



# **The Tiffin Girls' School**

## **Determined Admissions Arrangements**

### **For entry to the Sixth Form September 2020**

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### *Sections 10 to 20 relate to Sixth Form Admissions only*

#### **10. Admissions Authority**

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

#### **11. Overview**

- 11.1 Usually, only girls born between 1 September 2003 and 31 August 2004 can apply for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2020. 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.
- 11.2 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 13.3, 13.4 and 14.3 also apply. For iGCSEs, grade A is equivalent to a 7 and A\* is equivalent to an 8 or 9.
- 11.3 A minimum of 20 places will be offered to external applicants. The School aims for a year group of between 150 and 170 in Year 12.
- 11.4 The entry criteria for external applicants are the same as for students already in the School. Applications from internal applicants will be considered first.
- 11.5 Each application (both internal and external) will be judged using a set of predicted grades decided upon by their current school before the end of December 2019. 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.

#### **12. Admissions procedure**

- 12.1 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 2019. 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.
- 12.2 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).
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The current school must submit these predicted grades to our Sixth Form Administrator by the stated deadline.
- 12.5 All applicants will receive a response from the School about their application before the School breaks for half term in the spring term of 2020; at this stage, any offers of places are conditional on achieving the required grades and on the chosen course or courses being run (see 15.3). Applicants receiving a conditional offer will then be invited into

school to have an Induction Meeting (IM) at which we will discuss with them their future university and career plans, and confirm their option choices.

- 12.6 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.

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

- 13.1 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.

- 13.2 The following criteria in 14.3 and 14.4 are minimum entry requirements. Achievement of the GCSE grades specified does not guarantee a place on any course or combination of courses.

- 13.3 Students must have achieved at least a grade 7 in the subjects they wish to study at A-Level. For those subjects not offered at GCSE, each has a specified GCSE entry qualification:

13.1.1 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.

13.1.2 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.

13.1.3 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.

13.1.4 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.

13.1.5 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.

13.1.6 for Psychology: at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE.

- 14.1 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.

14.1.1 Students wishing to study A-Level Biology must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Biology GCSE.

14.1.2 Students wishing to study A-Level Chemistry must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Chemistry GCSE.

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

14.1.4 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.

## 15. Over-subscription criteria

15.1 All applicants will have their application assessed by experienced The 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 Places will be offered subject to and dependent upon:

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

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

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

15.4 If there are more external applications than the Planned 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

15.4.1 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;

15.4.2 predicted grades

15.4.3 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 5.2 of the Determined Admissions Arrangements for Y7 entry September 2020.

## **16. Method of offering places**

- 16.1 The professional judgment of staff at the School will be taken into account when assessing an application.
- 16.2 Conditional places will be offered by applying the criteria above, and by assessing appropriate academic grades contained in an applicant's predicted grades.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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.

## **17. Waiting list**

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

## **18. Late applications**

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

## **19. Admissions after GCSE results**

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 the day after GCSE results day, and the School will consider their application.

## **20. Appeals**

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