



Entry to Year 13

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Allocation of Course Places

Where the minimum entry requirement for a course is listed as a B grade:

Places will be allocated as follows:

- 1st allocation: Those who have met the entry requirement and applied to study the course by the initial deadline for application forms to be submitted.
- 2nd allocation: Those who have met the entry requirement.

- 3rd allocation: Those who achieved a C grade and have been deemed suitable by departmental staff based on prior attainment, aptitude and work ethic and applied to study the course by the application deadline.
- 4th allocation: Those who achieved a C grade and have been deemed suitable by departmental staff based on prior attainment, aptitude and work ethic.

Where the minimum entry requirement is a C grade:

Places will be allocated as follows:

- 1st allocation: Those who have met the entry requirement and applied to study the course by the initial deadline for application forms to be submitted.
- 2nd allocation: Those who have met the entry requirement.

In cases where courses are oversubscribed even when the above priorities are taken into account, decisions will be made by taking prior performance, aptitude and work ethic into account.

External Applicants

Each year we receive a sizeable number of applications from students at other schools. Please note that:

- We only accept applicants into their age-appropriate year from the start of year 12
- The admission requirements and details listed on the previous page apply to all students.
- Not all students who apply will be offered an interview.
- Not all students who are interviewed will be offered a place.
- The initial application form is a key indicator for it will signal your target/potential grade potential. Any accompanying documents – interim/full reports will provide us with additional knowledge of your study background.
- If no documentation is initially available, we will contact you to provide such information.
- Decisions at this point will be made as to whether you receive a letter of offer to interview or not.
- Interview candidates will be called to school for a 20-minute discussion and the opportunity to visit the sixth form site.
- The interviewer will assess you and make a recommendation to the governing body as to whether or not an offer can be made. You will then be informed by letter of the governors' decision.

Care Experienced Children

Children who have experienced being in care who fail to meet the entry requirements and wish to apply will be offered an interview to discuss suitability for further study at level 3.

Extenuating Circumstances

In cases where parents/carers believe there to be extenuating circumstance, a letter (of no more than two sides of A4) providing details should be sent with the application to the Admissions Officer, Whitchurch High School - Email: whs@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk for the attention of the Chair of Governors providing details. These will be considered by the Admissions Sub-Committee of the Governing Body.

Appeals

If you wish to appeal against a decision, a letter (no more than two sides of A4) should be sent to the Admissions Officer, Whitchurch High School - Email: whs@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk for the attention of the Chair of Governors providing details. The admissions sub-committee of the governing body will meet to consider appeals in the first week of the Autumn term. This will allow for students to be clear about their learning pathways at the earliest possible opportunity at the start of the academic year.

Further Information

Further details on the expectations of sixth form students with regard to their conduct, participation and curriculum opportunities with frequently asked questions can be found on the school's website. The terms and conditions of the student contract must be agreed to and adhered to by all students whilst at WHS Sixth Form.

Admission requirements for courses offered:

This is updated to reflect current school guidelines and includes information on the availability of courses. This is subject to change each year, depending on the numbers of students selecting and becoming eligible to follow courses.

TABLE A: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSES OFFERED AT WHITCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

SUBJECT	Minimum Entry Requirement	SUBJECT	Minimum Entry Requirement
Art & Design	C grade in GCSE Art & Design*	English Literature	BB grades in GCSE English Language and Literature*
Biology	B grade in GCSE Biology (triple science-higher paper) or BB (double science-higher paper) and BB grades in GCSE Numeracy and Mathematics and B grade GCSE English Language*	Extended Project	No specific requirement for prior learning, however it is recommended that you achieve an A grade in the subject that relates to the topic you base your project on*
Business Studies	If GCSE Business studied, then B grade in Business Studies and C grade in GCSE Maths and C grade in English Language. If GCSE Business has not been previously studied, a B in English Language and a C in Maths is required *	Financial Studies	C grade in GCSE Numeracy or GCSE Mathematics or GCSE English Language*
Chemistry	B grade in GCSE Chemistry (triple science-higher paper) or BB (double science-higher paper) and BB grades in GCSE Numeracy and Mathematics*	French	B grade in GCSE French*
Computer Science	B grade in GCSE computer science*	Further Mathematics	AA grades in GCSE Numeracy and Mathematics
Criminology	C grade in GCSE English*	Geography	B grade in GCSE Geography*
Design and Technology	B grade in a GCSE Technology based subject*	Geology	B grade in GCSE Geology (if studied) or BB grades GCSE Core Science and C grade in GCSE Numeracy or Mathematics*
Drama and Theatre Studies	B grade in GCSE Drama (if studied) or C grade in GCSE English Language*	German	B grade in GCSE German*
Economics	B grade in GCSE Mathematics and B grade in GCSE English language*	Government and Politics	B grade in GCSE History (if studied) or B grade in GCSE English Language*
Electronics	C grade in GCSE Electronics or B grade in a technology based subject*	History	B grade in GCSE History (if studied) or B grade in GCSE English Language*
English Language and Literature	BB grades in GCSE English Language and Literature*	Hospitality BTEC	No specific requirement for prior learning*

ICT	B grade in GCSE ICT (if studied) or B grade in GCSE English Language and B grade in GCSE Numeracy or Mathematics*	Psychology	C grade GCSE Psychology (if studied) and B grade in GCSE English Language and C grades in GCSE Numeracy/Mathematics and GCSE Science*
Law	B grade in GCSE English Language*	Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	B grade in GCSE Religious Studies or Philosophy & Ethics and B grade in GCSE English Language*
Mathematics	BB grades in GCSE Numeracy and Mathematics higher tier*	Sociology	C grade in GCSE Sociology (if studied) and C grade in GCSE English Language*
Media Studies	B grade in GCSE English Language or Literature*	Skills Challenge Certificate	No specific requirement for prior learning, however it is recommended that you achieve at least a C grade in Maths and English before commencing study*
Music	B grade in GCSE Music*	Skills Challenge Certificate – fast track option	6 A*-B grades at GCSE level*
Photography	C grade in GCSE Art and Design or GCSE Photography if studied*	Sport BTEC	C grade in GCSE Physical Education*
Physical Education	B grade in GCSE Physical Education*	Tourism	C grade in GCSE English Language or C grade in GCSE Geography*
Physics	B grade in GCSE Physics (higher paper) or BB grades (double science-higher paper) and BB grades in GCSE Numeracy and Mathematics*	Welsh (2nd language)	B grade in GCSE Welsh (short or full course)*
<p>* Grade B at GCSE is equivalent to a level 6 on the English scale Grade C at GCSE is equivalent to a level 5 on the English Scale</p>			

Subject Changes / Subject Starts

After commencing your studies in year 12 you will only be permitted to change to a different subject if the following criteria are met:

- You have made the request before the end of September, (starting a subject will not be permitted after this point).
- A parental letter has been received requesting the change.
- There is space in the incoming class.
- The Department leader of the incoming subject is confident that you can catch up on missed work when prior performance, aptitude, work ethic and attendance are taken into account.

GCSE Mathematics/Numeracy and English Language Resits

We recommend that any student who has failed to secure a C grade or better in a GCSE Maths qualification (Mathematics or Numeracy) or GCSE English Language, or both, should apply to re-sit the qualification/s. Assistance will be offered to the students regarding this at the start of the academic year

Declaration

Make sure that you have shared and discussed the content of this document with a parent/carer before you tick the box to confirm that you have read, understood and agreed to the admission requirements.