

Rationale

This policy covers entry into the Sixth Form at Avonbourne from the beginning of Year 12 between the ages of 16 and 18, late applications and in-year admissions into Year 12 and Year 13 from 2013 onwards.

The capacity is 80 students in Year 12 and 80 students in Year 13 from 2013 onwards.

Avonbourne Sixth Form provides a unique caring environment which promotes an ethos of equality and an acceptance of diversity. Students will develop as aspirational and enterprising life-long learners so they leave us as active 21st century global citizens.

Admissions

Admission to the Sixth Form will be from:

- ◆ Students in Year 11 at Avonbourne and Harewood Colleges.
- ◆ Students from outside Avonbourne and Harewood Colleges.
- ◆ Admission numbers from both schools and those outside of Avonbourne and Harewood Colleges will be dependent upon students meeting the criteria for admission.
- ◆ Students on roll at Avonbourne and Harewood Colleges are required to apply for a place in the Sixth Form as are students from other schools.
- ◆ The entry requirement for admission to the Sixth Form shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at Avonbourne and Harewood Colleges and external candidates.
- ◆ Students will be admitted at the start of the Autumn Term in each academic year, although there may be occasions when students transfer during an academic year.

Entry requirements

The entry requirements for the Sixth Form are as follows:

- ◆ A minimum of 5 A*- C Grade GCSE's including English.
- ◆ A Maths GCSE at A*-C is desirable, but not essential, however in a climate of competition candidates with Maths at A*-C will be given higher priority.
- ◆ Specific academic requirements for each course must be met. These will be published in the Sixth Form prospectus.
- ◆ A positive attitude towards studies is essential.
- ◆ Good attendance and behaviour are vital.
- ◆ References will be sought from staff to ascertain predicted grades and information regarding points four and five.
- ◆ Entry into Year 13 will be dependent upon students fulfilling the appropriate course requirements during Year 12.

Students who do not meet the entry requirements may still be admitted to courses if it is considered that the student has achieved below their potential for exceptional reasons such as illness.

Oversubscription criteria

All entry requirements, as listed in this policy, must be met. The places will then be allocated in accordance with the following criteria.

- Applicants who applied by the deadline.
- Students who have special medical needs supported by written information from a registered health professional which makes it important that they attend the school.
- Applicants who are Looked After by the LA.
- Applicants who already have a place in Year 11 at Avonbourne or Harewood Colleges.
- Applicants who have a sibling in either of the above Colleges.
- Applicants who live closest to the College. (This is measured by the straight –line distance calculated by the Authority’s Geographical Information System (GIS).

Appeals

Any student who is refused a place has the right to appeal. In all cases the appeal should be made in writing to the Admissions Officer.

False information

Where the College has made an offer on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has denied another student from being offered a place, the offer will be withdrawn.

Late applications

Late applications will be considered after all on time applications, unless exceptional circumstances merit earlier consideration.