



The Tiffin Girls' School

Determined Admissions Arrangements

**For entry in the Academic Year
2023 – 2024**

Entry to Year 7 for September 2023

Sections A to F relate to Year 7 Admissions only

Parents/Carers are directed to the Glossary and Appendix A

Entry to The Tiffin Girls' School

The Tiffin Girls' School is a selective school. For places in Year 7, there are entrance tests early in the autumn term of Year 6, for which parents must register during the summer term while their child is in Year 5. For entry to Sixth Form, students must meet the Sixth Form entry requirements for the year that they will be moving into Year 12.

The dates in paragraphs 27, 30, 34, 35 and 37 may be subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances that result in major disruption (e.g. a pandemic). Should a change in dates become necessary, the revised dates will be published on the school's website when known.

A. ADMISSIONS AUTHORITY

1. The Tiffin Girls' School (hereafter referred to as 'the School') is an academy and therefore is its own admissions authority.

B. GENERAL POLICY

2. This policy is written in accordance with the Department for Education School Admissions Code and should be read in conjunction with the School's policies for Equality, Data Protection and Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.
3. Personal data received in respect of the admissions process, associated paperwork and online data will be held by the School in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and will be deleted two years after the date of the Stage One Test. Please see the Privacy notices on the school's website for further information.
4. The School is a selective school for girls and places will be offered to girls on the basis of ability.
5. Admission to the School will be determined by performance in the School's admission tests which are normally held in the autumn term prior to admission.
6. The School's Published Admission Number (PAN) into Year 7 for September 2023 is 180.
7. The School is part of the Pan London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. In order to make an application to the School, parents/carers must name The Tiffin Girls' School on their home local authority application form for secondary school (the Application).

Age of Girl

8. Applications for Year 7 entry in September 2023 will normally be from parents/carers of girls born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 inclusive. Exceptionally, applications may be considered outside that age group according to the individual circumstances, subject to there being appropriate written professional evidence including from the relevant primary school and Local Authority (if provided) that this would be in the girl's best interests. Parents/carers of these girls should write to the Admissions Department at the School before registering for the test.
9. Girls can only sit any part of the School's Test Procedure once and will not be eligible to sit the test again.

Waiting Lists

10. Ranked waiting lists will be held in the order of paragraph 42.3 of the Selection Criteria and will automatically consist of the names of children who did not receive a higher preference offer. If there are several girls on the same score, then they will be placed in rank order of paragraph 43.
11. The waiting list will be maintained from 1 March 2023 until the last day of the School's 2023–2024 academic year. During this period, if the admission number for Year 7 falls below 180, an offer will be made to the next girl on the waiting list.
12. The names of girls who have sat the tests but who have been offered a higher preference school will not be placed on the waiting list. However, parents/carers of any such girl can request that her name is added to the waiting list in which case her name will be added as determined by the School's Selection Criteria. The addition of each such girl will require the list to be ranked again in line with the Selection Criteria.
13. The Stage Two Test Mark (see paragraph 38) of the girl in the year group with the lowest score offered a place under paragraph 42.3 will be deemed to be the 'cut-off score' for that year group at the end of the 2023-24 academic year.
14. Girls who sat the test and achieved the cut-off score or higher will be eligible to reapply for Years 8 to 11, the process of which is described in the In Year Admissions section below. However, those who sat the test but who obtained a mark lower than the cut-off score will not be considered for a place in Years 8 to 11 at any future time.
15. The address to be used for waiting lists after the initial allocation of places will be the girl's permanent place of residence. Parents/carers have a responsibility to notify the School and their home local authority of a change of address.

Late Applications

16. Applications after the local authority deadline must be made via the home Local Authority of the girl's parents/carers and will only be considered if the application is considered to be on-time within the terms of the home Local Authority's scheme.
17. Such applications will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed.

Looked After Children and/or girls who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding

18. A 10% leeway will be applied to the standardised Stage One mark of girls who are currently or who were previously Looked After Children. A 10% leeway will be applied to the standardised mark of girls who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding (as defined in the Glossary) and live in the Designated Area (incorporating the Inner Area) on the closing date to register for the Stage One Test (the 'SIF Deadline').
19. If invited to sit the Stage Two Test, a 10% leeway will be applied to the standardised Stage Two mark of girls who are currently or who were previously Looked After Children. If invited to sit the Stage Two Test, a 10% leeway will be applied to the standardised Stage Two mark of girls who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding and live in the Designated Area (incorporating the Inner Area) on the closing date to register for the Stage One Test (the 'SIF Deadline').
20. At Stage One, the School will calculate 10% of the lowest mark at which girls have been eligible to progress to Stage Two. This will be the leeway. This will be subtracted from that lowest mark, and any girl who falls within the range of the 10% leeway and who is eligible under paragraph 18 will be invited to sit the Stage Two Test.

21. At Stage Two, the School will calculate 10% of the 350th ranked mark. This will be the leeway. This will be subtracted from the 350th ranked mark, and any girl who falls within the range of the 10% leeway and who is eligible under paragraph 19 will be prioritised under paragraphs 42.2 and 42.2.1.
22. The School will not alter any girl's individual marks.
23. Candidates will be considered for a Looked After Children place under paragraph 42.1 only if they provide documentary evidence of their eligibility from the issuing court, their current school or local authority. Candidates will be considered for a Pupil Premium place under paragraph 42.2.1 only if they live in the Designated Area (incorporating the Inner Area) and provide documentary evidence of their eligibility from their current school or local authority. It is the parents'/carers' responsibility to ensure this documentary evidence is provided and this must be received by the School by the deadline to register for the Stage One Test (the 'SIF Deadline').
24. If documentary evidence is provided after the SIF Deadline, the girl will not be eligible for 10% leeway to be applied to her Stage One Test mark. If documentary evidence is provided after the SIF Deadline but before the Stage Two Test day, the girl will be eligible to have 10% leeway applied to her Stage Two Test mark if invited to the Stage Two Test. If no appropriate documentary evidence is received, or is only received after the Stage Two Test day, the girl will not be eligible for the 10% leeway to be applied to her Stage Two Test mark.

C. THE SCHOOL'S TEST PROCEDURE

25. The School operates a two stage test procedure.
26. To register for the Stage One Test a valid online Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be submitted by the SIF Deadline. See Appendix A for more information about the SIF.
27. The online SIF is available on the School's website during the second half of the summer term. The deadline for the School receiving the SIF is 12 noon on Thursday 1 September 2022 (the SIF Deadline). SIFs received after the SIF Deadline will not be accepted and the girl will not be able to take the Stage One Test.
28. The SIF is a registration to sit the Stage One Test (a 'sifting test') and is not an application for a place at the School.
29. Any candidate who does not take the test may apply on their local authority application. However, these applicants will be placed below those who have done so. If places continue to be available after the normal allocation, and if there are no Valid Applications, the School will administer a further test.
30. The Stage One Test will be held on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 September 2022.
31. The Stage One Test will consist of an English and Maths paper and both will be multiple-choice style tests that are marked by computer.
32. The Stage One Test is a sifting test and will determine invitation to sit the Stage Two Test only. Marks from the Stage One Test will not contribute to the final determination of the offer of places at the School.
33. The School will determine the number of girls to be invited to the Stage Two Test, being a number that is at least sufficient to meet the PAN of the School after completion of the admissions process.

34. Invitations to sit the Stage Two Test will be sent on or around Monday 17 October 2022.
35. Candidates who are not being invited to sit the Stage Two Test will be notified of this by the School on or around Monday 17 October 2022. Candidates who are not invited to sit the Stage Two Test will not be eligible for a place at the School.
36. The information in paragraphs 34 and 35 is provided in order to enable parents/carers to make an informed choice of schools when completing their local authority Application prior to 31 October 2022.
37. The Stage Two Test will be written tests in English and Maths and will be held in November 2022 (the exact date will be published on the school website when known).
38. Places at the School will be offered based on marks from the Stage Two Test only.
39. Admission to The Tiffin Girls' School will be determined by academic ability, which is assessed by performance in the Stage Two Test. Applicants are ranked in order of their Stage Two Test mark and the Selection Criteria.

D. VALID APPLICATIONS

40. In summary, for an Application to be considered by the School, the following four conditions must be met:
 - 40.1. A registration for the girl to take the Stage One Test must be made by completing the online SIF by the SIF Deadline, and
 - 40.2. After sitting the Stage One Test, the girl must be invited by the School to sit the Stage Two Test, and
 - 40.3. The School must be named on their local authority Application, and
 - 40.4. The girl must attend the Stage Two Test as specified.

E. THE SCHOOL'S SELECTION CRITERIA

Places will be allocated as follows:

41. To a girl who has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names The Tiffin Girls' School specifically on the Statement or EHCP (for guidance: there are separate processes to be followed for naming a school on a statement or EHCP and you should speak first with your Local Authority who administers the process. Girls with a Statement or EHCP will need to have demonstrated their academic ability through the School's test procedure, see Section C above).
42. Places will then be allocated on the basis of selection by ability as demonstrated in the School's test procedure in rank order of the Stage Two Test Mark within the appropriate category listed below and in the following priority order:
 - 42.1. Currently Looked after Children and Previously Looked After Children whose mark in the Stage Two Test is higher than or equal to the 350th ranked mark of all applicants who sat the Stage Two Test.
 - 42.2. Up to 60 girls whose mark in the Stage Two Test is higher than or equal to the 350th ranked mark of all applicants who sat the Stage Two Test in the following order of priority:

- 42.2.1.** Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Inner Area **or** within the Designated Area **and** who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding on the closing date to register for the Stage One Test (the 'SIF Deadline') then
 - 42.2.2.** Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Inner Area.
 - 42.2.3.** In the event of there being more than 60 girls who are eligible under paragraph 42.2 and there is a tied-score to fill the 60th place, the place will be offered to the girl who lives nearest to the School (as measured in paragraph 43.4). If more than one girl is on the 60th score and all live the same distance from the school as measured in paragraph 43.4, the place will be allocated by random selection and this process will be independently verified.
- 42.3.** The remaining places after the initial allocation under paragraphs 42.1 and 42.2 on 1 March 2023 will all be allocated from applicants who sat the Stage Two Test in the following order of priority:
 - 42.3.1.** Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Designated Area of the School and then
 - 42.3.2.** Girls whose permanent place of residence is outside the Designated Area of the School
- 43.** In the event of a tied score to fill the 180th place, the priority order of the oversubscription criteria as set out below will apply:
 - 43.1.** To the girl who is a current Looked After Child or a previously Looked After Child. Evidence will be required (see paragraph 23). If there is more than one girl in this category, the girl who lives nearest the School (see paragraph 43.4) will be offered a place first.
 - 43.2.** To the girl whose school is currently in receipt of pupil premium funding for her. Evidence will be required (see paragraph 23). If there is more than one girl in this category, the girl who lives nearest the School (see paragraph 43.4) will be offered a place first.
 - 43.3.** To the girl who lives nearest to the School (see paragraph 43.4).
 - 43.4.** Living nearest to the school is measured by the council using a standard method of measuring home to school distance in a straight line using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system and data supplied by Ordnance Survey. The starting point of the measurement is a grid reference point for the property, which is supplied by Ordnance Survey. The end point is measured to the nearest school gate.
 - 43.5.** If more than one girl is on the 180th score and all live the same distance from the School, the place will be allocated by random selection and this process will be independently verified.

The Inner Area

- 44.** The School's Inner Area comprises the following electoral wards:

Berrylands
Canbury Gardens
Coombe Hill
Coombe Vale
Green Lane & St James
Kingston Gate
Kingston Town
New Malden Village
Norbiton
St Mark's & Seething Wells
Surbiton Hill
Tudor
Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside

The Designated Area

- 45.** The School's Designated Area comprises the following postal districts:

KT1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19
TW1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
SW13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20
W3, 4, 5, 7, 13
SM4
CR4

Permanent Place of Residence

- 46.** As part of the admissions process, in order to prioritise applications correctly, your local authority will verify that home to school distances are being measured using the child's correct home address. Included below is a summary of the information that the Royal Borough of Kingston (RBK) provides in their Secondary School Admission brochure and we refer you to their brochure (or the brochure of your local authority if you do not live in RBK) for full details of their address policy. The list is not exhaustive and your circumstances may fit more than one description. The School may check the authenticity of the address stated. Satisfactory proof of residence of the girl will be requested and permission must be provided to allow the School to verify this. In disputed cases, judgement will be made based on the best evidence available.
- 47.** You are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for your child. This includes a business address, a childminder's address, or any other address, including that of a family member or friend.
- 48.** The address you give on your Application must be the one where your child is living permanently. An application can only be made from a single address and only a single application made for each girl. Future addresses cannot be used.
- 49.** Where parents/carers live separately, the application must be based on the address where the child lives most of the time. Where the child lives equally with both parents at different addresses, parents must decide who makes the application before applying. Proof of the equal shared care agreement and the child's residency at this address will be required. If there is a dispute between parents or two applications are submitted (one by each parent), only one application will be accepted and a decision made after all the evidence is considered.

50. Where the parent/carer continues to own and/or rent out a property that the child previously lived in, and uses another address for the child's application, the application address will not generally be accepted without an explanation and evidence to support it is a permanent move and not an address of convenience to obtain a school place where the alternative address is still available. An address of convenience is one that is used to gain advantage in accessing a school place using an address that is not the child's main or only residence.
51. If the parent/carer is connected to more than one address, for example, they own a property and are renting and living in another, the appropriate Local Authority will require further evidence to demonstrate the permanence of the address being used for the application.
52. If you own two or more properties, you will need to demonstrate which is your permanent family home. If you rent out a property that you own and that has been your family home, or put it up for sale, this address could still be used to apply the home to school distance criterion.
53. If the permanent place of residence of the girl is incorrectly stated on either or both of the SIF and the Application or a parent/carer submits false or misleading information or withholds any relevant information during the admissions process (see paragraph 54), the application will be invalid and will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place or a place already accepted at the School.
54. If you move at any time during the admissions process (from submitting your Application up to and including the first term of the admission year), you must inform the School and your local authority immediately. Please inform us of the circumstances of your move to ensure that places are offered fairly and correctly. If you move to a new address without telling us and secure an offer, based on your old address, of a school place that you would not have been offered based on the new address, we will treat this as misleading information and the offer of the school place will be withdrawn. If such a move takes place after you have received an offer of a school place up to and including the first term of the admission year, in order to be permitted to retain the offer, you must explain the circumstances of your move to satisfy the School that the change of address was not arranged prior to the offer of a school place or the child starting school.

F. APPEALS

55. Parents/carers of girls who are not offered a place will be notified of the appeals process by their local authority on National Offer Day in March.

APPENDIX A - ADVICE

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) For entry to Year 7 – registering for the Stage One Test

Please note, if you do not live in the Designated Area, you should consider very carefully if you should register your daughter for the Stage One Test and make an application for a place at The Tiffin Girls' School on your home local authority application. Since the Designated Area was first introduced in September 2014, all Year 7 places have been offered to girls living within that area of specific postal districts (see paragraph 45). It is anticipated that the School will continue to be heavily oversubscribed and all places will continue to be offered and accepted by girls who live in the Designated Area.

The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available on The Tiffin Girls' School website during June, July and August 2022. Early registration is encouraged.

The SIF is an online registration form for the Stage One Test. Complete all the details carefully and accurately, taking particular care with your email address (which is used for all communication) and the photo of your daughter (which must be a recent headshot that clearly identifies her) before you submit it.

An automated reply (that includes a copy of your SIF) will confirm receipt of your details. You must check the SIF to ensure the information is correct.

Parents/carers of girls with Special Educational Needs or serious medical conditions must send The Tiffin Girls' School any relevant paperwork/documentation regarding those conditions and this must be received by the SIF Deadline for appropriate adjustments to be put in place.

Parents/carers of girls who are Looked After, Previously Looked After Children or children who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium funding (as defined in the Glossary) must send The Tiffin Girls' School documentary evidence of their eligibility from the issuing court, their current school or local authority as appropriate (see paragraph 23.)

All paperwork **MUST** be received by the SIF Deadline.

Entry to Years 8 to 11 (In Year Admissions) for September 2023 to July 2024

Sections G to J relate to In Year Admissions (Years 8 to 11) only

Parents/Carers are directed to the Glossary

G. ADMISSIONS AUTHORITY

56. The Tiffin Girls' School (hereafter referred to as 'the School') is an academy and therefore is its own admissions authority.

H. OVERVIEW

57. Applicants who have previously sat the selective test for entry to Year 7 and have scored below the cut-off score are not eligible to be reconsidered for entry to Years 8 to 11.
58. If an application for entry to Years 8 to 11 between September 2023 and July 2024 is made by someone who either achieved the cut-off score or higher in the Year 7 admission tests, or is made by someone who did not sit the Year 7 admission tests or who has not already sat an In Year admission test, then the applicant will be invited in to school to take a selection test.
59. The selection test will consist of a Maths and English test. The test for each year group is different. The result of the selection test will indicate whether the applicant is of the required standard for entry to the appropriate year group.
60. If the selection test indicates that the applicant is not of the required standard, their application will be unsuccessful and they will not be re-tested for entry to The Tiffin Girls' School at any subsequent point prior to Year 12.
61. If the selection test indicates that an applicant is of the required standard and a place is available in the year group, the applicant will be offered a place in rank order of the criteria in paragraph 62.
62. If there is more than one applicant deemed to be of the required standard for any particular year group, then the applicants will be placed in rank order of the average of the Mathematics and English selection tests within the appropriate category listed below and in the following priority order:
- 62.1. Currently Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children. Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence, then
- 62.2. Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Inner Area or within the Designated Area and who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding (as defined in the Glossary) at the time of submitting the In Year SIF, then
- 62.3. Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Inner Area, then
- 62.4. Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the Designated Area of the School, then
- 62.5. Girls whose permanent place of residence is outside the Designated Area of the School.
63. In the event of a tied score, the place will be offered to the girl who lives nearest the School (as measured by the council using a standard method of measuring home to school distance in a straight line using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system and data supplied by Ordnance Survey. See paragraph 43.4 of the Year 7 arrangements for entry 2023.)

- 64. Applicants who have achieved the required standard but who are not offered a place will be placed on a waiting list for the year group.
- 65. Each waiting list will be disbanded at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. Applicants who are on the waiting list on the date it is disbanded are eligible to reapply the following year.

I. IN YEAR ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

- 66. All In Year applications for any maintained school or academy in Kingston Upon Thames must be made to Kingston Local Authority on their In Year application form. Any such form received by the School will be forwarded to Kingston Local Authority for processing.
- 67. Following recording and verification, Kingston Local Authority will share the application with the School, and applicants will be required to complete the School In Year Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in order to be invited in for testing.
- 68. Applicants will be informed of the next available test date within 15 school days of receipt of the In Year application form via Kingston local authority. [Note: Applicants will only be invited in for testing after the In Year SIF has been submitted to the School.]
- 69. Once the outcome of the application is known, the School will notify the applicant and Kingston Local Authority of the offer or refusal of a place.
- 70. Where an applicant lives outside the borough, Kingston LA will advise the Home LA of the application and outcome only where the offer of a place is made and accepted by the parent; a parent of a child not in education declines an offer of a place; or a parent of a child not in education is unsuccessful with their application.

J. APPEALS

- 71. Parents/carers of In Year applicants who are not offered a place will be notified of the appeals process.

Entry to the Sixth Form for September 2022

Sections K to N relate to Sixth Form Admissions only

Parents/Carers are directed to the Glossary

K. ADMISSIONS AUTHORITY

- 72.** The Tiffin Girls' School (hereafter referred to as 'the School') is an academy and therefore is its own admissions authority.

L. OVERVIEW

- 73.** Usually, only girls born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 can apply for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2023. Applications for girls outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; parents/carers should write to The Sixth Form Admissions Office at The Tiffin Girls' School.
- 74.** The minimum qualification for entry into the Sixth Form at the School is 8 GCSE and/or AS passes. The 8 passes must include English, Mathematics and a science at GCSE/AS level. Four of the passes must be at grade 7 or above and another four must be at grade 6 or above. An A at AS counts as an 8 at GCSE and a B at AS counts as a 7 at GCSE. The provisions of paragraphs 79, 81, 86 and 87 also apply. For iGCSEs, grade A is equivalent to a 7 and A* is equivalent to an 8 or 9.
- 75.** A minimum of 20 places will be offered to external applicants. Final numbers will vary depending on combination of courses, availability of spaces and the number of Year 11 students from The Tiffin Girls' School who move into the Sixth Form.
- 76.** The entry criteria for external applicants are the same as for students already in the School. Applications from internal applicants will be considered first.
- 77.** Each application (both internal and external) will be judged using a set of predicted grades decided upon by their current school. The date by which predicted grades must be submitted will be determined by the school and published on the school website. Predicted grades sent in later than this date will not be used in the process so that all applicants are judged on the same criteria at the same point in time.

M. ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

- 78.** Any student thinking of applying to join the School's Sixth Form should attend the Sixth Form Open Evening, which will be held in October 2022. An information booklet, our Sixth Form Prospectus, and a link to an online application form will be loaded on to the school website immediately after the Open Evening.
- 79.** All applicants, whether internal or external, must submit an application by the deadline stated on the application form (which will be the same deadline for all applicants).
- 80.** The School will acknowledge receipt of applications from external applicants and will contact the applicant's current school for a set of predicted GCSE grades using an online form.
- 81.** The current school must submit these predicted grades to our Sixth Form Administrator by the stated deadline.

82. All applicants will receive a response from the School about their application before the School breaks for half term in the spring term of 2023; at this stage, any offers of places are conditional on achieving the required grades and on the chosen course or courses being run (see paragraph 90).
83. The option choices of all applicants with a conditional offer are entered into the School's timetabling process. If there are more applicants for a course than there are places, then the choice of internal applicants will be processed first. The remaining places will be given to the best external applicants as judged by the School's official predicted grade form.

Minimum entry criteria for specific subjects and acceptance on to a chosen course or combination of courses

84. Note that all of the following criteria apply to students already in Year 11 at The Tiffin Girls' School as well as to external applicants.
85. The following criteria in paragraphs 86 and 87 are minimum entry requirements. Achievement of the GCSE grades specified does not guarantee a place on any course or combination of courses.
86. Students must have achieved at least a grade 7 in the subjects they wish to study at A Level. For those subjects not offered or not studied at GCSE, each has a specified GCSE entry qualification:
 - 86.1. for Economics: at least a grade 7 in Mathematics GCSE and at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE.
 - 86.2. for Religious Studies: at least a grade 7 in Religious Studies GCSE or at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE if RS has not been studied at GCSE.
 - 86.3. for Mathematics Route 2: a GCSE grade 8 or 9 in Mathematics, a grade 8 or 9 in Physics GCSE and four grade 8 or 9 GCSEs overall.
 - 86.4. For Theatre Studies: at least a grade 7 in Drama GCSE, or grade 7 or above in either English Language or English Literature if Drama has not been studied at GCSE.
 - 86.5. For Computer Science: at least a grade 7 in Computing GCSE, or grade 8 or above in Mathematics GCSE if Computing has not been studied at GCSE.
 - 86.6. For Psychology: at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE.
 - 86.7. For Design and Technology (DT): at least a grade 7 in DT GCSE or at least a grade 7 in either Art GCSE or Maths GCSE or Physics GCSE if DT has not been studied at GCSE.
87. In addition, students wishing to apply for Biology, Chemistry or Physics A Level must have studied all three separate sciences at GCSE. Students that have GCSEs in Core Science and Additional Science are welcome to apply to the Sixth Form, but only to study non-science subjects.
 - 87.1. Students wishing to study A Level Biology must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Biology GCSE.
 - 87.2. Students wishing to study A Level Chemistry must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Chemistry GCSE.

87.3. Students wishing to study A Level Physics must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Physics GCSE.

87.4. Students choosing a combination of subjects that includes three or all four of Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry at A Level must achieve:

At least four grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs overall and:

- If any three of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics are to be studied, then at least two grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs and one grade 7 GCSE from those three subjects to be studied are required
- If all four of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics are to be studied, then at least three grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs and one grade 7 GCSE from those four subjects are required

Students not meeting these requirements can still be admitted to the Sixth Form, but on a different combination of subjects. The School will give guidance as to which subjects will be possible options.

Over-subscription criteria

88. All applicants will have their application assessed by experienced Tiffin Girls' School staff using their professional judgement to assess whether or not the official predicted grades awarded by the applicant's current school by the deadline stated on the School's official online predicted grade form demonstrate that the applicant is of the required academic standard.

89. The applicant's official predicted grades must have been submitted using the online form to The Tiffin Girls' School by the deadline stated and must identify the applicant as being of the required academic standard for the Sixth Form at the School.

90. Places will be offered subject to and dependent upon:

90.1. sufficient demand for places in each of the four subject areas the applicant has indicated they wish to study.

90.2. availability of the combination of subjects selected by the applicant.

90.3. the School's ability to staff the subjects selected.

91. If there are more external applications than the Published Admission Number of 20 (together with any additional places which might become available after internal applications have been considered), then the over-subscription criteria, in priority order, will be:

91.1. any applicants who are currently Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children; provided they are judged to be of the required standard both for entry to the Sixth Form and also for the combination of subjects they wish to study. Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence;

91.2. any applicants for whom their current school receives additional annual funding in pupil premium or service premium payments; provided they are judged to be of the required standard both for entry to the Sixth Form and also for the combination of subjects they wish to study. If any applicant has been eligible for means tested free school meals at any point in the six years prior to the deadline stated on the application (see paragraph 79), even if they are not currently eligible, or if any applicant is registered as a service child at their current school, applications under these criteria must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence;

91.3. predicted grades;

- 91.4.** in the event of a tie for one remaining place to study a particular combination of subjects between students with the same predicted grades, the place will be offered to the student who lives nearest to the School, using the method described in paragraph 43.4 of the Determined Admissions Arrangements for Y7 entry September 2023.

Method of offering places

- 92.** The professional judgment of staff at the School will be taken into account when assessing an application.
- 93.** Conditional places will be offered by applying the criteria above, and by assessing appropriate academic grades contained in an applicant's predicted grades.
- 94.** More conditional offers will be made than the number of places available. This is because some applicants given a conditional offer will not achieve the required grades or will decide to decline their offer.
- 95.** Once a conditional offer has been made, applicants will need to meet their GCSE predictions to guarantee their place. If their achieved grades are below their predictions, the professional judgment of staff at the School will be used in determining whether the firm offer of a place can be made.

Waiting list

- 96.** There is no waiting list as more conditional offers will be made than there are places available.

Late applications

- 97.** All late applications received after the deadline will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed.

Admissions after GCSE results

- 98.** Some late places may become available after GCSE results are known and after all conditional offers have been considered. Applicants for these places must bring in their original results sheet from their school from 12 noon on GCSE results day or from 9am the day after GCSE results day, and the School will consider their application. The same priority order in paragraphs 91.1 and 91.2 will be applied.

N. APPEALS

- 99.** Applicants who are not offered a place will be notified of the appeals process.

Currently Looked After and Previously Looked After Children are defined as:

- Children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application to the school is made
- Children who were previously in the care of a local authority immediately before they were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear [to the School] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

Children who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding: in the arrangements for Year 7 entry, children who live in the Designated Area for whom their current school receives additional annual funding in pupil premium or service premium payments. If you live in the Designated Area and either your child has been eligible for means tested free school meals at any point in the six years prior to the SIF Deadline, even if she is not currently eligible, or if she is registered as a service child at her current school, documentary evidence of her eligibility must be provided (see paragraph 23).

Note: Applicants for admissions to the Sixth Form (i.e. those applying to join the School in Year 12) do not need to live in the Designated Area for pupil premium or service premium consideration under the sixth form over subscription criteria (see paragraph 91.2).

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) Deadline: the date and time by which the online registration for the Stage One Test must be received by the School.

Permanent Place of Residence: the address you give on your Application. This address must be the one where the girl is living permanently and must be the address where your family normally lives.

Inner Area: the named electoral wards within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames or the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames specified in paragraph 44.

Designated Area: the named postal districts specified in paragraph 45.