

DP011 Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2019-20

Responsibility: Head of Sixth Form
Committee: Pupil, Parents & Community
Last Review: January 2019
Next Review: January 2020

Standard Criteria:

- Students should have attained at least **5 GCSE passes at grade 5+ or equivalent)** and **preferably grade 6 (B) in the subjects you wish to study** although lower grades may be considered.
- Students should also meet the minimum GCSE Entry Criteria as detailed in the Subject Entry Criteria sheet.
- Students with extenuating circumstances or with strong performance in particular subject areas will be favourably considered.
- Students should have gained **a pass in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics** – grade 4 (All students below a 5 will have to do a resit in year 12)
- Students that do not achieve a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English resit exams will require an interview to review suitability for moving into year 13. (Completed in July) Review meetings will be carried out by Head / Deputy Head of Sixth Form, with an appeals process being heard by the Head Teacher where appropriate.
- We will consider applications from students who have been educated outside the English/Welsh examination system and may not have followed GCSE courses.
- We will evaluate the application based on the predicted outcomes from examinations
 - that are being followed, or evaluate the quality of a portfolio of relevant work that should be submitted upon request.

Additional Criteria:

Having achieved the above standard, students will be admitted according to the following criteria:

- Cared for children and previously cared for children
- Students who have attended Hazel Grove High School or other institutions are given equal preference.

Where capacity is exceeded in either a subject or within the Sixth Form (100), a place will be allocated to the student who best meet the entrance criteria.

- Forms arriving after the final option form deadline of the third Friday of November will be marked 'late' and considered **after** all applications received on time.
- Repeat applications will not normally be considered within the same school year, unless the parents' or the school's circumstances have changed significantly since the original application was made.
- Students whose applications for Sixth Form remain unsuccessful but still meet the academic criteria set will be placed on a 'reserve list' for the first two weeks of the academic year. If any further places become available, they will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria set out in these arrangements.
- Individual Advice and Guidance consultations, will be held for each student applying to Sixth Form in order to offer the best advice in respect of his/her selection of AS levels. Alternative post-16 pathways, which are available locally and may be more suitable, may be advised.
- There is an expectation that all students will have demonstrated **good attendance (typically 95%) and high motivation** in Year 11 and that they are capable of achieving a successful outcome.
- All students must have demonstrated a good level of conduct in year 11.
- Students will be notified by post of the outcome of their application, at the latest by the end of March.

Subject Entrance Criteria

Please be advised that students should have achieved the entry criteria of at least 5 GCSE passes at grade 9 - 5 and preferably grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study.

Please note that these grade passes will only be accepted from GCSE and equivalent qualifications. In addition, students should be able to meet the subject entry criteria, as detailed below. The entry criteria are stated alongside each subject.

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| Biology | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology or GCSE Additional and Core Science |
| Business Studies | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Business Studies and a high standard of GCSE English and Maths (usually grade 5 or above in both subjects) |
| Chemistry | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry or Additional and Core Science Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics. |
| Drama & Theatre Studies | Grade 5 or above in GCSE Drama and English Language or English Literature |
| D&T: Product Design | Grade 6 or above in GCSE PD/RM |
| English Language | Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Language |
| English Literature | Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Literature |
| Geography | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Geography |
| History | Grade 6 GCSE History |
| Computing | Grade 6 or above at GCSE in English / Mathematics and Computing |
| Mathematics | Grade 6/7 or above in GCSE Mathematics |
| Media Studies | Grade 5 at GCSE in English Language |
| Physical Education | Grade 5 or above in GCSE Physical Education and Other interested students will be considered on merit. Must take part in sport outside of school |
| Physics | (It is desirable but not essential for students to also study A Level Mathematics alongside this subject) Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or GCSE Additional and Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics |
| Psychology | Grade 6 in GCSE Additional and Core Science or Grade 5 in GCSE Biology. Grade 6 in GCSE Maths Other interested students will be considered on merit. |
| Sociology | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language |
| Textiles | Grade B/5 in GCSE Textiles or Art |

Transition from year 12-13

All students will require an end of year 12 transition interview to determine if they have met the entrance requirements to continue studying at HG Sixth Form in Year 13.

This will depend on:

- () A level Mock exam results (no U grades)
- () Attendance above 95%
- () Attending most Sixth Form extra-curricular activities / PSHE / Form time
- () No behaviour concerns
- () Passing GCSE English and Maths where relevant

Students that don't meet the entrance requirements into year 13 will be offered support in finding an appropriate pathway.