

Wellsway School

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Wellsway Sixth Form was recently judged to be Outstanding by Ofsted in 2010. Its success is founded on a culture of high challenge and high support. Our primary curriculum is focused on Level 3 courses. In addition, there are several Level 2 courses and the option of attaining Level 4 through the Open University's YASS programme. In considering applications, we aim to advise students to undertake courses which will enable them to succeed. This advice will be offered during open evening and the initial student meeting where prior academic achievement and preferred learning styles will be discussed.

Capacity

Every year, the Sixth Form enrolls approximately one hundred and fifty students into Year 12. On average, one sixth of these students are external applicants. However, the Sixth Form is eager to expand and has set itself the ambitious target of increasing intake by one fifth. As a result we anticipate a minimum of thirty external students will be admitted. Although this may be exceeded if the demand exists.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the unlikely event of the Sixth Form being oversubscribed, we will give priority to applicants as follows:

- 1) Looked after children and previously looked after children
- 2) Students living within the area of prime responsibility of the School.
- 3) External applicants
- 4) Siblings of students on roll of the School on 1st September 2013
- 5) All other applicants

Entry Criteria

Academic entry requirements to the Sixth Form are: A minimum of 4 GCSEs (or equivalent) passes at grade C or better including either GCSE Maths or English.

Subject Leaders reserve the right to ask for higher grades than these or passes in Higher GCSE papers, rather than Intermediate or Foundation. In order to start a Level 3 course, students will need the support of a specialist subject teacher. In most cases, Key Stage 5 teachers expect a minimum GCSE grade C or equivalent in the subject at Level 2. However, this is not the case for the subjects not offered at Level 2 at Wellsway and others who will accept students with no previous experience of the subject. Further information on this matter is given in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

Students who do not obtain a grade C in Maths and English will be encouraged to re-sit during Year 12. The School reserves the right to admit students who do not meet these criteria into the Sixth Form in exceptional circumstances.

The entry requirements apply equally to internal and external candidates.

Appeals

Applicants who are refused admission to our Sixth Form are entitled to appeal to an independent appeals panel.