



CHRIST'S SCHOOL



CHRIST'S SCHOOL, RICHMOND

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY INTO THE SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Christ's Church of England School has a distinctive Christian ethos which is at the heart of this School and provides an inclusive, caring and supportive environment where students learn and flourish in a setting shaped by Christian values. We welcome applications from all members of the community and we ask all students to respect the Christian ethos of our School and its importance to our community. Students applying for a place in the Sixth Form at Christ's School do so knowing that Christ's School provides an education based on Christian principles, and therefore the Governing Body expects that all students will take part in the Christian worship at the School.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR YEAR 12

100 places are available in year 12 and 80 in year 13

Places are offered to students, irrespective of religious background, both to those who are in Year 11 at Christ's School and to those who apply from another school (external applicants), for whom the School is able to offer a suitable level of course and who fulfil the academic entry requirements for the subjects they wish to study, as stated in a conditional offer.

Academic Entry Requirements

A Level courses have minimum academic entry requirements. 5 GCSEs grades A*-C or 5-9 with at least a grade B/6 in the subjects you wish to study. Grade 7-9 is required for Maths and grade 8-9 for Further Maths.

For BTEC Level 3 courses, a minimum 5 GCSEs with grades A*-C or 5-9 plus keen interest in the subject area you want to study.

Availability requirements

Places will be offered subject to and dependent upon

1. sufficient demand for places in each of the subject areas the applicant has indicated they wish to study
2. availability of the combination of subjects selected by the applicant
3. and Christ's ability to staff and resource the subjects selected.

Existing Christ's School students will have priority over external applicants. Priority will also be given to any children whose Education Health Care Plan (a) names Christ's School. Where there are more external applicants than places, places will be offered using the oversubscription criteria below.

Headteacher Mrs Helen Dixon MA

We will accept a minimum of 10 students from external academic institutions into each Year 12 cohort.

Oversubscription

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above categories the Governors will give priority in the following order:

1. Looked after children or previously looked after children (b)
2. Applicants whose child's medical or social circumstance require attendance at Christ's School rather than any other school (c)
3. Priority will be given to students from Year 11 at Christ's School who wish to transfer to the Sixth Form over those who wish to apply from another school, provide they meet the academic entry requirements
4. Applicants with a sibling attending Christ's School at the time of application, including the Sixth Form (d)
5. Applicants with a parent permanently employed by Christ's School in the academic year 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020 (e)
6. Students living closest to the School measured using the shortest route by road and/or maintained footpath from the property to the School gate

Applying for a place in the Sixth Form at Christ's School

Applications for places in the Sixth Form at Christ's School are made through UCAS Progress. Students must submit their application in accordance with the timeline provided on the School's website.

Clarification of terms:

- a. **Special educational needs** students who have a statement of special educational needs, or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan are required to apply for school places separately through the local authority, from whom advice is available. If a student with a statement, or EHC Plan, is placed in the school by the local authority before the normal admission round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced. The Governors will admit all those students whose statement, or EHC Plan, names the School.
- b. **Looked after children** are children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions as defined by Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to the school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after immediately prior to being adopted, or who became subject to a

residence order, (now termed child arrangement order under the Children & Families Act 2014), or special guardianship order. The Governors will require written confirmation that the child is looked after, or previously looked after, and will be so at the time of making an application to the school.

- c. **Exceptional need** applicants whose child's medical or social circumstance require attendance at Christ's School rather than any other school. In such cases, parents must provide written evidence together with supporting documentation such as a medical/social report from a suitable professional. This evidence must be provided at the time of application and must set out the reasons why Christ's School is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the student had to attend another school. The information will be considered by a panel of Governors who may seek independent advice before reaching a decision.
- d. **Siblings** include full, half-, step-, adopted and legally fostered children living at the same home address.
- e. **Staff** a member of staff is someone who has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there has been a demonstrable skills shortage.