



DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

School of Science and Technology Maidstone's admission oversubscription criteria
for entry in 2026

Entry Criteria

- Applications for places at the School of Science and Technology Maidstone are made in accordance with Kent Local Authority's coordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF), provided and administered by the [Kent Local Authority](#). The Published Admissions Number is 180.
- In Year admissions are administered by the school. Applications are made via the In Year Casual Application Form available [here](#). Please email the completed form to the school at admissions@sst.viat.org.uk. In case of oversubscription, our oversubscription criteria outlined below will be applied.

Oversubscription Criteria

SST Maidstone has a published admission number (PAN) of 180 students. If the school is oversubscribed, before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the PAN will be reduced accordingly.

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of the places available, places will be allocated to the eligible students in the following priority order:

- a) **Children in Looked Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care** – 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.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

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.

- b) **Health and Special Access Reasons** - Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will

need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.

- c) **Current Family Association** - a brother or sister in the same school at the time of entry. In this context, siblings means children who live as sister or brother in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters
- d) **Children of Permanent Members of Staff** – Children of staff who work at the school, full time
 - (i) with at least two years' continuous employment
or
 - (ii) where the Trust considers a member of staff has been recruited for a position for which there is demonstrable skill shortage.
- e) **Nearness of children's home to school** – we use the distance between the child's permanent home address (defined in KCC's annual admissions prospectus) and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NPLG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NPLG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Where applications are made from properties or abodes that are not registered to the NPLG, including new build properties, KCC may be required to use planning sites or other relevant co-ordinates. In exceptional circumstances where alternative co-ordinates are not available, measurements will be determined by a Senior Admissions Officer and confirmed by Head of Service.

Admission of Children Outside Their Normal Age Group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested. When such a request is made, the academy trust will decide on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, considering the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Home Address

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required, together with proof of the child's permanent residency at the property concerned. The school reserves the right to check information given on the application form. If any information given on the form is found to be incorrect, or if you fail to notify us of the important changes in the information, the offer of a school place can be withdrawn.



Waiting List

The waiting list for September 2026 admission will operate until 31 December 2026. This will be maintained by the school. Parents can ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Children's position in the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. After 31 December 2026, a waiting list is operated for In Year Admissions. Parents whose child's name was placed on the September 2026 admission waiting list will need to request to be placed on the In Year Admissions waiting list. Waiting lists will be re-ranked, in line with the published oversubscription criteria, every time a new name is added.

Sixth Form admission arrangements

The PAN for our Year 12 is 150. The majority of our Year 11 students will continue with their studies into our Sixth Form and priority is given to existing students transferring from Year 11. The capacity for external candidates will be variable depending upon the number of existing students transferring into Year 12.

Admission to Year 12

All offers of a place in Year 12 will be made on condition of students meeting the school entry requirements which are detailed on the Sixth Form section of the school website. Offers regarding specific subjects will be dependent upon capacity within classes.

Entry Requirements

All students wishing to study in the Sixth Form at SST need to attain the standard entry requirements as well as subject specific entry requirements. Students must meet all of the following requirements:

- a) Meet the generic entry level requirements based upon points scored and grades achieved at Key Stage 4.
- b) Meet subject specific entrance requirements.

Year 11 students will be offered a place and invited to make Sixth Form choices by the application deadline published by the school. External applicants should apply using the electronic application procedure choosing a minimum of three courses. Applications should be received by the date specified on the Sixth Form section of the school website. Applications received after this deadline, will be placed on a waiting list. Students who meet the entry criteria will be sent a conditional offer.

If the number of qualified applications is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated using the same oversubscription criteria for Year 7 admissions.