

Admissions Policy

The proposed admissions policy has been carefully developed in-line with the vision for the School. Admission into Year 7 will be comprehensive and academically non-selective whilst Sixth Form will be selective based on GCSE results to ensure that pupils are capable of studying in an academically-focused environment.

We have taken on-board feedback received from the admissions consultation and made some amendments to the policy, including making it easier to read and understand. In terms of external Sixth Form admissions, to make sure that opportunities to attend are provided for a wide range of pupils across the city and to attract and recruit a diverse pupil population. The policy has been amended and the nodal points have been removed for Sixth Form. Instead, once applicants have reached the required academic criteria, in the case of over-subscription, Looked After Children/ Previously Looked after Children and applicants with statements of Special Education Needs naming the School will receive priority, followed by pupils eligible for pupil premium (including service premium), and then random allocation.

You can read more about the [consultation findings \(PDF - 701KB\) \(/Documents/university/university-school-consultation-report.pdf\)](#) and the response by the [University of Birmingham School \(PDF - 212KB\) \(/Documents/university/school/response-consultation.pdf\)](#).

You can read key aspects of the policy below or download the [full admissions policy \(PDF - 196KB\) \(/Documents/university/school/admissions-policy.pdf\)](#)

Principles

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In considering our admissions policy, we have been guided by a number of principles.

- The University of Birmingham School should be a truly comprehensive school, with students reflecting a range of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds and a range of previous academic achievement at years 7-11. Achieving an appropriate balance of backgrounds will be an important part of the admissions policy. We expect to have students with Special Educational Needs as an integral part of our learning community.
- The University of Birmingham School will seek to attract students from across the city and metropolitan region. We seek to serve this region and not just the immediate local community for several reasons: first, this approach will facilitate the recruitment of a diverse student population; second, it will enable the School to be part of the solution to under-capacity in Birmingham; and third, it will avoid having a disproportionate impact on the secondary schools which happen to be located near the School.
- There will be some populations that will be easy to reach, and there will be some populations that will be difficult to reach for various valid reasons. The admissions policy will be accompanied by a programme of outreach, particularly targeted on the more difficult-to-reach populations.
- No child should be barred from attending the school because they cannot afford the transport costs.
- In terms of entry in year 7, siblings will receive preference, because it is important to us that the school is a community, and having family groups contributes to that community feel and strengthens the parents' and families' commitment to the school.
- The Sixth Form will have academic criteria to ensure that the students are able to manage the level of academic rigour that will characterise the University Sixth Form.

Key aspects of the University of Birmingham School's admissions policy

Year 7



For 2015/16, the University of Birmingham School has an agreed Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 150 for admission into year 7.

The School will be part of the Birmingham City Council's co-ordinated arrangements which requires all parents to complete a common application form (CAF) provided by their own local authority.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the over-subscription criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with either an Education, Health and Care Plan or statement of Special Educational Needs naming the University of Birmingham School, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- a) Looked-after children and children who were previously looked-after
- b) Siblings of students currently attending the University of Birmingham School and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. This does not include siblings who were external entrants to the Sixth Form
- c) Distance between applicant's home address and the nodal points set out below. Distance will be calculated according to a straight line measurement between the applicant's home and the main entrance of the node (as the crow flies). In the event that a tie break situation occurs for the distance criteria, a random allocation tie break will be used (the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place).

The nodes selected are:

- The University of Birmingham School site (B29 6QW)
- Hall Green Rail Station (B28 8AA)
- Small Heath Station (B10 0DP)
- Jewellery Quarter Station (B18 6LE)

The following proportion of places will be allocated to each node:

- The University of Birmingham School site (B29 6QW) - 50.0% (up to 75 pupils)
- Hall Green Rail Station (B28 8AA) - 16.7% (up to 25 pupils)
- Small Heath Station (B10 0DP) - 16.7% (up to 25 pupils)
- Jewellery Quarter Station (B18 6LE) - 16.7% (up to 25 pupils)

Year 12



For 2015/16, the University of Birmingham School has a Published Admissions Number (PAN) for entry in year 12 of 140 pupils.

The University of Birmingham School will admit any pupils with either an Education, Health and Care Plan or a statement of Special Educational Needs naming the University of Birmingham School and who meets the minimum academic entry requirements.

To be eligible for entry into the Sixth Form both internal and external pupils will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements for the Sixth Form. These are:

- Pupils will have at least 5 GCSEs at Grade B or above.
- Pupils will have at least a Grade C at GCSE in English and Maths.

In order to follow their chosen AS/ A-level course, pupils will be expected to have obtained at least a Grade B at GCSE in the subjects (or associated subjects) that they select to study. Grade requirements for each AS/A-level course will be set out in the prospectus which will be published on the School's website and available in paper format and via email. If the pupil has not met the requirements for their chosen course, they will be offered subjects for which they have achieved the requirements. If the School cannot offer them a place because of lack of capacity or timetabling issues, then the applicant will be offered alternative subjects for which they have achieved the requirements and which can be timetabled.

When there are more external applicants that satisfy any academic entry requirements, after the admission of pupils with either an Education, Health and Care plan or statement of Special Educational Needs naming the University of Birmingham School, priority will be given to applicants in the following order:

- a) Looked-after children or children who were previously looked-after
- b) Children eligible for the Pupil Premium

In the event of two or more applications that cannot otherwise be separated, the School will use random allocation as a tie-break.

An application form for external applicants can be obtained from the School via the website. Applications can be submitted from 1st October 2014.

The closing date for Sixth Form applications will be 30th January 2015. Applications received after this date will only be considered once applications have been processed for those applying within the prescribed timescale.

Sixth Form information events for parents and prospective pupils will be organised for autumn 2014 and communicated via the School's website.

Waiting list



If the School is oversubscribed in any year group, names of all unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The list will operate in accordance with the oversubscription criteria defined above and will operate until the end of the school year. This will be maintained by the School and following an unsuccessful application, the applicant will be informed if they have been placed on the waiting list.

Appeals



The University of Birmingham School shall ensure that parents and relevant children will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the University of Birmingham School. The arrangements for appeals will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

The University of Birmingham School shall prepare guidance for parents and relevant children about how the appeals process will work and provide them with a named contact who can answer any enquiries they may have about the process.

The full admissions policy- including definitions of the criteria - is also [available to download \(PDF - 196KB\) \(/Documents/university/school/admissions-policy.pdf\)](#)