



King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys

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Dear Parent

CHANGES TO OUR ADMISSION NUMBER AND POLICY

You may have heard about changes to our admissions and wonder how this will affect your son. The simple answer is that your son will continue with his studies as normal.

After very careful thought, in the light of worsening financial circumstances, last year the decision was taken to expand all of the King Edward VI Grammar Schools. This means that at this School we plan to admit four forms of 30 in Year 7, rather than three forms of 31, from September 2014.

From September 2015 the decision has been taken to change the School's admissions policy. As you know we are part of the King Edward Foundation and as such are supported by the charity, The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham. Several years ago the charity began to investigate and research its own position in the City and the pupils attending its schools. We now intend to seize the opportunity presented by our expansion to improve the life chances of some of the children in the City who are from less privileged backgrounds.

In addition, all parties in Government have in recent times placed great emphasis on "social mobility" and all selective schools in the country have been challenged to increase the number of pupils they take from disadvantaged communities. The Government uses eligibility for free school meals as its main indicator of disadvantage and, blunt tool as it is, we can only use the tools we are given when reviewing our admissions policy.

As a school, we constantly monitor and review our performance and we feel confident that these changes to our admission policy will enhance our reputation for educational excellence in the broadest sense both locally and nationally.

If you have any queries please visit the Schools of King Edward VI website where we have a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) area (<http://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/11-policy/new-11-policy-fags/>). Our schools will continue to represent the best there is to offer in terms of education in this City. We believe that there are bright boys in this City region who just do not have the same opportunities and we want to do something about that. We hope you share this view.

Yours sincerely

M J Garrod
Headmaster