

Admissions Policy 2022

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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;**
- **Eligible for 16-19 state funded education, as outlined in the funding regulations:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-funding-regulations-for-post-16-provision>

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 and those moving into the area. Applications are submitted online through the College website. There is a facility for monitoring the progress of an application online. 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 **Monday 25 October 2021**; applicants in Partner and non-Partner schools should apply by **Monday 8 November 2021**. Applications received after this date may still be considered, however, the **applications system will close on Monday 24 January 2022**.

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 November 2021 to March 2022.

Interviews for applicants who are living overseas or out of the area will take place after moving into the area.

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 the 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 11 April 2022 at 09:00** to have declined their offer.

Foreign Qualifications

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