

Admission Policy for Kantor King Solomon High School September 2020

Introduction

Kantor King Solomon High School is a co-educational comprehensive school serving the Jewish Communities of Redbridge, Essex and the surrounding areas.

Kantor King Solomon High School's Foundation Body is the United Synagogue. The School embraces modern orthodox Jewish belief and practice and a unique feature of the school is its Jewish atmosphere. The School is keen on presenting a totally fresh approach to Jewish life. We teach the full range of national curriculum subjects in addition to providing a range of formal and informal Jewish educational programmes. We encourage our students to take their place as healthy, active and tolerant citizens in a multi-cultural society, accepting those who are different and caring for those who are in need.

Applications are welcome from students practicing other faiths. Should places be available, offers will be made according to the criteria set out below

By applying to send your child to Kantor King Solomon High School you are stating a clear commitment to respect the School's Jewish ethos and values. [Please see the School website for a full description of the School's ethos and values. kshsonline.com]

Numbers

The School will admit a maximum of 180 students to Year 7 in September 2020.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

The law provides a separate process for the admission of students with a Statement of Special Education Needs. Those students who have the School named in their statement will be admitted, if necessary in addition to the admission number of the School.

Application Procedure

All parents/guardians must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) and return it to the Local Authority within which the child lives. The CAF is to be found as an addendum to the Redbridge 'Transfer to Secondary School 2020 booklet' and may be obtained from other local authorities. The CAF should be returned to Redbridge by October 31st 2019. Parents/Guardians should also complete the Supplementary Information Form and these should be returned to the School's Admissions Officer by October 31st 2019.

Applications must be made by the date given above. All applications received on time will be processed together.

The Governors will give priority to students who meet the religious practice criteria, Sections 1 - 3, based on guidelines from the Chief Rabbi, such as attendance at synagogue services, commitment to Jewish education and voluntary work within the community. A Certificate of Religious Practice, the Supplementary Information Form, section 1-3, is to be found as an addendum to the Redbridge 'Transfer to Secondary School 2020' booklet and may be obtained from other local authorities and from the School. This should be completed by the parent/guardian, signed by the relevant bodies and then returned to the School office. Only students who achieve 3 points in "the practice criteria" as set on section 1- 3 will be accorded priority in categories 1-4 of the admissions criteria.

Applicants of other faiths should complete Supplementary Information Form Section 4 which is also available as an addendum in the Redbridge 'Transfer to Secondary School 2020 booklet' and may be obtained from the School. This is to be completed by the parent/guardian, signed by the relevant religious body and then returned to the School office.

All forms are also available from the School's website at www.kshsonline.com and the Redbridge website at www.redbridge.gov.uk.

Late Application Forms

Application forms received after the published closing date will be considered after those who meet the deadline. Each late form will be considered against the appropriate criteria, including the tie break, explained below.

Waiting Lists

The waiting list is maintained throughout the academic year in which we receive the Supplementary Information Forms. If parents/guardians wish their child to remain on the waiting list for the following year, they must contact the school in writing after the start of the school year, in early September. Being on the waiting list does not imply any priority in the Admissions Criteria which, when a vacancy arises, are applied to the circumstances pertaining at that time.

Applications Outside the Normal Admissions Round

Applications received after the start of the academic year should be made directly to the School and the School will inform the Local Authority in accordance with the School's Admission Code 2012. Application is by way of completion of the School's Supplementary Information Form. All forms are available from the local authority, from the School Office and website, and must be returned to the school. Applications for in-year admissions will be dealt with so far as practicable in accordance with the over subscription criteria listed below.

Fair Access Protocol

Kantor King Solomon High School is committed to taking its reasonable share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in the locally agreed Fair Access Protocol. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the Governing Body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under a local Fair Access Protocol that has been agreed for that year. The Governing Body has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the 180 admitted students.

Over Subscription Criteria

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available Governors will offer places in the following order to: -

1. Looked-after children: meaning children who are within the definition in S.22 (1) of the Children Act 1989, that is, children who are in the care of the Local Authority or are provided with accommodation by the Authority, or who have previously been looked after, who meet the practice criteria on Section 1-3.
2. Siblings of students attending the School at the date of application and siblings of former students who meet the practice criteria on Section 1 - 3. This includes half-siblings, step-siblings, adopted-siblings and others living permanently in the household.
3. Students at Ilford Jewish Primary School and Clore Tikva Primary School who meet the practice criteria on Section 1-3.

4. Students at other Jewish primary schools who meet the practice criteria on Section 1-3.
5. Children of parent/s/guardians who attend synagogue.
6. Other looked after children: meaning children who are within the definition in S.22 (1) of the Children Act 1989, that is, children who are in the care of the Local Authority or are provided with accommodation by the Authority, or who have previously been looked after by the Local Authority.
7. Siblings of students attending the School at the date of application and siblings of former students who meet the practice criteria on Section 4. This includes half-siblings, step-siblings, adopted-siblings and others living permanently in the household.
8. Siblings of current and former students who apply without Sections 1 - 4. This includes half-siblings, adopted siblings and others living permanently in the household.
9. Students attending Jewish schools.
10. Children of any staff member employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the time at which the application to the school is made and/or children of any member of staff who is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
11. Applicants of other faiths whose application is supported by a reference from their religious leader on Section 4.
12. Other children

Tie Break

Within any individual criterion there is always the possibility of more applicants than there are places available. In such a situation, priority will be given to students who live nearest the school gate, measured in a straight line to the front door of their home as suggested by Redbridge's Geographic Information System. Where parents reside at separate addresses, but with shared responsibility for the child, it will be the address at which the child spends most of the week. If there is a situation where the tie break involves students living equidistant from the school, the place will be offered according to the local authority's computerized random selection procedure.

Right of Appeal

In the event of parents not being offered places for their children, they are entitled to appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Governors within 20 days of notification of the non-offer. In response, the procedure will be explained and a timetable for the process will be published on the School's website according to a schedule set out by the local authority and the School Admissions Appeals Code 2012.

Entry Year 12

The School will accept external students. Priority will be given to those who have completed the Year 12 CRP [SIF 2 or SIF 3]. Priority will be given to those students who gain three points and who meet our entry criteria as set out above and who also fulfill the following academic criteria:

- **A Level studies**

Minimum of 6 GCSE grades at A*-C including English and Mathematics with a grade B or above in the subjects to be studied at A level.

- **Vocational Level 3 Courses**

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C or above.

- **Vocational Level 2 Courses**

3/4 GCSEs at grade D or above.

Right of Appeal

In the event of a potential sixth former not being offered a place, either the parent or the student him/herself is entitled to appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Governors within 20 days of notification of the non-offer. In response, the procedure will be explained and a timetable for the process will be published on the School's website according to a schedule set out by the local authority and the School Admissions Appeals Code 2012.