



AVANTI GRANGE SECONDARY SCHOOL, BISHOPS STORTFORD 2025 - 2026

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Avanti Grange Secondary School ("the School") is part of the Avanti Schools Trust, more information about the school can be found by visiting the website at: www.avanti.org.uk/avantigrange

The Trust Board of Avanti Schools Trust ("the Trust Board") is the "admission authority" for all schools within the Trust, and is responsible for determining and implementing the admission arrangements for those schools.

Avanti Grange Secondary School participates in the Local Authority Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and to apply for a place at this school parents must complete the Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Application Form.

Applications should be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or parents can request an application form from the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. As required by Section 324 of the Education Act 1996, Avanti Grange School will offer a place to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.

The published admission number ("PAN") for entry to Year 7 in 2025 is 180. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received, offers will be made to all those who have applied.

Where the School is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be allocated to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children* and previously looked after children, including those that have been in state care outside England, that have become subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately after being looked after.
2. Children with a sibling** attending the school at the time of application.
3. Children living in the Bishop's Stortford North development – see map below

4. Children of a member of the school's teaching staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage or has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made.
5. All other children.

*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). A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

notifying them of a refusal. Parents will be given at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to lodge an appeal.

Parents should note that an offer of a place is likely to be withdrawn if it is found that it was made on the basis of fraudulent or intentionally misleading information provided by parents.

An admission authority must not withdraw an offer unless it has been offered in error, a parent has not responded within a reasonable period of time, or it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. Please refer to paragraph 2.12 and 2.13 of the Admissions Code for further detail.

Furthermore, in order to address the potential issue of offers being obtained through fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications, the School reserves the right to ask for