

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2021/22

Skinner's Academy will offer a range of courses at Key Stage 5, comprising both A Levels and vocational courses. 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

- Each successful applicant must attain a minimum of a grade 5 in at least 5 GCSE subjects, including English and mathematics
- 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.

Course-specific entry requirements

A Levels: a student must attain at least a grade 6 at GCSE in each of the subjects to be studied in the sixth form (a grade 7 will be required for entry to mathematics, biology, physics and chemistry). Where a student chooses a new course in the sixth form, a grade 6 or above at GCSE will be required in a related subject. Please also note that individual subjects may also have specific entry requirements, eg music will require a student to have reached at least grade 5 on an instrument.

BTECs: a student must attain at least a grade 5 at GCSE in each of the subjects to be studied in the sixth form. Where a student chooses a new course in the sixth form, a grade 5 or above at GCSE will be required in a related subject.

If a student applies for a mixture of A Levels and BTECs, the appropriate entry requirement will apply to each individual course.

External Applications

Applications are welcome from external students who have not previously studied at Skinner's 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.