



Bronte Girls' Academy admission arrangements for 2021

Introductory statement

Bronte Girls' Academy (BGA) will offer high quality education providing girls with the qualifications, attitudes and values required to progress into higher education, training and employment. There will be a strong focus on English, Mathematics and Science to ensure that girls meet the needs of the local economy through employment at all levels including professional, managerial and technical.

Admission number(s)

The academy has an admission number of 150 for entry in year 7.

The academy will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) (PAN) for the relevant year group are received, Feversham Education Trust (FET), who are the administering body, will offer places at BGA to all those who have applied.

Application process

BGA will be part of the Local Authority's (LA) Co-ordinated Admissions Arrangements. This means parent/careers will need to complete the LA common application form (CAF) online for all secondary school choices. No separate forms will be required for Bronte Girls Academy. Applications for BGA should be made on the online system which can be accessed from www.bradford.gov.uk/admissions.

Paper forms will only be given to parents with extenuating circumstances and can be requested from the LA at the following address:

Admissions Team
Bradford City Council
Margret McMillian Tower
Princes Way
Bradford
BD1 1NN

Email: www.secondaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk

Telephone: 01274 439200

The closing date for applications is 31st October

Offers of school place in year 7 will be made on the 1st March.

Oversubscription criteria

When the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Educational Needs naming the academy, priority for the admissions will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after and immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.*
2. Priority will next be given to girls based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend BGA rather than any other academy/school, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the LA with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending BGA at the time the application is received where an older sibling is in years 7-10 (once the academy has filled these year groups).
4. Priority will next be given to daughters of staff who have been recruited to BGA to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Priority will next be given to girls living nearest the academy. Girls living closest to the academy will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the main entrance of BGA.

**A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions (see the definition in section 22 (1))*

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the academy will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home, measured by a straight line distance from the Ordinance Survey address point of the home to the main entrance to BGA. Those living nearest will be given a place.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has the highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the BGA is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. BGA will admit them all and exceed the PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. Once offers have been made on 1st March and following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents/careers may request that their child is placed on the academy's waiting list through the waiting list form supplied by the Local Authority.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents/careers may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so they should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal age group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the Local Authority, in consultation with BGA, will make a decision on the basis of the circumstance of the case and in the best interest of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the principal and any supporting evidence provided by the parent/career.

Waiting lists

The Local Authority will operate a waiting list for year 7. Where the academy receives more applications for places than there are places available a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term (September-December). This will be maintained by the Local Authority and it will be open to any parent/career to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place at BGA have a right of appeal by an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact the Admissions Team at Bradford City Council for information on how to appeal using the following address:

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Bradford City Council
Margret McMillan Tower
Princes Way
Bradford
BD1 1NN

Or email at:

www.secondaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk

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Notes

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 the academy. 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.

Sibling: Sibling means a natural sister, or half-sister, a legally adopted sister or half-sister, a step sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and social needs: Social need does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the academy because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the academy. Medical need does not include mild medical conditions.