

PROPOSED AMENDED ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR POST 16: ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS: POST 16 GUIDELINES

Introduction

Students are at the heart of all we do and we are committed to helping our young people find appropriate courses of study post16. The Post-16 provision at Ilkley Grammar School forms part of a wider authority 16-19 provision and we are continually improving our links with other schools and providers to enable this. Whilst we recognise that A levels do not suit all students, on our current site we are not in a position to offer a wider vocational curriculum. We can accommodate 460 students in total in Years 12 and 13.

Ilkley Grammar school has a largely academic post 16; we currently offer 31 level 3 programmes of study including 26 AS / A level courses alongside limited BTEC provision.

We expect all of our students to study at least 3 A levels or equivalent from the curriculum available, supplemented by a programme of enrichment or study of an additional qualification such as EPQ or Core Maths. Many of our students select to study 4 AS/A levels.

Entry Requirements to Sixth Form

The minimum entry requirement for admission to Post-16 is a minimum of 5 grade 4s or equivalent and above at GCSE, including English Language and /or mathematics, at grade 4 as well as meeting any subject specific entry requirements outlined in the prospectus. Other qualifications may be accepted but are treated on an individual basis and if they allow access to appropriate courses.

We are aware that exceptional circumstances do sometimes affect students' grades. As such it may be that we make an offer to a student who does not achieve or is not expected to achieve the entry requirement if it is clear that they are capable of A-Level study. These exceptional circumstances are dealt with on an individual basis and only in consultation with our Post 16 Team. Examples of exceptional circumstances include long term illness, close family bereavement in the examination season etc.

Application Procedure

- a) An open evening is held in November each year for prospective students and parents.
- b) All interested students will then be invited to a "Taster Day" where students can experience lessons at AS.
- c) Students are then asked to apply formally on the school's application form, which can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school. Students should attach evidence of their predicted grades at GCSE
- d) All applicants will be invited to a meeting which will provide guidance on particular courses; guidance will be personalised in line with the student's predicted grades and Year 11 mock examination scores.
- e) All applications must be submitted before the relevant year's closing date. The closing date for receipt of applications for the academic year will be published in advance each year and students notified.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications than places, students will be offered places (subject to meeting the entry requirements) in the order of priority listed below. It is anticipated that the **total** number of external applicants the school can admit each year is 45:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order on roll in Year 11 at any school.
2. Students on roll in year 11 at IGS.
3. Students on roll in year 11 at other schools who live within the school's priority admission area* and who have siblings who reside at the same address, who are at present in year 7-10 at IGS and who will still be attending IGS at the time of admission. (in-area siblings)
4. Other Year 11 students who are on roll at other schools who live in the school's priority admission area*
5. Students on roll in Year 11 at The Skipton Academy
6. Students in Year 11 at other schools, living outside the priority admission area* with siblings residing at the same address, who are at present in Year 7-10 at IGS and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (out of area siblings)
7. Students in Year 11 at other schools, living outside the priority admission area* who live closest to the school as measured by a straight-line distance.

*As the school has more than one school priority admission area, criteria 3 and 4 above will apply for the whole of priority one and then for the whole of priority two; if there are remaining unallocated places, criterion 6 will then be considered before criterion 7.

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list and will be considered after those received on time.

Offer of Places

Students will receive a conditional offer in April. Applicants will be required to formally accept their place on GCSE results day in August. Any applicant who cannot be offered a place will also be notified.

Allocation to Courses

This will be done on the basis of GCSE results achieved and subject specific criteria. Class sizes will be set appropriately for the nature of the subject.

Waiting Lists

If there are more applicants than places, those applicants who have been unsuccessful may request to be placed on a waiting list which will be kept until December of that year. Places may become available, for example if students do not achieve the results they need or applicants decide to take up an offer of a place elsewhere. Any available places will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria above.

Appeals

Any unsuccessful applicant may appeal to an independent appeals panel. Parents or students wishing to do so should contact the school.