

# Meopham School

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**SUPPLEMENTARY FORM TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL  
APTITUDE PLACE  
YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

**NOTE: This form is only to be used if you are applying for a specialist place for Art,  
Music, Drama or PE.  
It must be returned to Meopham School by 2nd November 2020  
NOT to your primary school or the LEA**

1. Pupil's Name:	2. Boy/Girl:
	3. Date of birth:
4. Home Address:	Post Code: Telephone:
5. School currently attended:	
6. SPECIAL APTITUDE: I wish to apply for a special place in: Art [ ] Music [ ] Drama [ ] PE [ ]	
Please give reasons in support of your application. Please list any clubs/teams or organisations that your son or daughter belongs to and any awards or certificates that he/she has received.	
7. Parent's Name(s):	
Parent(s) Signature:	Date:

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## **Special Aptitude Places**

Governors reserve 14 places each year for students with a special aptitude for Art, Drama, Music or PE. Places are awarded in each area on the basis of information provided and, if necessary, an interview. Governors can choose to offer more places in one subject, if suitable applications have been received.

## **How Will My Child Benefit?**

Art, Drama and PE are particular strengths within the school and are set to develop still further in the coming years. As a talented student, your child will be challenged and given opportunities to excel both within the curriculum and beyond via extra curricular clubs and/or complimentary study programmes. Over the years we have supported students with Music tuition on a variety of instruments through the use of small bursaries.

## **The process of offering places**

- Applications received by Admissions Officer.
- Applications passed on to Head of Department for selection. This involves Head of Department making a judgement on the applications received and placing them in a rank order. For example, in PE, the Head of Department is looking for evidence of leadership roles taken, representation at County/District level in chosen sport, range of sporting activities. Often parents include a portfolio containing certificates, medals, comments from coaches etc.
- Offers are then ratified by Headteacher.
- Offer letter is then sent to parents/students.