

# Sixth Form Admissions Policy for entry from September 2017

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The Academy is a local community school and will consider all applications from parents/carers who wish to send their children to this school.

Northampton Academy will continue to operate an open access policy, however the sixth form will specialise in advanced course provision and selected one-year courses. We will endeavour to offer the best advice and guidance to prospective students regarding the suitability of courses to meet their needs and to ensure their success in the sixth form.

## **The Admissions criteria are:**

### **1. GCSE performance**

The criteria for entry to the Academy Sixth Form will be a minimum of 5 GCSE qualifications at C grade or above. These 5 qualifications must include English and Mathematics at grades A\*- C. Furthermore, students will need to meet the specified entry requirements for each individual subject/course as specified in the sixth form prospectus. For Advanced level, this is a minimum of a B grade in that subject at GCSE or, in the case of subjects not previously studied, in a related discipline. The entry criteria apply equally to internal and external applications.

### **2. An appropriate course is on offer**

We cannot offer **all** subject combinations. By 'appropriate course' we mean that we are both able to offer the combination of subjects the student wishes to study and the student has met the subject specific entry requirements as specified in the sixth form prospectus.

## **Internal Students**

All internal students who meet the above criteria will be offered a place in the sixth form.

## **External Students**

The school admits students who are studying elsewhere in Year 11. Admission Number: 20

If the number of external applicants does not exceed the Admissions Number, all external applicants who meet the admission criteria will be admitted.

If there are more than 20 applicants, then the oversubscription criteria for external students will be applied. External applicants to the Academy will need to complete a supplementary form and provide the following evidence:

- Proof of date of birth
- Proof of address

## **Oversubscription Criteria:** (for external students only)

The criteria for oversubscription will be applied in the following order until all 20 places have been allocated:

1. Students who are in the care of the Local Authority (looked after children) or previously looked after children. They must meet the academic entry criteria.
2. Other students.

## **Tiebreaker – Distance to the door**

If the Academy receives more applicants than there are places, priority will be given to those living nearest to the Academy.

The distance that determines how close the child lives to the Academy is the shortest straight-line distance, as the crow flies, between the entrance to the child's permanent address and the entrance

door to the Academy main building. The distance is measured in kilometres to four decimal places, using dataMAP SMART Education GISD software or equivalent. In the event of two or more distances being the same, random allocation will be used to decide the priority given to each application.

The student's permanent address is where he or she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from on the majority of school nights (Sunday – Thursday). Proof of residence can be requested at any time throughout the admissions process. If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the Academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn and the application cancelled.

Applicants not offered a place are sent details of the Independent Appeals procedure and can ask to be placed on the School's Waiting List. Applicants are offered a place from the waiting list in order of their ranking on the list up until the end of the summer term preceding Year 12 entry.

All students interested in a place in the Academy Sixth Form should apply by the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Applications received after the 16<sup>th</sup> of January will be deemed as late. All late applications will be dealt with once all the 'on time' applications have been processed.

### **Progression into Year 13**

Places in the sixth form in Year 13 will be allocated to all students who successfully complete Y12 courses. However, progression once a course is started is not guaranteed unless a minimum standard is maintained throughout its duration.

Progression criteria;

1. Any student who has a poor record of punctuality, attendance or behaviour may not be allowed to continue into year 13.
2. Any student whose performance, following formal assessments, is not in line with his or her target grades will have his/her progression in the sixth form called into question.