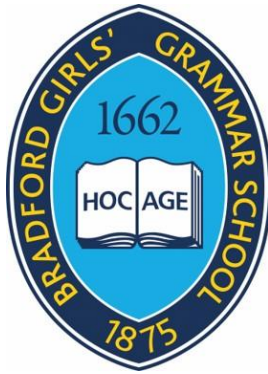


Bradford Girls' Grammar School

Admissions Policy 2026 - 27



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Admissions Policy Entry September 2026

Bradford Girls Grammar School is run by its governing body as part of the Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust (BDAT) in accordance with the Articles of Association. BDAT is the Admissions Authority and the Local Governing Body makes recommendations on their admissions arrangements to the Trust Board.

Pupil Admissions Number (PAN)

(1) The planned admissions number for the admission to year seven in the school year commencing September 2026 will be a maximum of 145.

(a) The agreed capacity for Year 7 of the secondary phase (11-16) will be 145. Those girls from the primary phase requesting automatic transfer from the primary phase to the secondary phase in accordance with school procedures will be admitted however parents must also complete the Common Application Form (CAF) listing Bradford Girls' Grammar School as a preference if they wish their child to continue in Year 7. The remaining number of places will be offered to applicants being admitted from outside the Free School until Year 7 meets its capacity of 145.

Application Process

(2) Applications for places at the School are made in accordance with Bradford co-ordinated secondary admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form (CAF) provided and administered by Bradford.

The School will also ask parents to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) - **Parents should submit the SIF to the School at the same time as they submit the CAF to the Local Authority.**

The School will use the following timetable for applications each year (exact dates may vary from year to year) which, whenever possible, will fit in with the common timetable agreed by the Bradford Admissions Forum to support a coordinated approach:

- (a) **September:** The School will publish information about the arrangements for admission, including oversubscription criteria, for the following September e.g. in September 2026 for admission in September 2027. This will include details of Open Days and other opportunities for prospective pupils and their parents to visit the school. The School will also provide information to Bradford for inclusion in the composite prospectus as required
- (b) **September/October:** The School will provide opportunities for parents to visit the School
- (c) **October:**
 - (i) CAF to be completed and returned to the Local Authority
 - (ii) SIF to be completed and returned to the School
 - (iii) Local Authority to send applications to the School
 - (iv) The School holds a day when all Year 6 external applicants can sit the Fair Banding Assessments
- (d) **Late December/Early January:** The School sends the list of pupils to be offered places to Bradford LA
- (e) **February:** Bradford applies agreed scheme for own schools, informing other LAs of offers to be made to their residents
- (f) **March 2026:** Year 7 place offers made to parents.

Considerations for application

(3) **Girls in Year 6 of the Primary Phase** whose parents wish them to attend Bradford Girls Grammar School must complete the following application forms:

- ⑦ **Completing the Common Application Form (CAF) listing Bradford Girls' Grammar School as a preference**
- ⑦ **Completing the Bradford Girls Supplementary Information form and submitting it to Bradford Girls Grammar School.**

(4) The School will consider all applications for places in the secondary. Where the number of applications is not more than the published admission number, the School will offer places to all those who have applied.

Fair Banding

(5) Fair Banding will be applied to all Year 7 applications to ensure a comprehensive intake. All applicants will be placed into 1 of 5 ability bands based upon the score achieved in the GL Assessment Non-Verbal Reasoning Test which will be taken by all Year 7 secondary transfer applicants to the School. The 5 ability bands will be constructed relative to the scores achieved by the pupils within a given cohort of applicants.

(6) Applicants will be placed in bands, such that, wherever possible there are an equal number in each band and wherever possible an equal proportion will be selected from each band.

Procedures where the school is oversubscribed

(7) Where the number of applications for admission, in each band, is greater than the number of places available in that band, applications for will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans where the School is named on the plan, the following criteria will be applied, to each band, in the order in which they are set out below:

- a. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be state care as a result of being adopted.
- b. Girls for whom it is essential to be admitted to the School because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs evidenced by written professional advice. The definition of what constitutes medical or social needs is "Bradford Girls' Grammar school is the only school that can meet the child's needs"
- c. Girls who on the date of admission will have a sibling at the school. The term "sibling" means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousins, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the School. Parents will be required to produce birth certificates of both siblings to prove relationship. Where a family of multiple births (twins, triplets etc.) request admissions and only one of the siblings can be offered a place, the remaining sibling (s) will also be offered places above the admission number.
- d. Girls who on the date of admission are pupils at Lady Royd Primary School.
- e. Applicants who are daughters of staff in either or both the following circumstances
 - Where the member of staff has been employed at the school permanently for two or more years at a time at which the application for admissions to the school is made, and/or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is demonstrable skill shortage, and has successfully completed the probationary period
- f. If a tie-break is necessary in criterion 7(d) then random allocation will be applied by allocating each applicant a number which will be randomly sorted by a computer programme. The process will be overseen by an independent scrutineer.

- g. The remaining places will be offered by random allocation. random allocation within each of the 5 bands will be applied by allocating each applicant a number which will be randomly sorted by a computer programme. the process will be overseen by an independent scrutineer.
- h. Any remaining places will be offered by random allocation to applicants with siblings at the school but who have not submitted a SIF form to the school. The process will be overseen by an independent scrutineer.
- i. Any final remaining places will be allocated by random allocated to all other applicants who have not submitted a SIF form to the school. The process will be overseen by an independent scrutineer.

(8) If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the School the offer of a place can be withdrawn.

Waiting lists

(9) Where in any year the School receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate. This will operate until the end of the summer term in the year of application. This will be maintained by the Local Authority, and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above as applicable. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Admission into other year groups including replacement of pupils who have left school

(10) Subject to any provisions in the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for academic years other than the normal academic year of entry, the School will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a place available, admit the child. If more applications are received than there are places available, then the relevant oversubscription criteria in paragraphs 16 (a)-(f) shall apply for the primary phase and in paragraphs 17 (a)-(h) for the secondary phase.

Admission to such year groups without a published admission number will be based upon; the size of teaching groups already existing in the School and the efficient use of resources, up to a combined limit for the School and the child's ability to access the curriculum in these years through reasonable modifications. However, each year group in both the primary and secondary phases that has been automatically transferred from the predecessor school will have a maximum capacity of not more than the planned capacity for each subsequent School cohort.

Exclusions from other schools

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the School may refuse admission to applicants who have been excluded from two or more other schools where one of such exclusions took place within the two preceding years. Exclusions which took place before the child concerned reached compulsory school age do not count for this purpose. The School may also refuse admission to a child (other than in the normal year of entry) in the specific and limited circumstances described in the statutory Code of Practice. In all the circumstances described in this paragraph, however, the Secretary of State may direct the School to admit such a child and that direction shall be binding on the School.

Appeals

(12) Parents will have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the School. The appeal panel will be independent of the School and will be organised, established and operated by the Local Authority. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the School Admissions Appeals Code published by the Department for Education as it applies to Foundation or Voluntary Aided Schools. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the Code and will be binding on all parties. The Local Authority together with the School will prepare guidance for parents about the appeals process and provide parents with a named contact who can answer any enquiries parents may have about the process.

Annual procedures for determining admissions arrangements consultation

(13) Where no changes are made to these admissions arrangements the School is required to consult every 7 years. If changes are proposed a consultation will be held within the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

Determination of admission arrangements

(14) Following consultation, the School will consider comments made by those consulted. The School will then determine its admission arrangements by 28th February of the relevant year and notify those consulted what has been determined.