



Sixth Form Admissions Policy

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Aims:

Our school motto is 'Excellence: for each, for all' and this encapsulates our values and ethos. It is a school where every single individual matters and this extends into our Sixth Form.

We strive to personalise a young person's education, putting them at the centre of their own learning, to ensure that each student achieves his or her full potential enjoying an education that focuses on their own individual skills, strengths and aptitudes. Each student has a voice here – it is their school and their education. Yet each student is also part of a community, locally, nationally and globally.

We want our students to become outstanding citizens and contribute greatly to the society in which they live and our Sixth Form provides them with a nurturing and challenging environment in which they can thrive.

Admissions Criteria

Students will be admitted into the Sixth Form at age 16 or 17 where the school agrees it is able to offer and resource, for the student, a two year programme of study from which he or she will benefit.

Key Stage 5 courses chosen by students and their GCSE results will be discussed individually with each student and their parent or guardian prior to a place being confirmed at the commencement of the relevant academic year. This formal interview will determine whether a provisional place is offered to the students.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a Sixth Form Expectations contract prior to admission and must meet stated entry requirements.

Entry requirements:

- All students must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs including Maths and English Language at Grade 5 or higher to complete A Level courses.
- All students must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs including Maths and English Language at Grade 4 or higher to complete other level 3 courses.
- To study a particular course a student must have attained a grade 5 or better in that subject or in English Language if that subject wasn't studied at GCSE.
- In addition students must meet any specific subject requirements as published in the Sixth Form Prospectus available from the school.
- Students must have an excellent attendance and behaviour record.
- All applications must be submitted by the end of the Autumn term to the Director of Sixth Form.

Oversubscription criteria:

Offers will be made according to places available in the relevant teaching groups. Where this does not provide sufficient differentiation between students for the final places preference will be given:

1. To a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. To students who previously attended Thomas Gainsborough School and made a first choice application to the sixth form by the specified application deadline.
3. To students with siblings already in the school or sixth form at the time of admission who made a first choice application to the sixth form by the specified application deadline.
4. To the student(s) who live(s) closest to the school who made a first choice application to the sixth form by the specified application deadline. Priority will be determined by straight-line distance from home to school, those living closest being given highest priority.

For applicants not awarded a place as a result of the above they may appeal to an Appeals Panel of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust.

A waiting list (if required) will be maintained by the school for each year cohort up until 31st December of the year of admission.