

Year 7 admissions to The Tiffin Girls' School

This information is designed to give you a brief summary of the admissions process for The Tiffin Girls' School. You must also read the Admissions Arrangements, which can be found in the Admissions section of our school website where you can also access Admission FAQs.

Overview for Year 7 entry in September 2025:

1. There are 180 places available in Year 7 for September 2025.
2. Our catchment area is made up of an Inner Area and a Designated Area and children living in these Areas are given priority.
3. Disadvantaged children are given the highest priority in our oversubscription criteria: those who are looked after children or previously looked after children, those in the catchment area who are eligible for means-tested free school meals, or those in the catchment area who are registered as a service child at their current school.
4. Disadvantaged children have a 10% leeway applied to their marks at Stage One and Stage Two.
 - At Stage One, this means that a 10% leeway is applied to their marks.
 - At Stage Two, this means that a 10% leeway is applied to their marks before the school's selection criteria are applied.

If you are interested in applying to The Tiffin Girls' School, we encourage you to:

- Check the school's website for full details: <https://www.tiffingirls.org/admissions/year-7/>. Our full admissions policy is published on this page.
- Visit the Open Evening for Year 7 entry 2025 on Tuesday 9 July 2024.
- If you live in the catchment area, or have a looked after or previously looked after child, register for the admission tests by the preferred date of 18 July (or by the deadline of 12.00 noon on 2 September).

FAQs:

Does it matter where I live?

Yes. We do not expect to have any places available for children who live outside the Designated Area as children who live in the Designated Area are ranked above those who do not, in order of score. Also in order of score, up to 60 initial places can be offered to children who live in the Inner Area if their combined mark is higher than or equal to the 350th highest mark.

What is the Inner Area?

The Inner Area is made up of the following 13 electoral ward areas:

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, and Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside.

Websites such as www.streetcheck.co.uk will tell you your ward area by using your postcode.

What is the Designated Area? This is made up of the following 44 local postal districts:

KT	TW	SW	W	SM	CR
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20	3, 4, 5, 7, 13	4	4

How do I register for the tests and when?

To register for the tests, you must complete an online registration. Online registration opens on Tuesday 4 June 2024 and closes on Monday 2 September 2024 at 12.00 noon (the SIF deadline.) The SIF is the Supplementary Information Form. All instructions are on the registration link on the school website, including the requirement to upload a recent photo of your daughter to your SIF.

What are the admission tests like?

The admission tests for both Stage One and Stage Two are in English and Maths. Past papers are not available. The Stage One Test will be multiple-choice style tests. All answers will be entered on an answer sheet that is marked by computer.

How are places allocated after the Stage Two Test?

A 10% leeway will be applied to the standardised Stage Two test mark of disadvantaged children. A combined mark will be produced. The combined mark will be made up of 60% English and 40% Maths. The English mark will come from the stage two test, and the Maths mark will come from the stage two test and the stage one test in a ratio of 3:1. Places are then allocated according to the school's selection criteria as follows:

1. To a girl who has an **Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** which names The Tiffin Girls' School specifically on the EHCP and who has demonstrated her academic ability through the school's test procedure.

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 combined mark within the appropriate category listed below and in the following priority order:

2. Currently **Looked after Children** and **previously Looked after Children** whose combined mark is higher than or equal to the **350th ranked mark** of all applicants who sat the Stage Two Test. ¹

3. Up to 60 girls whose combined mark 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:

- a) Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the **Inner Area or Designated Area** and who qualify for receipt of **Pupil Premium Funding** on the closing date to register for the Stage One Test.
- b) Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the **Inner Area**.

4. The remaining places after this initial allocation on 3 March 2025 will all be allocated from applicants who sat the Stage Two Test in rank order of the combined mark in the following order of priority:

- a) Girls whose permanent place of residence is within the **Designated Area** of the school.
- b) Girls whose permanent place of residence is **outside** the Designated Area of the school. ²

¹ Currently Looked After Children are defined as children who are (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a LA 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. Previously Looked After Children are defined as those 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 (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989), including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

² Since the introduction of the Designated Area in September 2014, all Year 7 places have been offered to girls living within it. It is anticipated that the school will continue to be heavily oversubscribed and that the offer of all places will be accepted by girls living in the Designated Area.