DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FULHAM CROSS GIRLS’ SCHOOL
2016/17 ENTRY

Fulham Cross Girls’ School is part of the Fulham College Academy Trust. The School has an agreed admission number of 125 pupils and will accordingly admit 125 pupils in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received.

Applicants with a signed Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) which names Fulham Cross Girls’ School will be placed at that school via the SEN process as set out in Section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

If there are more applications to the school than there are places available, then Fulham Cross Girls’ School will allocate places in the following order of priority.

1. Children in Public Care, also known as Looked After Children in care of the local authority and children who have been adopted or made subject to residence orders or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.

2. Young people who the Governors and Principal accept have a professionally supported exceptional social, educational or welfare need for a place at Fulham Cross Girls’ School. Parents/carers must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application. Such applications will not be considered without professional support, such as a letter or report from a doctor, consultant or social worker which must be no more than six months old. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.

3. To brothers and sisters of children already on the roll within any of the Fulham College Academy Trust Schools, Fulham College Boys, Fulham Cross Girls’ and the Fulham Enterprise Studio who will still be in the school at the time the applicant is admitted. This includes half brothers or half sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or stepsisters or the children of the partner of the parent or carer provided that they live at the same address as the applicant. If in any of the categories 1, 2 or 3 there are more applicants than there are places available, priority will be given to applicants who live nearest the school on the basis described in 4 below. If there are two or more applicants in categories 1, 2 or 3 who live at exactly the same distance from the school, the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation.

4. To children who live nearest the school. Nearness to the school will be calculated using a straight line (as the crow flies) measurement from the child’s home ‘address point’ determined by Ordnance Survey Data to the centre of the school grounds as determined by the Hammersmith and Fulham using its computerised measuring system. The child living closest to the school will receive the highest priority. Accessibility by car or public transport will be disregarded.

If applicants share the same address point (for example, those who live in the same block of flats or shared house) priority will be given to those who live closest to the ground floor and then by ascending flat number order. Routes will be measured to four decimal places (if necessary). If, in the unlikely event that two or more applicants live at exactly the same distance from the school; the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation.

Twins, triplets and multiple births – in the case of a tie-break for children of multiple births, offers will be made to the siblings and be considered as an expected pupil in accordance with the
Admissions Code 2.15 (g).

Split residence
Where a child lives with parents with shared 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 is the residential address for the purpose of admission to school. 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.

Method of Application
Parents/carers must apply on the Common Application Form of the local authority where they live. This can be completed online via www.lbhf.gov.uk/schooladmissions or on a paper form available from schools, libraries or their local council’s School Admissions Team.

Closing Date and Initial Notification Date
The closing date for secondary applications will be 31st October 2015. Notification letters will be sent out on 1st March 2016.

Late applications
Applications received after the set closing date will be accepted but will not normally be considered for a place at the school until after the initial offer date.

Waiting List
Unsuccessful applicants (including any applications received after the closing date) will be included on the school’s waiting list ranked in order of priority under the published oversubscription criteria, without regard to the date that the application was received. Please note a child’s position on the waiting list can go down as well as up. For example, if a new application is received or if a child on the list moves nearer to the school, the waiting list may need to be revised. The offer of a place does not depend on the length of time your child’s name has been on the waiting list.

Appeals
Unsuccessful applicants have a right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Further details will be included in the notification letter.

i Children in Public care has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Children Act 1989, and means any child in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster carers).