Post 16 Admissions Policy 2027 - 2028

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1 Introduction

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

2 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 (6-6 in combined science) is desirable in the specific subjects to be studied and is required for Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology & Physics (and 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 Form 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.

In the event that more applications are received than we have spaces, the Academy uses the following oversubscription criteria.

1. Children who have a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or educational health care (EHC) plan that names the school will be admitted if the courses and school are found to be suitable to meet need. NB. Those children with a statement of special educational needs or EHC that does not name the school will be referred to Student Assessment and Resources (STAR) Team to determine an appropriate place.

2. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangement order, or special guardianship order. (A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions).

3. Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.)

4. Students already on roll at the Academy.

5. Students with a sibling at the Academy at the time of admission.

6. Students in any school not offering the courses requested.

7. 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 Gazetteer (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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This policy will next be reviewed in September 2027.