

## Proposed Sixth Form Admission Arrangements for 2020/2021

The School is required to hold a public consultation on any changes to its admissions policies by the end of January the year before the year of entry in question.

For Sixth Form admissions, the School must change its policy on admissions for 2020 entry, as the current policy was written for a school which recruited all of its students externally. In 2020, the School's own Year 11 students will flow through into Year 12 for the first time.

Therefore, the revised policy seeks to address this need, by setting a provisional admissions number for Year 12 of 50 – the total number of external places which would be available if every child in Year 11 progressed to the Sixth Form and if the School recruited to 200. This number is provisional and can be amended up and down, dependent on how many internal candidates want to remain in the Sixth Form, and obtain the necessary grades.

The School must set the same academic requirements for internal and external candidates but can continue to use over-subscription criteria if it is over-subscribed for the external places it has available. The policy does not need to make provision for giving internal candidates priority, as internal applicants to the Sixth Form are automatically given a place in Year 12, if they achieve the academic requirements and want to remain at the School.

The revised policy also seeks to address some discrepancies in the current entry requirements, which stem from uncertainty around the new GCSE grading system in its first year. The School's senior leadership team has proposed that requiring five GCSEs at grade 6 or above, grade 6 in the subjects the student wishes to study at A-level and grade 5 or above in English and mathematics will better prepare students for the rigours of A-level courses than the current grade 5 and 4s which are required. The over-subscription criteria also reflects this, with a 7 in subjects to be studied at A-level being required.