accorded the higher priority. (Straight line distances are calculated by Essex County Council).

Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel established under statutory regulations for this purpose. (See Essex County Council Secondary Education in Essex booklet for details).

The waiting list from the Local Authority will be kept until the end of the Autumn term only, then the school will maintain a waiting list for the remainder of the year.

## Sixth Form Admissions Policy

The Sixth Form is open to all Great Baddow High School students, as well as external students from the age of 16. All applicants must meet the entry requirement for overall GCSE and subject scores as specified in the Sixth Form prospectus. Full details of our courses and entry requirements are available on the website. The Sixth Form Open Evening takes place at the end of October (the actual date will be displayed on the school's website).

The Sixth Form intend to admit 130 students minimum in Year 12, which will be reviewed each year. In the event of over subscription, the following criteria will take priority:

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children and meet the minimum entry criteria for the courses that they wish to follow.
2. Students currently attending Great Baddow High School and meeting the minimum entry criteria for the courses that they wish to follow and submitting their application by the published deadline. All students meeting this criterion will be admitted.
3. External students who have submitted their application form by the published deadline and meet the minimum entry criteria for the courses that they wish to follow. Students will be ranked based on their KS4 results (total points score for best 8 subjects (including Maths and English)) and places will be offered in this rank order in the event there are places only for a proportion of students in this group meeting the criteria for 6<sup>th</sup> form entry.
4. Students who have submitted their application after the published deadline and meet the minimum entry criteria for the courses that they wish to follow. Late applications meeting the minimum entry criteria will be considered in chronological order.

A waiting list will be maintained by the school should it be required.

The school will endeavour to meet the needs of all students; however, the school reserves the right to not run a subject that was initially offered if the final uptake for that subject is not viable following GCSE results day.

## Mid-year Admissions Policy

Mid-year applications are made directly with the school and will be considered and dealt with promptly, as far as is practicable. In the event of oversubscription, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Parents have the right to appeal against admission decisions to an Independent Appeal Panel (via Essex County Council) established under statutory regulations for this purpose.

## Opportunities to visit the school

- Our annual Open Evening is usually held at the end of September (the actual date will be displayed on the school's website).
- Tours of the school for Year 6 parents take place throughout September/October. Please contact the school for an appointment.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF)

#### PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY TO GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH THE SPORT SELECTION SCHEME

Parents of Year 6 students are invited to apply for a place for their child in readiness for September 2026.

For the Year 2026/2027, up to 10% of Year 7 students will be selected for places at Great Baddow High School on the basis of aptitude for sport, after the admission of all qualifying applications in criterion 1-3 of our admissions policy.

The selection process will take place following the practical activities day at Great Baddow High School. Students will be assessed on their athletics ability in running, jumping, and throwing and ability at one chosen sport from a pre-determined list.

The practical assessment day will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**. The assessment will be conducted by the staff in the PE department.

Notification of selection will be announced by the Local Education Authority on National Offer Day, 2nd March 2026. The successful candidates will be introduced to a range of sports at Great Baddow High School and a strong commitment to school sport is essential.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- It is essential that you complete the Secondary School Application Form provided by the Essex Education Authority stating the order of preference you want for your child.
- If you put your catchment school down as first choice and Great Baddow High School as your second choice, then you could be given a place at your catchment school and not Great Baddow even though you may have gained entry through the sport selection scheme.
- The applicant's result from the selection day will be communicated by email no later than **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025** so that you have more information prior to making your choices (**you will not know your rank position**).
- You must submit your application form to the Essex Education Authority by the deadline of **31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**. Applications received after this date will be treated as late.

There is a link on our website for the Supplementary Information Form to complete and submit to Great Baddow High School by **NO LATER THAN midday Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Following submission of the form, further details regarding arrangements for the day will be emailed to the first named contact by **Wednesday 1st October 2025**.

The selection day will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**. The day will be split into two sessions and your child will be invited to attend one session. Your child must be available for the duration of the day as they could be allocated to either session.

Attendance is compulsory for your child to be assessed accurately and fairly. There are no alternative assessment dates. If you have any questions, please email [sportselection@gbhs.co.uk](mailto:sportselection@gbhs.co.uk).

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