

XP East Admissions Policy

School Background

XP EAST is a secondary mainstream 11-19 academy in Lakeside, Doncaster, situated next to XP, and is a member of the XP SCHOOL MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST.

We base our practice on the extremely successful schools of High Tech High, San Diego (www.hightechhigh.org) and Expeditionary Learning schools across the USA (www.elschools.org) and as such, offer an academically rigorous curriculum with deep, visceral learning experiences. There is a relentless focus on quality of work and character growth. As a result, our school culture is value-driven where students, staff and parents are expected to be courageous, respectful, committed to craftsmanship and quality, compassionate and to always show integrity.

We provide an authentically tough and rewarding education for everyone, so we do not segregate children by any measure, such as social class or academic ability and have a non-selective admissions policy. We do not select any students by gender, ability or any other selective criteria, including the distance a student lives from our school, or parental interview by panel. Our admissions policy reflects these aspirations.

XP EAST is committed to straightforward, open, fair and transparent admissions arrangement. The school acts fully in accordance with the School Admissions Code (as revised February 2012), the School Admissions Appeals Code and admissions law as they apply to academies.

XP EAST will open with Year 7 entry in September 2017, completing in September 2020 with Year 13 entry. Each Year has two forms of entry with 25 children in two classes, providing 50 places in each Year, to a total of 350 places across Years 7 to 13 in September 2020. This ensures we are able to deliver our highly personalised curriculum and assessment strategies.

Our classrooms are significantly smaller than traditional schools because of our deliberately small class sizes. Our class sizes are the specific size of 25 to enable us to deliver our unique curriculum based on Expeditionary Learning practices. The DfE have agreed to our vision and educational plan and have funded our school accommodation according to these limits. The specific size of our school is published on our website, our admissions policy and has been on almost all marketing literature issued by the school.

We intend our school to benefit Doncaster and its surrounding area so the catchment area of XP EAST is defined by the postcode boundaries of DN1-12 and S64.

We hold high expectations for all our stakeholders. Students are expected to be able to go to University if they so wish, staff pursue a high level of continual professional development, and parents are expected to attend and be involved in Celebrations of Learning, Student-led Conferences and Passage Presentations.

XP EAST is not a vocational school, and does not prepare students for specific trades. We believe our school presents a great offer of education to all children, and it is not tailored for or aimed at certain children with specific ways of learning.





Size of school and appeals

XP EAST is a deliberately sized school, which is key to delivering our highly personalised educational provision. As such, the design of the curriculum, staffing and accommodation to deliver our vision is centred around one thing; our size.

From the very beginning of our school, we have publicly, legally and financially defined the size of our school to have a total of 350 students when full, made up of 50 students in each year, with 25 students in each class.

Our admissions policy is the fairest we can legally have, based on random selection which is administered independently by our Local Authority.

XP EAST must therefore rigorously protect the integrity of our admissions process, and as the admissions appeal panel must not re-assess the capacity of our school, we do not accept any appeal on anything other than legal grounds, as we feel this would be in danger of reducing our fair non-selective process to an unfair and selective parental interview by panel.

Application Process

XP EAST is part of the local authority's co-ordinated arrangements. This requires parents to complete a common application form (CAF) which is provided by the local authority in which the applicant lives.

Full details of the application process are available in the local authority Secondary Admissions Booklet.

Inaccurate or false information on the form could result in the place being withdrawn.

We will operate in keeping with the local authority's Fair Access Protocol.

Published Admissions Number

XP EAST has an agreed Published Admissions Number of 50 for admission into year 7 and will admit up to this number each year.

All applicants will be admitted if fewer than 50 applications are received.

Special Educational Needs

Children with a statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) where XP EAST is named on the statement will be admitted to XP EAST.





Oversubscription criteria

Where the school receives more applications than it has places available, the criteria listed below will apply, after the admission of children with a statement of Special Educational Needs which names XP EAST, the oversubscription criteria will be:

1.

A 'looked after child' or a child who was 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.

Children of staff and governors where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

3.

Children with a sibling who is attending or has attended XP EAST or XP. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

4.

Children living within the designated catchment area of the school identified by random allocation. This process will be independently ran and verified by the local authority. Our catchment area is defined by postcodes DN1-12 and S64

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Applications for sixth form

This admissions policy will be the subject of consultation and review prior to admitting Year 12 pupils.

XP EAST will operate a sixth form for a maximum total of 100 pupils. 50 places overall will be available in Year 12 (the Year 12 'capacity'), with pupils being admitted to Year 12 in 2022.

If fewer than 50 of the school's own Year 11 pupils transfer into Year 12, additional external pupils will be admitted until Year 12 meets its capacity of 50.

There are a variety of sixth-form courses on offer each with different entry requirements. Full details of these will be published annually in the sixth-form prospectus and applicants should contact the school for information.

Admissions criteria

XP EAST will admit any pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs whose statement names XP EAST and who meet the minimum 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 course and its level of qualification:

These are:

For level 3 courses: 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE
For level 2 courses: 5+ A*-E grades at GCSE

In addition to the sixth form's minimum academic entry requirements, pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses the school offers for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements, providing these courses are not already full and oversubscribed. Course requirements are published annually on the school's website in the sixth-form prospectus.

When the sixth form is undersubscribed all applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements will be admitted.

When there are more external applicants that satisfy any academic entry requirements than the Published Admissions Number, priority will be given in the following order:

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Tie-break

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

Offers of places

All applications received after the deadline will be considered late applications. Late applicants will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants, the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Waiting List

If the school is oversubscribed, names of all unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The list will be kept for the eligible timespan of the school placement and will operate in accordance with the oversubscription criteria defined above.

Appeals

Parents who are dissatisfied with the school's decision not to admit their child(ren) may appeal to an independent appeals panel against that decision. The determination of the panel will be made in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code and will be binding on all parties.

XP EAST will use the independent appeals service provided by the local authority. Independent Appeals Panels are appointed in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appeals should be made in writing within 20 school days from the date of notification that the application was unsuccessful.

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