



# Rednock School

## SIXTH FORM ADMISSION POLICY 2015 / 2016

Rednock School has a highly successful Sixth Form and offers Advanced Subsidiary and Advance Level Courses in a wide range of subjects and a variety of other qualifications. In considering applications, the School's aim is to accept students onto courses on which they can be successful. Evidence for making this judgement has to be an appropriate level of prior academic achievement.

### METHOD OF APPLICATION

The Prospectus and Application Forms are published in Term 1 of the year preceding entry and are available to all.

They are specifically issued to Year 11 students who attend the Sixth Form Information Evening in November and visitors who attend our Sixth Form Open Day in February. They are also available on request from the School Office.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To begin an AS level course you will normally need a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A\* - C (or equivalent). In most cases it is desirable to have at least B grades in the subjects you wish to study at AS level.

To study Intermediate Level 2 Courses you will normally need a minimum of five GCSEs (or equivalent) with at least two at grade D.

### APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF REDNOCK SCHOOL

Each year a large number of students join our Sixth Form from other schools. Applications are welcomed from such students who wish to continue their studies at Rednock. The academic entry requirements for courses are identical for external applications as they are for internal applicants.

### ADMISSION NUMBERS

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 will be such that the total does not exceed 275; this includes the school's admission number for **external** applicants which will be **50**. If external applicants exceed this number the school will give priority to applications as follows:

1. Children in Public Care – '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 have attended this school as Year 11 students.
3. Siblings of students on roll at the school on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. (Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adopted brother or adopted sister, step brother or step sister or the child of the parent / carer's partner and, in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.)

4. Students who live in the priority catchment area ie the parishes of Dursley, Cam, Coaley, Uley, Stinchcombe, Owlpen, Nympsfield, Slimbridge, Alkington, Ham & Stone, Berkeley, Sharpness, North Nibley and Hinton & Hamfallow.
5. Applications which do not fall into the above criteria will be selected according to the proximity of the student's home address to the school. Where the number exceeds the school's capacity, students who are not offered places initially will have the opportunity to place their application on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained for at least two terms in the academic year of admission, i.e. until 20<sup>th</sup> December in Year 12 following an application for admission at the start of September. If a place in the year group becomes vacant, students on the waiting list will be offered places in the order defined by the above oversubscription criteria. Priority is not given based on the date that the application for admission is received. Therefore, for example, if a student moves to a location near to the school after the normal admissions process has been completed and they have a higher priority based on the above criteria, they will be ranked above those with lower priority already on the list.

### **ADMISSIONS APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Applicants refused admission to our Sixth Form are entitled to appeal to an independent Appeals Committee. Details of the name and address of the clerk to the appeals committee may be obtained from the Admissions Officer at the school and full details of the appeal procedure will be sent free on request.

For admission to Year 12 or 13, a prospective student may make their own appeal in addition to or instead of an appeal by the student's parents.

- Where the offer of a place would have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within thirty (30) school days of confirmation of those results.
- Where the offer of a place would not have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within forty (40) school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

Appeals are conducted in accordance with the DfE Regulations as to the holding of appeals on Admissions.

**Date of Policy:** November 2013

**Person(s) responsible:** Head Teacher

**Date of next review:** December 2014