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SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

Aylesford is a thriving 4 – 19 comprehensive school and Sixth Form College with approximately 1,000 students. The school serves a catchment area of south west Warwick (Priority Area) specifically and central Warwickshire generally. The main principle of admission to the Sixth Form at Aylesford is to sustain the ethos and character of the school as a 4 – 19 academy serving the needs of young people as they prepare for further education and the world of work.

The provisional admission number is 250, including a maximum 50 external candidate places for prospective students. Offers are based exclusively on the entry requirements listed.

Entry Requirements

Students are offered places in the Sixth Form based on the entry requirements that are published below. The Sixth Form curriculum offers both academic and vocational Level 3 courses.

- 1 For the majority of subjects a minimum of five GCSE grades in the 4 - 9 range are required for a full Level 3 programme of 3 or 4 subjects. Grade 5 at GCSE is required in most chosen subjects. Students should also achieve an average point score of at least 4 across their best 8 GCSE subjects.
- 2 There are two exceptions to point 1 above. To study Mathematics, students are required to achieve a grade 6 at GCSE. To study one or more sciences students should achieve at least a grade 5 in the chosen science discipline(s), or 55 in the dual award science qualification and obtain an average point score of at least 4.4 points across their best 8 GCSE subjects.
- 3 Overall attendance should be at or more than 90% during Year 11.
- 4 Suitability for courses is required in all cases and the Head of Sixth Form will consider all school / departmental recommendations before admitting. References may be required.
- 5 All places are offered subject to the satisfactory completion of a summer project in the chosen disciplines.
- 6 Confirmation of suitability for the overall programme is required through the Head of Sixth Form. Students who have not shown the required level of application or positive attitude in Year 11 may not be offered a place.

Application Procedure

All applicants are offered places in the Sixth Form if they meet both the specific and general criteria listed above. Students and parents are invited to the Sixth Form Open Evening in November of the year preceding entry. Candidates are interviewed in the spring term to discuss and agree the terms of their personal application. This is followed by a staged induction in July and September of the year of entry into the Sixth Form.

Following the Sixth Form Open Evening, internal students complete the Sixth Form application form prior to entry. External candidates can request a form by contacting the school or downloading a copy from the school website: www.aylesfordschool.org.uk

All applications are requested by the end of January of the year of entry into the Sixth Form to allow for timetable construction. Later applications are catered for but may face more limited choices as some courses reach their maximum capacity.

Priority arrangements

Provided that a student meets the entry criteria listed above for an agreed programme of study in the Sixth Form then the following apply to determine admission priorities:-

- 1 Students living in the priority area (as defined in the area booklet) who will have a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission
- 2 Other students living in the priority area (as defined in the area booklet)
- 3 Students from outside the priority area who will have a brother or sister living at the same address, attending the school at the time of admission
- 4 Other children from outside the priority area

Appeals

If for any reason a student is not offered a place in the Sixth Form they have access to a Governor's Admission Appeals panel.

The panel is convened as required and within 30 days of a formal request.

Applicants may only re-appeal during the current academic year if there is a significant change in their circumstances.

Further information about admission to the Sixth Form can be obtained from the Head of Sixth Form.