



**SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE
ADMISSION PROCEDURE CRITERIA FOR 2020 - 2021**

PRIMARY TO SECONDARY TRANSFER

Shirley High School is a comprehensive 11 – 18 school taking both boys and girls. The ethos of this school is a learning environment where all students have the opportunity to enjoy their education and achieve to their fullest potential. This is due to the strong emphasis we place on high standards of achievement and behaviour amongst all our students. We believe that such standards are achieved where good attendance, punctuality and the development of sound personal relationships are encouraged. We ask all parents/carers applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.

The number of agreed places in year 7 is 180. Parents/carers must fill in our school application form (send to Shirley High School) as well as the Croydon Common Application Form (returned to your local Council) for the application to be valid. Our application form can be obtained from the school or our website www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk and must be returned by the set date in the Autumn Term. Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in the stated priority order.

1. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN and previously Looked After Children

Looked after children are defined as children in public care at the date on which the application is made. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after. If an application is made under the 'looked after' criterion, it must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority Children's Services Department and/or relevant documents including a copy of adoption, residence or special guardianship order where applicable.

2. SIBLING

At the time of application, in every case, the applicant must have a sibling (brother / sister; stepbrother / stepsister; half brother / half sister or adopted child) who resides in the same family unit at the same address, attending and expecting to attend the school at the time of the applicant's admission.

3. ACADEMIC ABILITY

The Governors will award up to 15% of the agreed places (ie a maximum of 27 places) to those who score the highest marks in the school's ability test.

4. MEDICAL REASON

Those who seek admission on serious medical grounds will be required to produce written medical evidence. This evidence must be submitted with the original application, supported by a registered professional medical consultant, and establish the reasons why entry to this particular school rather than any other is essential.

5. CHILDREN OF STAFF AT THE SCHOOL

Priority may be given to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances: (a) Where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or (b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

6. DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's permanent address, to our main entrance by the Local Authority using a computerised measuring system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). In the case of separated parents, if a child spends time with both parents an agreed home address should be nominated at the time of application. Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority. For shared properties, e.g. flats, the geographical references will determine the start point within the property boundaries to be used for distance calculation purposes. In the event of applicants being equidistant from the school, applicants will be chosen by random selection using the random number generation programme hosted by Trinity College, Dublin at www.random.org to generate numbers.

WAITING LIST Where in any year the school receives more applications than there are places available a waiting list will be operated until the end of the Autumn Term of the admission year. It is open to any parent to request their child's name be added to the waiting list. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria above.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP

Parents may request that their child is exceptionally admitted outside their normal age group. The admission authority will decide whether or not the individual child's circumstances make this appropriate on educational grounds.

All requests to educate a child outside their normal year group must include written explanation of why this is necessary and where applicable, evidence of the child's circumstances from a relevant professional detailing the child's educational need which makes education outside the normal age group necessary.