

Blenheim High School

Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2019

BLENHEIM HIGH SCHOOL, EPSOM

Students in Year 11 at Blenheim High School and external applicants will be invited to a meeting at the school for advice on options and entry requirements (please note, any such meeting does not form part of the decision making process on whether to offer a place). For AS/A2 subjects there is a minimum entry requirement which will include a level of attainment at GCSE. This stipulation will be for both internal and external applicants. A comprehensive list of the requirements for all subjects will be made available for prospective Sixth Form students.

The school welcomes applications for entry to the Sixth Form from external candidates. The Planned Admissions Number for external candidates to Year 12 is 40. This figure refers only to new Year 12 students to the school not to the students entering from Year 11 within the school.

In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated for external students as follows:

1. Looked After Children (See Note a) will automatically be given priority when places are allocated as well as children who have left care through adoption or a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Children with a Statement of Education Need or an Education Health and Care Plan will also be given priority.
2. Children, who **at the time of admission** will have a sibling (See note b), living at the same address, at the school.
3. Children whose parents can demonstrate that admission is necessary for the medical, social or educational well-being of their child; the grounds on which the application is made should be supported by written evidence from a doctor, psychologist, education social worker or educational welfare officer to demonstrate that it is necessary for the student to attend Blenheim High School.
4. Staff who have had a contract of employment with Blenheim High School and have been employed at the school for more than two years at the application closing date, or who have been appointed to fill a particular skill shortage, will be eligible to apply for a place for their child under this category.
5. Remaining places will be allocated on distance using a straight line from the main Pedestrian Gate at the school to the centre of the child's main residence.

Notes

- a) Looked after and previously looked after children will be considered to be:
- o A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order¹.

¹ An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002. 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

- o 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).

- b) Blenheim High School will admit any child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan that names Blenheim High School as required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

- c) 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.

- d) All distances are measured in a straight line from the address point of the pupil's house, as set by Ordnance Survey, to the main school gate. This is calculated using the Surrey Local Authority's Geographical Information System. The address that will apply is the address supplied on the closing date of application unless a change of address for good reason has been accepted by the Local Authority.

- e) Where two or more children share a priority for a place, e.g. where two children live equidistant from a school, the school will draw lots to determine which child should be given priority.

- f) If a final place is going to be offered to a child who is one of twins, triplets or other multiple births, the school will offer up to a maximum of 3 over PAN to include the remaining siblings.

- g) If the child lives during the week at two different addresses with adults who have parental responsibility, the address where the Child Benefit payment is paid will be taken as the main address.

- h) If it is found that a place has been obtained on a fraudulent basis, the offer may be withdrawn.

- i) Before a place is offered, the original copy of the Council Tax will be required as evidence of residency.

- j) Applicants may choose to seek a place outside their child's chronological (correct) year group. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and what is in the best interests of the child concerned. Applicants must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interest and provide what evidence they have to support this. More information on educating children out of their chronological year group and the process for making such requests is available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.