

Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School

Admissions policy

This policy applies to the whole school and is published to parents and students

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The Royal Grammar School (RGS) is an academically selective school. Its process of selection and admissions is designed to confirm and ensure that applicants have the intellectual ability to cope with, and the potential to thrive upon, an exceptionally fast-paced, challenging academic curriculum.

In the selection process, which varies at different entry-points so as to be appropriate to candidates' ages, every attempt is made to ensure that children are put at ease so that the School can assess both what they can do and what they might achieve given the opportunities that RGS would afford them. Extra time in the written tests is allowed for those boys and girls who meet generally (nationally) accepted criteria to qualify.

Entry is granted irrespective of gender, race, religion, political beliefs, disability, physical appearance or sexuality either of students or their parents*. The School's strong commitment to its bursary campaign ensures that a good number of boys and girls are able to attend the School regardless of parental income and circumstances.

The selection process inevitably means that some applicants will not be offered a place at RGS. The School tries to mitigate the disappointment by being as swift and efficient as it can be in its selection process and also by giving feedback to disappointed parents when it is requested. The School regrets that it cannot release exam/answer papers to parents. It is essential to maintain the integrity of its exam papers by keeping them confidential. To do otherwise would risk compromising the selection process in future.

Though the School will consider representations from parents who feel a misjudgment has been made or contributory factors have been overlooked, there is no formal appeal process.

*See also:

Equal opportunities and race equality policy

Special educational needs and disability Act (SENDA) 2001 action plan