



## Admissions Policy

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### 1. About Us

Tennis Avenue School is a co-educational, independent day school for pupils aged 8 to 16. Building on our previous foundation of success and reputation for developing emerging talent, our School is positioned at the absolute forefront of junior tennis development in Great Britain. We have created a unique framework that combines tennis with academic attainment.

Tennis Avenue School enables pupils to fulfil their sporting potential, and it also instils a problem-solving attitude and work ethic that will serve them well throughout their lives. We intend to make sure that in years to come, our alumni can look back and feel proud of the school that they attended and are part of the history of.

### 2. Registration

Registration is understood to be an expression of interest in Tennis Avenue School. It does not commit a parent or parent(s) to accepting a place, nor does it commit the School to the offer of one. Registration must be completed, online or by requesting a paper application form from our School Office, before we invite an applicant to an interview and assessment: Tel: (0208) 942 7583 E-mail: [office@tennisavenue.school](mailto:office@tennisavenue.school)

### 3. Selection

Students apply for a place at Tennis Avenue School with the singular purpose of receiving a quality academic education alongside elite-level training in tennis. The school must thus select students solely for their excellence or potential for excellence in tennis, as well as their ability to adapt to required behavioural standards and contribute to the general group culture.

The School therefore exercises its right to operate a "permitted form of selection". This is an exception to the usual anti-discrimination rules, which can be found in Schedule 11, Part 3, Paragraph 8 of the Equality Act 2010:

Disability discrimination: Permitted form of selection

- (1) A person does not contravene section 85(1), so far as relating to disability, only by applying a permitted form of selection.
- (2) In relation to England and Wales, a permitted form of selection is -
  - (c) in the case of an independent educational institution, arrangements which provide for some, or all of its pupils, to be selected by reference to general or a special ability or aptitude, with a view to admitting only pupils of high ability or aptitude.

Furthermore, we remain inclusive and committed to providing access to students with cognitive barriers whilst recognising the nature of our specialist tennis provision. Our SEN & EAL and Equality & Diversity Policies provide further information on how the School delivers equal access to the curriculum within the framework of a "permitted form of selection".

The School reserves the right not to offer a place at the School if, in their opinion (and whether before or after assessment), the pupil is incompatible according to entry requirements or would benefit no more from attending Tennis Avenue School than they would from a non-specialist educational institution.

### 4. Siblings

Admission of brothers and sisters of existing pupils is not automatic, as educational and sporting capability can vary greatly within families. Should we select siblings based upon our entry criteria alone, then sibling discounts are available on a discretionary basis. Please contact the School Office for further information:

Tel: (0208) 942 7583 E-mail: [office@tennisavenue.school](mailto:office@tennisavenue.school)

### 5. Visiting

An Open Day will be held once a year, and details on how to register will be published on our website. Prospective parents and their children may also visit us for a tour at other times, by arrangement. Please contact our School Office, who will be pleased to help you:

Tel: (0208) 942 7583 E-mail: [office@tennisavenue.school](mailto:office@tennisavenue.school)

## **6. Offer of a Place**

The offer of a place is made following assessment, passing the entry criteria, and subject to availability. A place at the school is secured by each parent signing the acceptance form.

## **7. Equal Treatment**

Tennis Avenue School invites applications from candidates from all backgrounds and believes in equal treatment for all, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation or social background.

## **8. Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)**

Tennis Avenue School acknowledges its responsibilities under the Special Education Needs and Disability Act 2001 (SENDA) and the Equalities Act 2010 and will make all reasonable adjustments to enable admission to the School.

Parents who believe their child does require support for their additional requirements should arrange to meet with the Principal prior to application and provide written details of the condition and support required, together with any additional psychological, medical or learning reports in advance of attending interview and assessment.

This will enable the Principal to review how the School's resources might be allocated or the delivery of teaching re-designed to enable and support the pupil's learning, e.g. large print material, extra time in examinations, technological support or other special arrangements. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the School is aware of the issue and current professional advice, so the School's adjustments and provisions can match individual needs.

## **8. English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

Please refer to our SEN & EAL Policy for further information on how the School delivers equal access to the curriculum for EAL (English as an Additional Language) students.

## **9. Data Processing**

By signing the registration form, parents and guardians consent to the School obtaining, processing and holding personal information about their child for the duration of their time at the School, in accordance with the Tennis Avenue School Data Protection Policy (available from the School Office) and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR; May 2018). This may include sensitive personal information such as health data which may, for example, be considered if it is thought to have relevance to the assessment of an enrolment application

or, following enrolment, to understand and plan the support needed to best assure the safety and welfare of a child.

Personal data and sensitive personal data about any person will be deleted in the event of their application being unsuccessful or otherwise when they leave the school.

By signing the registration form, prospective parents also consent to the School asking for confirmation from previous schools that fees have been paid; and consent to the School informing any subsequent educational establishment to which the pupil may transfer if any fees remain unpaid. A written reference may be requested from the candidate's previous school, although this is occasional, so signing the registration form is also an expression of consent for this enquiry to be made if the School requires it.

## **10. Complaints**

A copy of Tennis Avenue School's Complaints Procedure is available to download from our website [www.tennisavenue.school](http://www.tennisavenue.school)

## **11. Governing Body**

Contact details for the Chair of Governors can be found on our website [www.tennisavenue.school](http://www.tennisavenue.school)