

The King's Academy – Draft Post-16 admissions policy

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Rationale and course offer

It is our intention at the King's Academy Sixth Form to offer each of our students a bespoke curriculum that is suitable for them; one they will enjoy and at which they can succeed academically, as well as supporting where applicable and possible their post-18 ambitions. We therefore offer a range of academic and vocational courses, for which we require students to have achieved certain minimum grades at GCSE (or in other measures of prior attainment). This is in addition to minimum entry requirements for specific courses, as published in our prospectus and course guide.

In order to ensure that courses and course combinations are appropriate, we hold a consultation meeting with each applicant, where we discuss the most suitable programme of study for them. With the exception of Further Maths which is offered to eligible students as an additional subject, we offer full-time study (540+ guided learning hours) comprising of three A Levels, three vocational courses or a combination of these, based on an applicant's prior attainment, and supported by a programme of enrichment and careers education.

Eligibility and process

Year 12 admissions

We accept applications into Year 12 from existing Year 11 students in the King's Academy and students at other establishments, subject to our minimum entry requirements (see below), availability of courses and timetabling. In all cases the same admissions criteria will apply.

We have a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60 places available for applicants from other establishments.

Admissions will be made into Year 12 up to 11th September. After 11th September, in-year admissions will be considered (see below).

Year 13 admissions

Entry into Year 13 for students from other institutions will depend on the courses required, exam board compatibility and the availability of a place within the year group and on the relevant courses. We require evidence that the applicant will go on to complete the course successfully, in addition to our academic minimum entry requirements.

Students should contact the Head of Sixth Form who will arrange an appointment to discuss their application.

In-Year admissions

Applications for in-year places during the academic year will depend on the courses required and availability of a place on the relevant courses, subject to our academic entry requirements. We require evidence that the applicant will go on to complete the course successfully and it is likely, depending at what point it is in the academic year, that we will suggest a start the following year, subject to entry requirements.

Applicants should contact the Head of Sixth Form who will arrange an appointment to discuss their application.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of oversubscription, the following criteria will be used:

Priority 1:

Looked after children or previously looked after children who meet the entry requirements.

Priority 2:

Young people who have or will have a sibling on the school roll, and who meet the entry requirements

Priority 3:

Applicants from internal candidates who meet the entry requirements

Priority 4:

Young people who have a parent who is employed by the school and has been so for at least two years at the time of application, and who meet the entry requirements

Priority 5:

Remaining offers will be allocated in rank order with the better GCSE performance, based on overall points and their course requirements

In the event of there being insufficient places for students within any one group, priority will be given to those who live nearer to the school.

Appeals Process

If a place cannot be allocated to your child at the King's Academy Sixth Form there is an opportunity to make an appeal to an independent Appeals Committee, which will be set up in accordance with the Admissions Code of Practice and is empowered to make a final decision on the matter. Parents have the opportunity to put their own case to the Appeals Committee, if they so wish.

Admissions process

Year 11 students at the King's Academy and students at other institutions are invited to our open evening in the autumn term. Application is made by application form, available on our website, and applicants are asked to select provisional course preferences. This is not a firm commitment and they will be able to reconsider their options after the GCSE results are published and in light of our option blocks. The deadline for applications is February but applications made after the deadline will be considered. All applicants are invited to a consultation meeting and, if they wish, a tour of the Sixth Form. All applicants are also invited to our Sixth Form Taster Day in the summer term.

Sixth Form enrolment takes place on GCSE Results Day, when each applicant will have a meeting with a senior member of staff during which their options and choices will be discussed, in light of their results and Sixth Form option blocks. Provided that students meet the admission criteria (below), they will be offered a place and enrolled.

Admission Criteria

Academic Requirements

Our academic entry requirements are based on points from a student's best 7 full GCSE courses/ BTEC courses.

For entry into the Sixth Form we enquire a minimum of:

- 28 points
- GCSE English Language/ Literature or GCSE Maths at grade 4 or higher. Where a student has a 3 we can provide a resit in English Language OR Maths (but not both).

Most of our courses have subject-specific entry requirements as published in our prospectus and course guide.

The academic pathway taken by a student is determined by their total number of points, subject to individual course requirements, in order to maximise students' performance, progression and enjoyment during their studies.

This is detailed in the table below:

Number of points	Subject combinations
39	Three A Levels
36	Two A Levels plus a vocational course
32	One A Level plus two vocational courses
28	Vocational courses