



Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2026/27

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Skinner's Academy will offer a range of courses at Key Stage 5, comprising both A Levels and vocational courses. There is an opportunity to retake Maths and English GCSE qualifications alongside an applied vocational qualification.

There is an academic entry requirement for admission to sixth form courses which applies to all students, whether internal or external. Places will be allocated according to the availability of courses which best suit the applicant's preferences and the effective use of staff resources.

The academy operates a sixth form for a total of 250 students. 125 places overall will be available in year 12 (the year 12 'capacity').

Whilst the admission number for external students is 15, if fewer than 110 of the academy's own year 11 pupils transfer into year 12, additional external students will be admitted until year 12 meets its capacity of 125.

The maximum course sizes are as follows:

- A level (20 students)
- Level 3 Applied Courses (25 students)
- GCSE Retake Classes (30 students)

Generic entry requirement

- There must be suitable courses available for the applicant
- Students must be under 19 years of age on the first day of term for the ensuing academic year, must be British citizens or have other legitimate residential status in the UK which confers the right to education at public expense.
- External students cannot be admitted if they have completed two years of sixth form education at another institution.

Pathway Specific Entry Requirements

Course/Pathway	Entry Requirements	Additional Requirements
Academic Pathway A Level Qualifications	5 GCSEs at grade 5+ including Maths and English Language GCSEs	See website and prospectus for specific entry requirements for each A Level subject. Usually, a grade 6 or above in the subjects to be studied. Music also requires grade 5 or above in an instrument.
Mixed Offer/ Vocational Pathway Level 3 Applied Courses (e.g. BTECs) and/or one or two A Levels	5 GCSEs/ L2 BTECs at grade 4/equivalent pass or above including grade 4s and above in Maths and English Language GCSEs	If a student applies for a mixture of A Levels and BTECs, the appropriate entry requirement will apply to each individual course. See website and prospectus for specific entry requirements for each A Level / vocational subject.
Vocational Pathway with GCSE Retake opportunity Level 3 Applied courses alongside retake(s) in Maths or English Language GCSEs	4 GCSEs/ L2 BTECs at grade 4/equivalent pass or above. Minimum of a grade 4 to have been achieved in each of Maths and English Language at the end of year 11	See website and prospectus for specific entry requirements for each vocational subject.
Vocational Pathway with GCSE Retake opportunity Level 2 Applied courses alongside retake(s) in Maths or English Language GCSEs	3 GCSEs/ L2 BTECs at grade 4/equivalent pass or above. Minimum of a grade 3 to have been achieved in Maths and a grade 4 in English Language (or vice versa) at the end of year 11	See website and prospectus for specific entry requirements for each vocational subject.
*If the Academy is offering a Level 1 Pathway then the following Entry Requirements shall apply: -		
*Vocational Pathway with GCSE Retake opportunity Level 1 Applied courses alongside retake(s) in Maths or English Language GCSEs	2 GCSEs/ L2 BTECs at grade 4/equivalent pass or above. Minimum of a grade 3 to have been achieved in each of Maths and English Language at the end of year 11	See website and prospectus for specific entry requirements for each vocational subject.

External Applications

Applications are welcome from external students who have not previously studied at Skinners' Academy. The same entry requirements apply to all applicants. External applicants will be invited to visit the Academy and to discuss their options with senior staff.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of the Sixth Form, or a specific course being over-subscribed, after the admissions criteria outlined above have been met (and the admission of students with an EHCP where Skinners' Academy is named on the EHCP) the following over-subscription criteria will apply:

Students who were on roll at Skinners' Academy in Year 11

Subsequent to this, the Academy's usual over-subscription criteria (as set out in the main part of this policy) will apply, which is summarised as follows:

- Looked after children (including all categories)
- Pupils with a sibling currently attending the Academy
- Pupils with an acute medical or social need
- Pupils whose parent is a full-time member of staff
- Pupils who live nearest to the Academy using a straight-line measurement from the main entrance to the Academy.

