SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

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Internal students
The Buckingham School welcomes applications for entry to The Buckingham School Sixth Form from students who have attended the School in Year 11 and wish to transfer to the Sixth Form.

Internal students will be given priority for places if they meet the deadline for enrolment.

External Students
The School also accepts applications for entry to the Sixth Form from external candidates who attended another school or academy. The Planned Admission Number for Year 12 entry is 120; this figure refers the maximum number of students who will be enrolled as Year 12 students. Students who have studied abroad will be expected to have undertaken GCSE, iGCSE. Where neither qualification has been completed, equivalent qualifications will be considered and the SLT link for Sixth Form and Head of Sixth Form will recommend admission, subject to performance levels and suitability for entry to the Sixth Form. These recommendations will be predominantly based on guidance from UK ENIC regarding qualifications. Final approval will be granted by the Headteacher. Only in exceptional cases will any place be offered in Year 12 starting after October half-term, or at any time in Year 13, because of the nature of the A-level course.

Age
Students can only be in The Buckingham School Sixth Form until the end of the academic year in which they turn 19. All courses are two-year courses, so students will only be included in the application cycle if they will be 16 or 17 years of age on 1st September of the year they enter Sixth Form.

Late Applications
Students applying to join the Sixth Form after the deadline for applications should note that admission will be subject to entry requirements as shown below and availability of places on preferred courses. Students who applied before the deadline and have the entry requirements will be given priority.

The Application Process
Details of the application process will be included within the Sixth Form prospectus and on the School website. Students who do not attend interviews, accept their conditional offer by the deadline or attend induction will be withdrawn from the application cycle. If they still wish to attend The Buckingham School Sixth Form, they will need to wait until after all other enrolments have taken place.

Entry requirements for both internal and external applicants
Entry to the Sixth Form is subject to a student having achieved the appropriate grades for their intended route of study. Prospective students should refer to the Sixth Form Course Guide for individual subject requirements; individual subjects may be limited in the number of students they are able to accommodate.

Oversubscription regarding applications from all applicants
Students who qualify and have an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the School will be admitted prior to the application of these admission rules.

Should applications from suitably qualified students exceed the number of places available (for either individual courses or the Sixth Form in general), the following oversubscription criteria will be applied, in order:

1. Looked After Children (LAC) and all Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC)
2. Students who applied before the deadline and meet the entry requirements, who have attended The Buckingham School for their GCSEs
3. Students who applied before the deadline and meet the entry requirements, who did not attend The Buckingham School for their GCSEs

In the event of there being more applicants meeting one of the above criteria than remaining places available, the student's Attainment 8 score at GCSE will be the deciding factor – with students with higher Attainment 8 scores being offered places over those with lower Attainment 8 scores.

Definitions used within Oversubscription Criteria

A Looked After Child

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders) Children Act 2002.

A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by s.14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Previously Looked After Children

A Previously Looked After Child is a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority of the School to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order will be required. A letter from the Local Authority that last looked after the child confirming that he/she was looked after immediately prior to the order being made will also be required.

Checking Information

The Buckingham School reserves the right to make its own enquiries to verify any information supplied by the applicant. If, subsequently, the School finds that a place has been offered in reliance on information that was materially incorrect or misleading (e.g. the parental address or the applicant's date of birth) and the place would not have been offered if the information had been correct, the place may be withdrawn.

Right of Appeal

When an application is unsuccessful for either an internal or an external applicant there is an automatic right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal can be made either by the student or by the parent or jointly. In the event of both student and parent making an appeal for a place in the School's Sixth Form, the appeals will be heard at the same time and will be treated as a single appeal, as required under the School Admission Appeals Code. Information on appeals will be notified in writing to unsuccessful students and their parents.

The School will not hold a waiting list for the Sixth Form.