

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2018 – UK and EU Students

To ensure that the quality of provision for the students is maintained, the Governors have adopted the following admissions policy. They wish to re-affirm the College's Mission to serve the local community and the surrounding area as a distinguished provider of education of the highest quality for the 16-19 sector. Within a framework of equality and diversity the College encourages students of all abilities regardless of race and gender and welcomes applications from students with disabilities. Applicants should note that each course has its own specific entry criteria as stated in the Course Guide on the website.

Applications

Using the following criteria, applicants will be offered a firm place (dependent on meeting course requirements) or may not be offered a place.

Applicants in the following categories are likely to be offered an interview:

- **Previous school:** those attending one of the College's north-east Hampshire partner schools or a link school (certain other 11-16 schools within 10 miles of the College);
- **Young people in care;**
- **Children of staff and governors;**
- **Music scholars** who pass the audition and subsequent interview;
- **Hampshire residents for whom the College is the nearest state-funded provider.**

In recent years, the College has been able to offer appropriate programmes of study to places to the vast majority of those wishing to study here. However, in the event that the College receives more applications than it can offer places, a pool system will operate from which a computer-generated selection will be made.

There will be reserve places for applicants with exceptional circumstances, such as Army transfers. On-line applications are preferred: the electronic Application Form can be found on the College website where there is a facility for monitoring the progress of an application. The College will send a Reference Form to the referee for completion prior to interviews.

Applications from partner and non-partner schools are both welcome. The on-line application process will be open from **20 October** (9.00 am); to guarantee an early interview, pupils in partner and non-partner schools must apply by **5 November 2017**.

Interviews

All applicants will be informed whether they are to be offered an interview in due course by email. Interviews will be held from December to April.

Offers of places and confirmation of acceptance

The College will endeavour to give all successful applicants an offer of a place **as soon as possible** after interview. Within 14 days of the offer being made, applicants must confirm their acceptance firmly or decline the offer. We will consider applicants who have not converted their provisional acceptances to firm by **25 April 2018** to have declined their offer.

Foreign Qualifications

Applicants who have studied or are currently studying abroad will be required to apply and pay for a statement of comparability through NARIC before they can be offered a place.

Residency Status

Applicants who have not lived in the UK for at least three years preceding College enrolment will be required to provide evidence of eligibility for a free state education before they can be offered a place. This will ordinarily be the applicant's passport with valid visa.