

Marylebone Boys' School Admissions Arrangements for entry into Year 7 in 2026-2027

Introduction

Marylebone Boys' School was set up under the government's Free Schools programme and opened in September 2014. In 2019 the school obtained approval for the expansion of its published admission number to 150 and intends to offer 150 places to Year 7 students until all year groups have 150 pupils. A mixed sixth form opened to Year 12 in 2019-2020. See the separate Admissions Arrangements for the sixth form.

At full capacity the school will have 990 pupils which will include the mixed sixth form. The school has a strong Christian value but has no faith Admissions Criteria. It is open to pupils of all faiths and none.

Marylebone Boys' School aspires to be an academically rigorous school with an emphasis on good behaviour, commitment to learning and outstanding teaching, where knowledge is valued and available to all who are prepared to work for it. The school's emphasis on good behaviour, safeguarding and strong pastoral support means pupils will develop courtesy and tolerance as well as confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Admissions to Marylebone Boys' School

Marylebone Boys' School is its own admissions authority, but applications are handled by Westminster School Admissions Team on our behalf as we are part of the Local Authority coordinated arrangements for year 7 admissions. Parents will be required to complete the Common Application Form provided by the Local Authority in which the pupil lives, normally through the Pan-London E-admissions online process.

The School will admit 150 pupils to year 7 in 2026/2027.

All applications for places at the school will be considered in accordance with the arrangements set out below.

Admissions and over-subscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

Places will be first allocated to children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, which specifically names Marylebone Boys' School, with the agreement of Westminster City Council.

Over Subscription Criteria

If there are fewer applicants than places, all applicants will be offered a place.

If there are more applicants than places for the school, the remaining places will then be offered in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and all Previously Looked After Children and Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children. For the purposes of admissions, Previously Looked After Children are defined as children who were looked after, but ceased to be so, because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements residence order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after. Internationally Adopted Looked After Children are children 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.¹ (see footnote below)
2. Children of members of staff if the staff member is filling a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. The Governing Body is required to approve the Headteacher's designation of such posts and confirm the assessment that a member of staff appointed meets the requirements of the shortage. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year.
3. Children with a sibling at the school who is, and will continue to be, on the roll of Marylebone Boys' School from September 2026 (including the sixth form). This includes half-brothers and half-sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or stepsisters of the children of the parent's or carers' partner, provided that they live at the same address as the applicant.
4. The remaining places to be offered to boys living closest to the address seed point. This is Main Entrance, Westminster Council House, Old Marylebone Town Hall, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5PT.

Distances are measured by a straight line from the address seed point (determined by Ordnance Survey data) of the child's home address to the Main Entrance, Westminster Council House, Old Marylebone Town Hall, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT as measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

Where it is necessary to differentiate between applicants living in flats using the same street entrance, priority will be determined by a random allocation computer programme, and this process will be independently verified.

¹ a) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.
 b) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).
 c) Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.
 d) Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians) e) A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

The address you provide on your application must be your child's permanent address on close of applications, 31st October 2025. You must not use a business address, childminder's or relative's address, or any address other than your home address. Only in circumstances where the relative or carer has legal guardianship and is the main carer will a different address be considered as the main residence. Evidence will be requested to support this arrangement.

In the case of children who live at different addresses for part of the week, the arrangements are as follows:

If you have a genuine 50/50 share care arrangement with your child's other parent, it will be for you to determine the address that will be used as the main address for your child's application. Only one address will be used throughout the application process.

If you are unable to agree on which address to use, the address of the parent making the Child Benefit claim will be used for the purpose of the application.

In the situation where there are ongoing Family Court proceedings, the school will consider the approach to be taken for processing on a case-by-case basis.

Tie Break

In the event of two pupils having an equal right to a place after applying the Oversubscription Criteria, a tie-break using a random allocation computer programme will be operated, and this process will be independently verified.

In the case of multiple births or siblings in the same year group, where there is only one place available in the school, all will be offered places over the published number to accommodate the children.

Offer of places

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application on National Offer Day by their home local authority.

Applicants to whom places are offered will be advised in their offer letter of any action that they need to take to accept the place offered.

Waiting list procedures

The waiting list will be ordered according to the over-subscription criteria and includes the following groups of applicants:

- Applicants who applied late i.e., after the closing date of 31 October; and
- Applicants who received an offer from a higher preference school under the coordinated process but who request to re-apply to Marylebone Boys' School.

Applicants who were offered a higher preference place through the pan-London process will automatically be removed from the list.

Applications out of the normal age group

The school is prepared to consider applications out of the normal age group, both at secondary transfer and for in-year admissions. Each case will be considered on its merits and the decision is at the headteacher's discretion.

Appeal procedure

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful will be given an opportunity to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with the statutory provisions in force at the time. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. Further information regarding the appeals procedure and deadlines can be found here [School Admissions Appeal](#)

Waiting list re-confirmation

On 1 January following the year of entry, unsuccessful applicants will be asked if they wish to be placed on the in-year waiting list. In order to be placed on the waiting list, please complete the in-year application provided on the Westminster School Admissions page [here](#). From time to time, the school will ask applicants to re-confirm whether they wish to remain on the waiting list.

Casual or in-year admissions

The school welcomes applications for all open year groups, where vacancies can arise from time to time. Applications made to any year group outside the main admissions round (In-year admissions) should be made directly to Westminster School Admissions via the link [here](#). In-year applications will be processed in accordance with the admissions and over-subscription criteria stated above.

For clarification, length of time on the waiting list is not one of the admissions criteria and does not confer priority on the waiting list over the published admissions criteria.