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Dear Stakeholder

**Outcome of Admissions Consultation  
Proposed Change to Admissions Criteria for Year 7 Entry September 2014**

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the admissions consultation in which the Governing Body proposed a change to the admissions criteria to apply for Year 7 entry from September 2014.

Many of you will be aware that we have been looking at our Admissions Criteria over the last 18 months, and have sought views through a pre-consultation questionnaire and meetings with a variety of stakeholder groups. This led the Governing Body to propose an amendment to the current Admissions Criteria to introduce a ‘tiered sibling’ approach for entry from September 2014. The proposed change would help prioritise places for children in the catchment area and also reflected stakeholder views that wherever possible, places should be offered to local children.

Our formal consultation ran from 21 December 2012 to 29 February 2013, and was open to all interested parties, local schools, local stakeholder groups and other admissions authorities. Two open meetings were also held at the school.

We are grateful to everyone who took time to respond to the consultation, either through our online questionnaire or by contacting the school directly. We received 352 responses to the consultation, 97% (341) of which were in favour of the proposed amendment.

At a meeting on 27 March 2013 the Governing Body confirmed the proposed change to the Admissions Criteria so that:

1. Siblings living in the catchment area retain their current priority.
2. Siblings living elsewhere lose priority over other applicants living within the catchment area.

The new Admissions Criteria will be applied for Year 7 entry in September 2014. As explained in the consultation document, this change will not apply retrospectively. This means that families with children on the school roll on 31 August 2014 will retain the original sibling criterion for any subsequent siblings. This is regardless of whether they live in the catchment area, so long as they have a sibling at the school at the time a subsequent sibling applies and is due to enter the school.

The new Admissions Criteria has been published on the school website [www.thehoward.org](http://www.thehoward.org) and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

If you would like any further information on Admissions, please visit the school website or contact the Admissions Officer at the school.

Yours sincerely

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