



Admission Arrangements

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Academy has an admission number of:

- a. 120 (South) and 120 (North) students in Year 7
- b. 20 Students in Year 12 (for students being admitted from outside the Academy).

The Academy will accordingly provide for the admission of this number of students each year if sufficient applications for entry are received. Where fewer applications than the published admission number for the relevant year groups is received, the Academy will offer places at the Academy to all those who have applied.

Process of Application

Arrangements for applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by the relevant local authority.

Oversubscription Criteria

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with EHC Plans or Statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the Statement (who will be allocated a place through a separate procedure, in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice), priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. 'Looked after children' or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Students who live in the linked area associated with the school:

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South Campus: Alderton, Cosgrove, Deanshanger, Furtho, Grafton Regis, Old Stratford, Passenham, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Pury End, Puxley, Wicken, Yardley Gobion, Heathencote

North Campus: Ashton, Blisworth, Collingtree, Hackleton, Hardingstone, Hartwell, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery, Roade, Shutlanger, Stoke Bruerne or Wootton Hall Park or Grange Park (from September 2013).

If the admission number is exceeded within this criterion, priority will be given to those who live furthest from the nearest alternative school.

3. A brother or sister living at the same address as the applicant (within a family unit) including adopted children, step-brothers, step-sisters and children in foster care.
4. Students attending the designated contributory primary schools and continuing in attendance until the final offer of places is made.

South Campus: Cosgrove, Deanshanger, John Hellins, Old Stratford, Paulerspury, Yardley Gobion

North Campus: Ashton, Blisworth, Collingtree, Hackleton, Hardingstone, Hartwell, Roade or Stoke Bruerne.

5. Other students.

Distance tiebreaker

If the admission number is exceeded within criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school using NCC's GIS distance measurements (by straight line).

Waiting List

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the LA's co-ordinated admission scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year.

These waiting lists will be maintained by Local Authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. The Academy will inform the Council of any such requests.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

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Arrangements for Admitting Students to the Sixth Form

The Academy operates a Sixth Form with a capacity for a total of 300 students. 150 places overall will be available in year 12 (the year 12 'capacity'). Pupils already on the Year 11 Academy roll are entitled to transfer to Year 12 if they meet the published standards of entry.

If less than 150 of the Academy's own Year 11 students transfer in the Year 12, additional external students will be admitted until the Year 12 meets its capacity of 150.

The Academy will apply the same academic entry requirements as it does to students already on roll in the Academy with the addition of a satisfactory reference from their current institution. If a tie-break is necessary to determine who is admitted, it will apply the oversubscription criteria above.

The Academy will publish, at the beginning of the academic year prior to admission (e.g. September 2011 for those seeking admission in September 2012), the specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. It will also publish academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. These criteria are the same for internal and any external applicants and will be published in its prospectus and on its website. Students failing to meet the grades for their preferred course option will be offered alternative courses if available.

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal students refused transfer and any external applicants refused admission.