

THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

POST 16 ADMISSIONS POLICY

Transfer from Year 11

Existing Year 11 students at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form wishing to remain at school beyond Year 11 into the sixth form will be able to do so providing they meet the minimum entry qualifications as set out below:

For A level courses:

5 grade 4 GCSE grades, in particular for the course they have chosen if applicable, or if the ALPS target grades suggest that they are capable of passing their chosen qualification.

Year 12 entry

Students attending other schools in Year 11 are able to apply for places in Year 12 at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form. All applicants wishing to join the school for the first time in Year 12 are subject to the same entry qualifications as those set out above for existing pupils.

The Governing Body of the school will, under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, admit to the school a young person with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to young people who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued and which has taken account of the Year 12 entry requirements.

If, following the admission of young people where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN), the number of applications to join the school for the first time exceeds the published admission number and further places cannot be provided, then the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	Notes:
Priority Group 1: Young people in Public Care for whom an application has been submitted. Young people previously in Public Care for whom an application has been submitted.	This applies to all looked-after young people, including those who are in the care of another local authority. This applies to all previously looked-after young people, including those who are in the care of another local authority.
Priority Group 2: Young people who will have a sibling on the school roll in the previous academic year.	Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
Priority Group 3: All other young people.	

Young people in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups.

Tie break:

If there are not enough places for all the young people in one of these priority groups, we will give priority to those students living in The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form catchment area.

Admission process

Students apply using the application form at the back of the Post 16 prospectus by the end of January. Students indicate their preferred subject choices and levels. Students from schools other than The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form are asked to provide their predicted GCSE grades and a contact for their current or previous school.

All applicants are invited to a meeting in March to discuss their application. The purpose of this discussion is to ensure that students understand what they have applied for, the entry level requirements and provide advice on their choices.

After the meetings have taken place, letters confirming student acceptance will be sent out confirming their choices. Students are expected to return a reply slip indicating that they accept their place.

An introductory day is offered to all applicants in July to experience Post 16 lessons prior to starting in September.

On the first day of term, new Year 12 students have an induction day to help them settle into Post 16 life. Students coming from other schools will have to bring in confirmation of their results.

Any applicant refused a place in Year 12 is entitled to make an appeal to an independent appeal panel, whether the child is already attending the school or is an external candidate.'

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