



Sixth Form
Admissions
Policy
2023/24

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SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023/24

Skinners' 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. Where possible, the Academy will adhere to a class size of 18 students for a non-practical subject, and 16 for a practical subject.

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 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.

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.

The published admission number for external candidates is 15. *(This can be exceeded if space and option blocking permits.)*

Oversubscription Criteria

When the sixth form is oversubscribed by students who fulfil the above requirements, the Academy's usual oversubscription criteria will apply; please see our main admissions policy for more detailed explanations. In summary, the criteria are as follows:

Students with EHC plans naming the Academy

- Looked after children
- 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.