Post 16 Admissions Policy 2024 – 2025



Introduction

Applications for admission into the sixth form (Years 12 and 13) should be made directly to the Academy.

Admissions criteria

The Academy offers the following range of courses in the Sixth Form:

- A levels
- Level 3 Applied General / Applied Technical courses in a range of subjects
- 1. A GCSE grade 6/B (6-6 in combined science) is desirable in the specific subjects to be studied and is required for Mathematics, Science subjects (grade 6 in Mathematics also required to study Chemistry and/or Physics) and Modern Foreign Languages.
- 2. A student's final programme of study will be dependent on their average GCSE points score across their best eight subjects. Depending on the pathway chosen the specific requirement of English Language and/or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above can be found within the Sixth Form prospectus.
- 3. Entry into Year 13 will require successful completion of internal examinations in that subject taken at the end of Year 12. Students who do not pass year 12 end of year examinations will be required to sit a September re-sit. Any student wishing to repeat Year 12 will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and Head of Sixth where extenuating circumstances have been demonstrated.

Please note that admission to the Academy is not the same as admission onto individual courses, which may already be full. In such cases, applicants will be advised of alternative course options. Entry to the Academy will not be determined by a formal interview. However, all students will be invited to attend an Information, Advice and Guidance meeting which will focus on course selection and expectations. A written/oral reference may be sought from an applicant's current school concerning the suitability or otherwise of the course or level being considered.

Whilst the revised School Admissions Code allows the opportunity for over admission if the demand for available courses can be met, the Academy reserves the right to apply the admission criteria below where the permitted flexibility is likely to prejudice the efficiency and effectiveness of the Sixth Form provision. Students with a Statement of Educational Need who are applying for an appropriate course of study will be admitted.

The admission criteria are as follows:

- 1. Students who are 'looked after' by a Local Authority under the provision of the Children's Act 1989 and children who were looked after but ceased to be so by reason of adoption, a resident order special guardianship order.
- 2. Students already on roll at the Academy
- 3. Students with a sibling at the Academy at the time of admission
- 4. Students in any school not offering the courses requested
- 5. All other applicants

Priority will be given to students living nearest to the Academy as measured by a straight line. The distance, for admissions purposes, is measured using the straight line distance from the reference point of the home, as defined by the National Land and Property (NLPG), to the main pupil entrance of the Academy. These distances will be produced by the Local Authority Admissions team for the Academy. Parents and students have a right to appeal against any decision refusing a Sixth Form place at the

Academy. Appeals must be addressed to the Principal at the Academy and will be heard by an independent panel within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged

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