

Admission into Year 12 for September 2026

Only students born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 will be considered for entry into Year 12.

The minimum qualifications for entry are:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above (including English Language and Mathematics) for A level study.
- A minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (including English Language and Mathematics) for vocational subject study.
- Preferably a Grade 6 or above in those subjects to be studied at A Level (or in a 'relevant' subject where the subject chosen has not been taken at GCSE).
- Students wishing to study Physics, must have achieved a minimum Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics and science GCSEs.
- Students wishing to study A Level Mathematics should have achieved a GCSE Grade 7 or above and can be considered for studying a 4th A level in Further Mathematics.

**Important note – whilst GCSE resits are offered in Mathematics and English Language students must have passed one at a minimum of grade 4 to enrol into the sixth form on receipt of GCSE results.*

Internal Applications

All pupils in Year 11, during the academic year commencing September 2025, will be given the opportunity to apply for a sixth form place following our sixth form opening evening in October. Welcome meetings will be arranged in term two for those who indicate that KA is their first choice, welcome meetings provide a chance to discuss subject choices and suitability for entry onto level three courses offered in the sixth form.

To secure a provisional offer of a place in the Sixth Form, internal applicants must show evidence of a positive attitude towards school and towards learning throughout Year 11 i.e. the expected levels of 'commitment to learning', attendance and upholding the school values of Ambition, Respect and Kindness. The key factor in determining whether a place in the Sixth Form will be offered will be whether the applicant is likely to meet all the entry requirements.

Provisional places will be offered after December 2025 to those internal applicants who have demonstrated a satisfactory level of commitment towards their schoolwork and whose predicted GCSE grades suggest that they will be able to cope with the rigours of sixth form study.

The final offer will then be confirmed following appropriate GCSE results being achieved in August 2026.

Knutsford Academy reserves the right to refuse to offer a place, or remove a place already awarded, if any of the above conditions are not fulfilled.

External Applications

An application form, accessed via the school website must be completed and returned by 12th December in the first instance to allow us to build the year 12 timetable. All application forms will be acknowledged on submission.

Applicants wishing to be considered for a place and indicate KA as first choice of study will then be invited to book a 'welcome meeting' with a member of our sixth form team on

receipt of their most recent school report and acceptable reference from their current school. This will happen in term 2 of the school year.

They must be able to demonstrate a positive attitude towards school and towards learning throughout Year 11 and, of course, must meet the same 'minimum qualifications for entry' as internal applicants.

Knutsford Academy reserves the right to withhold the offer of a place in the Sixth Form if any of the above conditions are not fulfilled, or to withdraw a place if it is discovered that false or incorrect information has either been withheld or not provided to secure a place.

Admission into the sixth form during the academic year commencing September 2026

The only admissions into Sixth Form for the academic year commencing in September 2026 will be into Year 12 up to the end of September 2026, if places are available.

Only applicants born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 will be considered for entry into Year 12.

All applicants will be required to complete an application form and will be invited to attend for a meeting to discuss subject choices and suitability for entry onto courses we are able to offer.

All applicants will be required to meet the criteria and accept the conditions listed under 'Admission into Year 12 for September 2026'.