

Admissions Policy 2021

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To ensure that the quality of provision for the students is maintained, the College have adopted the following Admissions Policy. We 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 'Courses' section on the College website.

Applications

Using the following criteria, applicants will be offered a 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 Partner Schools;
- **Young people in care;**
- **Children of staff, councillors and trustees;**
- **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 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. Details of this will be published on the College website if required.

There will be reserve places for applicants with exceptional circumstances, such as the Armed Forces. Online applications are preferred: the online 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 online application process will be open from **Friday 23 October 2020**; to guarantee an early interview, applicants in Partner and non-Partner schools must apply by **Sunday 8 November 2020**. **Applications will close on Sunday 24 January 2021**.

Interviews

All applicants will be informed whether they are to be offered an interview in due course through their online application and by email. Interviews will be held from December 2020 to March 2021.

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 or decline the offer. We will consider applicants who have not responded by **Monday 12 April 2021** to have declined their offer.

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 funded education before they can be offered a place. This will ordinarily be the applicant's passport with valid visa.

Foreign Qualifications

Applicants who have studied or are currently studying abroad will be required to apply and pay for a statement of comparability through UK ENIC.