

## **BARR BEACON LANGUAGE COLLEGE**

Old Hall Lane, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 0RF

### **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2010/2011**

Barr Beacon Language College is a mixed 11-18 Foundation School with 1383 pupils. The school's admission policy is in accordance with the guidelines below:

#### **Entry into Year 7 September 2010**

Pupils will be admitted at the age of 11 years without reference to ability, aptitude, race or religion. The number of intended admissions in 2010 will be 260.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below:

##### **1. Children in Public Care (looked after children)**

Definition: children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by the local authority

##### **2. Where a child has an older sibling currently attending the school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date**

Definition: a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- Half brother or sister sharing one common parent
- Step brother or sister (ie related by parent's marriage)
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (eg under the terms of a residency order)

##### **3. Where there are essential medical or social grounds for admitting the child**

Definition: relevant medical or social grounds that show that attendance at the school is essential and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or social worker. Applications for Barr Beacon Language College, as a foundation school, will be subject to verification by the school's Admissions Committee.

##### **4. Pupils from feeder Primary Schools – Meadow View JMI, Park Hall Junior, Pheasey Park Farm Primary**

In the event of oversubscription from feeder primary schools students living closest to Barr Beacon Language College will be given priority

##### **5. Proximity of the child's home to the school, with those living nearest being accorded the higher priority, the distance being measured in a straight line**

Definition of home address: the home address of the child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only or main residence and is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or

leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority

### **Waiting List Policy (Year 7 Intake)**

Waiting Lists for Barr Beacon Language College will be maintained by Walsall Children's Services – Serco until the last day of Autumn term on 18 December 2010. Parents may enquire about their child's position on any Waiting List by telephoning the Secondary Admissions Team on (01922 686357 or 686355)

From January 2011, each oversubscribed Walsall school is responsible for starting and maintaining a new Waiting List. Parents should contact the school for their child to be added to the Waiting List

Waiting Lists are kept for one term only. On the last day of each school term the names of all children will be removed from the waiting list. If a parent wants their child's name to be added to a new waiting list, they must write to the school at the beginning of the new school term.

### **In-Year Admissions**

From the 2010/11 academic year, local authorities must formulate schemes for co-ordinating applications made during the academic year and applications for admission to age groups other than the normal year of entry (in-year applications). Local Authorities must formulate schemes for the 2010/11 academic year by 1 January 2010.

Applications for in-year admission must be made to Walsall Children's Services – Serco.

### **Entry Requirements for Year 12 – Entry in September 2010**

For AS/A2 courses the minimum entry requirement for admission into Year 12 is 5 grades A\* - C at GCSE. There are also course suitability and individual subject availability criteria available for other courses, on request.

### **Appeals**

Parents whose children are refused admission to the school have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The necessary forms and information should be obtained from the Clerk to the Interim Executive Board, Barr Beacon Language College, Old Hall Lane, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 0RF. Please mark the envelope ADMISSION – APPEAL.

Appeals in respect of Year 7 intake for September 2010 should be lodged by Friday 24 April 2010.