



Ripon Grammar School

Year 9 Admissions Policy

1. Introduction

Ripon Grammar School is an academically selective co-educational maintained school for day and boarding students, both weekly and termly. In the admissions process, applicants for day and boarding places are considered as distinct and separate groups. A boarding place cannot be converted into a day place. As an academically selective school all students, boarding and day, must reach the prescribed academic standard before being offered a place. For Year 9 entry the School administers its own tests and determines the standard required. Students already on the School Roll at any time during Year 8 are not eligible to take the tests.

2. Total Places Available

The school's agreed admissions number in Year 9 is 130. The number of day and boarding places available each year is therefore determined by the size of Year 8 and the number of boarding places available. Any unallocated boarding places will be made available to day students according to the School's criteria for entry for a Year 9 day place.

3. Day Places

Where there are more suitable applicants than there are day places available the following priority and sub-criteria will be used and a waiting list established:

Priority is given to:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children (previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. This includes children who appear to the Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted) .
2. Children the Authority considers have special social or medical reasons for admission.
3. Those children whose home address¹ lies within the catchment area for Year 7 entry as defined by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC).
4. Children of staff [employed for a minimum of 2 years or to fill a demonstrable skill shortage] at the school.
5. Those children whose home address lies outside the catchment area for Year 7 entry as defined by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

Within each of the priorities above the following sub-criteria will be used in order of priority

1. Children with a sibling at Ripon Grammar School¹
2. Those whose home address is closest to the School² (measured using an electronic mapping system)

4. Boarding Eligibility and Places

For details on eligibility and oversubscription criteria see **RGS Boarding Admission Policy**

5. Allocation of places and notification to parents

Boarding and day places are allocated at the same time and parents notified on the same day. Parents offered places are required to confirm their acceptance with the School, and (boarders only) pay the bond required within three weeks of the offer being made. Failure to do this may result in the offer being withdrawn and the place being offered to someone on the waiting list.

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¹ Sibling refers to brother or sister and includes children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.

² Definition of home address is that used by NYCC