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NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ADMISSION POLICY FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 12 IN 2020

At Northampton School for Girls it is our declared intention that all of our students should continue with their learning Post 16, within a context that may be education or training. Using the guidance process at KS4, the choices should be appropriate to students' aspirations and skills and may lead to apprenticeships, college courses or a continuation of their study in the Sixth Form.

All NSG students who wish to continue their education Post 16 at the school will be able to do so, provided the right courses are available to meet their needs, and that they meet the entry requirements. We provide a carefully tailored level 2 package for those wishing to improve on their GCSE results as well as the standard academic route of three level 3 qualifications (A levels / level 3 BTECs). Students may take additional qualifications (e.g. the Extended Project Qualification) but all students following the level 3 programme of study must follow a minimum number of three subjects (although note that the Public Service BTEC has an equivalence to two qualifications).

In addition to our own Year 11 students (referred to as 'Internals'), the school admits students, including boys, who are studying for GCSEs at other schools (referred to as 'Externals') to study level 3 qualifications (A levels and level 3 BTECs). The Admissions Number for external applicants is 50. If spaces remain on some courses, this number can be exceeded, provided that the additional students only follow courses where space is available. The academic admissions criteria for Internal and External students is the same.

Academic admissions criteria:

1. GCSE performance

Each course and subject in the Post-16 Learning Community has specific entry requirements. This ensures that students are matched to courses on which they are most likely to achieve success. The entry requirements are to be found in the subject and course specific information contained in the Post-16 admissions pack and on the school website. Access to an A Level or BTEC course requires a specific grade in a given subject, often the same subject or, in the case of subjects not previously studied, in a related discipline. Most subjects require a GCSE grade 6 or above. The entry requirements are the same for both internal and external applicants.

Students wishing to study 4 rather than 3 A levels would be expected to have achieved grade 8 and above in at least six subjects, including those subjects listed in the entry requirements for their given A level subjects.

2. An appropriate course is on offer

Students who are offered a place at the school for the next September will be invited to a guidance meeting where their preferred choice of subjects will be discussed. It is important that students choose courses on which they will find success, and which lead to their chosen career, training or university course.

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A place in the Northampton School for Girls Sixth Form will be confirmed as a conditional offer, specifying the agreed subjects to be studied following the guidance meeting. Changes of subject may later be possible, but cannot be guaranteed, and will depend on the number of students who have been accepted onto the subject. The conditions set out in the academic admissions criteria must be met. Students must select their subject choices from within the five blocks presented in the information pack; students cannot select more than one choice from any individual block.

The school reserves the right to remove courses in the September if numbers are not viable; students who have been offered a place will be able to move to a different subject, but acceptance onto any course remains dependent on the student's GCSE performance.

The procedures for Internal and External applicants are as follows:

a. Internal Students

Every girl in Year 11 at the school who wishes to apply is entitled to a place in the Sixth Form, provided she meets the minimum entry and subject specific academic requirements, subject to the maximum numbers for the class not being exceeded. They must complete a Sixth Form Application Form. If the maximum numbers for a subject are exceeded then the oversubscription criteria will apply.

b. External Students

All External applicants meeting the minimum entry and subject specific academic requirements and completing a Sixth Form Application Form will be offered a place, except that if the number applying is more than the Admissions Number, when the following oversubscription criteria will be used to determine to whom places are offered:

Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be offered a place, where the school, after consultation with the Local Authority, has been named on the statement as the appropriate post-16 provision. He/she will still need to meet the minimum entry and subject specific academic requirements.

Over-subscription Criteria: (for external students only).

Following the allocation of places to students with an education, health and care plan (EHC), the following criteria will then be applied in order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or previously in public care (previously looked after children)*.
2. Children of staff*.
3. Other.

Fair, or random, allocation of the remaining places is used to decide which students will be offered the remaining places after Criteria 1 and 2 have been applied. This will be done by allocating places in a

statistically random order generated by computer. This process is approved by the Department for Education as a fair and objective method of allocating places when there are more applicants than there are places available in any band and the number of places available is exceeded within any criterion.

* Additional information about children in (or previously in) public care and children of staff are given overleaf

Additional Information

1. Criterion 1 - Children in public care (looked after children) or previously in public care

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'Looked After Children' are those who are (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 at the time of making an application to the school. 'Previously Looked After Children' are defined for the purposes of the legislation as those who immediately after being in care became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. (Parents must supply a copy of the relevant order as evidence of their child's status.)

2. Criterion 2 - Children of staff at the school

Children of staff directly employed by Northampton School for Girls will be allocated a place if either or both of the following conditions are met:

- a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Up to fifty external candidates will be offered a place at the school. Applicants not offered a place are sent details of the Independent Appeals procedure and can ask to be placed on the school's Waiting List. The Waiting List ceases on 31 December.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

An Out of Cohort Admission Application is an application that is made for a place at Northampton School for Girls outside the normal age group for the student. Parents/carers wishing to make this request will have the opportunity to provide the school with evidence to demonstrate their reasoning, and are strongly advised to do so. The school will make the decision on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of: the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely; the views of the head teacher.

When informing a parent of their decision, the school will provide the reasons for the decision.

Late Applications

Any application received after the deadline will be treated as a late application. Applications received by the deadline will be considered before a late application. However, late applications will be treated in the same way regarding the Waiting List arrangements and applicants will also have the same opportunity to appeal against the school's decision should they wish to do so.

If you have any queries about our Admissions Policy or Procedures, please telephone the school and ask to speak to the Headteacher's PA. The Admission team at the Local Authority will also be able to answer any queries (telephone 0300 1261 000).

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