



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

Admissions Policy 2019/20

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Academy 11 - 16

A. SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2019 – YEAR 7

Published admission number: **168**

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children*
2. Children who have a sibling** attending The Thomas Lord Audley School in Years 7-10 at the time of application and date of proposed admission.
3. Children who live in the priority admission area at the time of application and proposed date of admission and who attend one of the following feeder primary schools:

Cherry Tree County Primary School	Monkwick County Junior School
Fingringhoe C of E (Aided) Primary School	Montgomery Junior School
Iceni Academy	Old Heath County Primary School
Langenhoe County Primary School	St Lawrence Primary School
Mersea Island School	St Michael's Primary School

4. All remaining applications.

Other Applications

Children with Education, Health and Care Plan that name Thomas Lord Audley School in the statement will be admitted to the school.

Applications - September admission into Year 7

The closing date for applications for admission into Year 7 in September 2018 is **31st October 2018**. Late applications will only be considered after those received before the closing date. Applications for admission to Thomas Lord Audley School should be sent to the Essex County Council, Planning & Admissions, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1GS. Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admission. The National Offer date is 1st March 2019 and offers of a secondary school place will be sent out to parents/carers on that day. Parents/Carers have a statutory right of appeal to a panel constituted in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 if they disagree with a decision not to admit their child to a particular school of their preference. Parents/Carers appealing against the decision not to admit their child must do so in writing to The Clerk to the Appeal Panel, c/o The Thomas Lord Audley School.

B. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS ALREADY IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Please contact the school office to request an application form for admission of students already in secondary education.

Where students already in secondary education apply for admission, they will be admitted according to the relevant criteria listed above, providing that the admission would not prejudice the effective education of existing students or the efficient use of resources.

If the appropriate year group has already reached the agreed admissions limit, admission will usually be refused.

C. OVER-SUBSCRIPTION

In the event of oversubscription within one of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, with those living nearest being given highest priority. All straight line distances are calculated electronically by the Local Authority using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data is used to plot the co-ordinates of each individual property and school and provides the address points between which straight line distance is measured. Distances are reported in miles to three decimal places in the first instance. In the unlikely event of two or more applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at the School, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by the clerk to the governing body, supervised by an independent scrutineer, with the exception of twins, triplets etc.

Where the school is over subscribed it will maintain a waiting list. The waiting list will be in the order which meets the above criteria. Children will remain on the waiting list for one term, at which point parents will be contacted regarding continued interest.

***Definition of a Looked After Child**

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 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).

**** Definition of Sibling**

A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends Thomas Lord Audley School in any year group excluding the final year. This includes brothers, sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters.

In addition, biological siblings who attend Thomas Lord Audley School in any year group except the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.

Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.