Pate's Grammar School

Year 7, 2026 Entry
Admissions Information - What Happens Next?

Children who have ranked within the top 250

Children who ranked within the top 250 are considered to have achieved the qualifying standard for Pate's Grammar School and are eligible to apply for a place.

Please be aware that even if your child has achieved the qualifying standard, this does not automatically guarantee a place.

If you want to be considered for a place at Pate's, you must **name Pate's as your first preference on the Common Application Form.** Be assured that if you list Pate's as your first preference and are not offered a place, then your second choice would automatically be considered as your first effective preference, and your chances of getting a place at your second preference school is not reduced.

Please ensure that you **complete your Common Application Form**, showing your list of secondary school preferences, **by 31 October 2025**. This may be through on an online portal or on a paper form, depending on your Local Authority:

- If you live in Gloucestershire, the preferred method is through the online application facility.
- If you live outside Gloucestershire and wish to select a Gloucestershire school on your application, you will need to apply to your own Local Authority's admissions team, and they will send the information to Gloucestershire County Council.

How are places allocated?

Whether your son/daughter will be allocated a place at Pate's Grammar School will depend upon:

- If your child qualifies for a Priority Place and has confirmed their eligibility[1] through the test registration process.
- Your child's place in the ranking for Gloucestershire places.
- Your child's place in the ranking for UK Wide places. (Please refer to **this diagram** for more details on the number of places available.)
- How many of those children have stated a preference for our school on their Common Application Form (CAF), and
- How many of those children have stated a higher preference for another school on their CAF and whether they have met the criteria for a place at that school.

On 2 March 2026, Gloucestershire County Council will offer places, on behalf of Pate's Grammar School, to children based on three categories: Priority Places; the highest-ranking children in Gloucestershire; the highest-ranking children UK wide, until we reach our admission number of 150.

We are likely to have more children who achieve the qualifying standard than can be offered a place. Children who are ranked within the top 250, but who are not successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to go on a Waiting List and may be offered a place should one become available. You are also entitled to appeal (see **Appeals**).

[1] For Priority Place eligibility, please see page 6 of our **Admissions Policy**.

Children who have not ranked within the top 250

Children who are not ranked within the top 250 are unable to be considered for a place at Pate's Grammar School or to be placed on our waiting list. You are entitled to appeal (see below).

Waiting List

Children who **are ranked within the top 250**, but who are not successful in gaining a place on 2 March 2026, will have the opportunity to join our waiting list, which will be held until 31 December 2026.

If you would like your son/daughter to be put on the Waiting List, please contact Gloucestershire County Council (even if you live outside Gloucestershire) after 2 March 2026 and before 16 March 2026 to request this. Only children who achieve a rank within the top 250 are eligible for a place on the Waiting List.

Appeals

Places for children who are not ranked within the top 250 can only be allocated by an Independent Appeal Panel. Any child who is ranked within the top 250 and who is not allocated a place at Pate's Grammar School on 2 March 2026 also has the right to appeal. The Panel considers each case carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. Details of this process are available at www.patesgs.org after 2 March 2026.

Important Dates

Monday 2 March 2026 is National Allocation Day, when you will hear from your Local Authority which secondary school your child has been allocated.

Monday 16 March 2026 is the closing date to accept your school place or request to be put on Waiting List/s (see above). If you live outside Gloucestershire and are unsuccessful in gaining a place at Pate's Grammar School, you should contact Gloucestershire County Council directly to request a place on the waiting list/s (providing your son/daughter has a rank in the top 250).