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Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School



Sixth Form Admission Policy 2019-20

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Admissions to the Sixth Form includes BRGS Year 11 students who fulfil the criteria below and students new to the school. The number of places available to students for Sept 2020 is 300. All BRGS students and students who attend a Rossendale School who fulfil the criteria are offered places.

Offers are made to students which are conditional on them achieving a minimum standard in GCSEs within the previous two years, and also meeting any subject specific requirements for the subjects that they wish to study. These are updated annually and are published on the school website in advance of applications being made.

Consideration may be given to extenuating circumstances. In the case of students not achieving a grade 4 in English Language or Mathematics, consideration may be given, and an offer may be made subject to a successful resit in the following November.

Oversubscription criteria

Where eligible applications exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following priority order:

1. A “looked after” child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order as defined in the Admissions Code 2011.
2. Students with a statement of Special Educational Needs
3. Students who attend BRGS.
4. Students who attend another Rossendale School (see Appendix A for list of schools).
5. Students who attend another school within the Lancashire LEA
6. Other students.

In the event that there are more applicants who meet the required standard than places available, the selection process will give priority to those students with the highest total points scores in their best 8 Level 2 qualifications as defined above. If any applicant has the same points score as another applicant for the final place the applicant living nearest to the school as measured by a straight line from their home to the main door of the school, will be offered the place.

Please note:

- Proof of address may be required. The School may subsequently withdraw a place if false, incorrect or misleading information has been provided, which has led to the offer of a place or has advantaged the applicant in the priority order to oversubscription. Parents must inform the school of any changes to their address or circumstances.

EFA funding regulations do not allow a student to resit or repeat a subject (programme of study) unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case written evidence may be required.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date will be considered. Students making late applications should understand that their application will only be considered after all other applications that have met the deadline. Late applicants should be aware that no place may be available and they may be placed on a waiting list.

Right of appeal

Any applicant refused admission has a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against the decision of the Admission Authority (School Governing Body) under the terms of the Education Act 1998. The Admissions Authority will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission.