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Dear Parents/Carers and other interested parties,

Determined admission arrangements for 2024-25 at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

The Trustees of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School consulted on the school's admission arrangements between 3 November 2022 and 15 December 2022. The consultation proposed to increase our planned admission number permanently and introduce a set of oversubscription criteria for students who have passed the entrance test, while reserving 20% of places for the students with the highest aggregate test score. It also proposed revising the academic standards for entrance into the Sixth Form.

During the consultation period, 42 responses were received. There were 12 responses in support of the proposed changes and 30 responses with concerns or objections. The Trustees have now met to consider all responses.

Following this consideration, the Trustees agreed the proposed changes will be implemented with two amendments for September 2024-25 and the Admissions Policy updated accordingly.

Amendment one:

- In point 3 of the oversubscription criteria the policy used the phrase 'who have passed the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School entrance test'. As all students eligible to be considered under the oversubscription criteria would need to have passed the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School entrance test, this phrase was deemed to be unnecessary and likely to cause confusion. Therefore, it been removed from the determined policy.

Amendment two

- In Appendix 1, detailing the support for SEND students when sitting the test. An objection was raised by the Local Authority to the inclusion of a 'formal diagnosis' as being an eligible reason to gain extra support in the entrance test. On balance, it was felt that any child who required additional support during the test, would have been in receipt of the same support in the primary school for the two terms prior to sitting the test whether they have a formal diagnosis or not. As this was already covered in the proposed policy, the trustees have removed references to a formal diagnosis from the determined policy.

A copy of the determined policy can be found here: [Admission Policy 2024 - 2025](#)

QEGS was originally founded to serve the children of Penrith but has always been a beacon of excellence for Cumbria with many of our school community travelling from far and wide. The new admissions policy will cement the school as a Beacon of Excellence for years to come, as we fulfil our historic mission to Penrith and the surrounding villages and our desire to serve the children of the school's wider communities across Cumbria.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Robson'.

Mrs M Robson
Chair of Trustees