

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY

Application to Hampstead Sixth Form is open to all students who meet the specified entry criteria for the courses they wish to study. The Sixth Form has a total capacity of 300, divided between Years 12 and 13. Approximately 130 Year 12 places are reserved for students who attended Hampstead School in Year 11 and meet the entry requirements. In addition 20 Year 12 places are available to external applicants who meet the entry requirements.

Entry requirements

To study Level 2 courses you will need:

- Four D grades at GCSE level or
- Three D grades at GCSE level and one Merit grade or above from a BTEC course

To study Level 3 courses:

You may need GCSE grades A* - B or GCSE grades 9 - 6 in the subjects you intend to study at AS level. Where this is the case, pupils who achieve no lower than a grade C or a grade 5 may be offered a place **only where a course is not full.** Exceptions include Further Maths which requires a grade 9 or 8 in GCSE Mathematics. Priority for A Level Mathematics will be in the following order:

Pupils who have a grade 6 or greater in GCSE Maths and have passed the Entry Examination.

Pupils who have a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

Pupils who have a grade 5 from taking the higher paper Maths examinations and have passed the Entrance Examination.

Pupils who have a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

BTEC Level entry requirements

To study a Level 3 BTEC course you will need:

• Three GCSE A* - C grades* plus GCSE English Language and Maths grades 9 - 5

* One or two of the GCSE A* - C grades mentioned above can be replaced by BTEC Merit grades

AS Level entry requirements

To study 3 AS level courses you will need:

• Three GCSE A* - C grades* and GCSE English Language and Maths grades 9 - 5

* One or two of the GCSE A* - C grades mentioned above can be replaced by BTEC Merit grades

To study 4 AS level courses you will need:

• Four GCSE A* - C grades** and GCSE English Language and Maths grades 9 - 5

** One of the GCSE A* - C grades mentioned above can be replaced by a BTEC Merit grade

Process of application

The Sixth Form prospectus will be published and made available at our Sixth Form Open Evening in November 2016.

Application forms should be submitted by Thursday 15 December 2016. Following this, applicants will be invited to a post-16 advice and guidance meeting with a member of the sixth form team to discuss their choices and entrance to Hampstead School Sixth Form.

A conditional offer subject to Level 2 BTEC and GCSE results will be made.

Applicants who apply after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if suitable places become available in accordance with the oversubscription criteria outlined below.

Year 12 enrolment will take place on the same day as the GCSE results are published in August 2017. It is important that all applicants attend in person to secure their place in the Sixth Form.

Whilst we make every effort to offer applicants their preferred choice of subjects, this is not always possible due to constraints of classroom accommodation or staffing availability. We also reserve the right to withdraw courses that fail to recruit in sufficient numbers.

To progress into Year 13 a student who achieves an E or less in their Year 12 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) will be entered into the AS examination for that subject in the summer. A student will need 3 D grades to progress to Year 13. This may come from a combination of PPEs and actual examination grades. BTEC Level 3 students will have successfully completed all Year 12 units of work for their BTEC courses to be able to continue.

Oversubscription criteria:

Priority will be given in the following order to:

- Applicants who are a looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- Applicants who attended Hampstead School in Year 11 and meet the entry requirements.
- Applicants with a sibling on roll at the start of the new academic year.
- Applicants who are judged to have an exceptional medical or social need that has a clear link between the exceptional need and the school. Parent/Carers will need to submit a case supported by appropriate professional evidence from a doctor, social worker or similar professional. That evidence will need to support the link between the needs of the applicant and the school.
- The applicant's home address in proximity to the school.