



For the academic year **2027-2028**

Etone College is part of the Warwickshire County Council co-ordinated scheme (Year 6-7 Transition Only)

All dates referred to within this document are in line with this scheme.

Warwickshire Preference forms will be issued in June **2026**

Closing Date – 31st October **2026**

Notification date – 1st March **2027** (or next working day if 1st March is not a working day).

~~The school~~ **Matrix Academy Trust**, as its own Admissions Authority, is required to consult on admission arrangements every seven years, unless there has been a change to the criteria. Once the consultation process has taken place, determined arrangements are forwarded to consultees.

For Year 7 admissions, it should be noted that where a child meets the admissions criteria of two or more schools named on the 'Preference form for Warwickshire Schools' then Warwickshire Children's Services will allocate a place at the highest ranked of these schools.

For admissions to Sixth Form, applications should be made directly to Etone College.

Etone College

Leicester Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 6AA

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2027-2028

Etone College is a mixed 11-18 academy with 1169 pupils. It is part of the Matrix Academy Trust and the school's admissions policy is in accordance with the guidelines given below.

Details of the school's priority area can be found on the Warwickshire County Council Website:
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>.

Entry into Year 7 September 2027

Students will be admitted at the age of 11 years without reference to ability, aptitude, race or religion. The number of intended admissions in 2027 will be 180. Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below:

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) and previously Looked after Children Definition: A

'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (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.

2. Where a child has an older sibling currently attending the school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date

Definition: a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- Half brother or sister sharing one common parent
- Step brother or sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residency order)

3. ~~Where there are essential medical or social grounds for admitting the child~~

~~Definition: relevant medical or social grounds that show attendance at the school is essential and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or social worker.~~

4. Children of Staff employed at the Academy

Where a member of staff (**) has been employed ~~at The~~ by Matrix Academy Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ~~/or the member of staff has been seconded to support another school within the Matrix Academy Trust.~~

~~** — All full time teaching staff~~

~~— All full time support staff — (defined as those on a 37 hour week and above contract)~~

Note, this criterion ~~The definition~~ does not include contract staff. If service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion.

5. Children living in the priority area

6. Proximity of the child's home to the school, with those living nearest being accorded the higher priority, the distance being measured in a straight line

Definition of home address: the home address of the child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only or main residence and is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Where parents have shared responsibility for the child and the child lives with both parents for part of the week then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. If the child equally shares living with both parents, the parents must inform the Local Authority which address should be used for admission purposes and which parent will make the application. Parents will be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used for the application.

In the event of an oversubscription in any of the above categories, places will be allocated according to those that live closest to Etone College as calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the home and school whose circumstances remain unchanged on the day of admission.

Tie Breaker

In the event of an oversubscription in any of the above categories, places will be allocated according to those that live closest to Bloxwich Academy as calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the home address and school whose circumstances remain unchanged on the day of admission.

Children with an EHCP

Any child with an Education Health & Care Plan is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Applications for children to be admitted outside of their normal age group

Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group must make an application for the normal age group in the first instance by 31st October 2026. This will include parents whose child is currently being educated outside of their normal age group but where the child has reached the normal age of transition to secondary school (i.e. normal age group is Year 6; however child is being educated in Year 5). Parents may request that the child continues to be educated outside of their normal age group and be admitted to Year 7 in September 2028 rather than Year 8.

Any parent wishing to make such a request must put the request in writing to the Clerk to the Academy Trust Boards Admission Committee by no later than 31st October 2026. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why they wish for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that they wish to be taken into account as part of that request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis and decisions will be reached by 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 view of the **Headteacher** of the school will also be sought as part of the decision-making process.

If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is for a future year group, i.e. Year 7 in September 2028, then the original application is withdrawn, and the parents must submit a fresh application for a school place in September 2028 when applications open in the autumn term of 2027. **Please note that parents only have the right to be considered for a different year group, and if agreed can re-apply for a place in that year.**

Where the decision is to agree the request for an application in Year 7 the following year, that application is considered alongside all other applications received and parents will be advised of the outcome of that application on national offer day. **No place is reserved or held for the child in advance.**

Parents should be aware that if the request is agreed and the child is admitted outside of their normal age group in September 2028, the child will remain with their adopted cohort and be educated outside of their normal age group for the remainder of their education at the school. However, should a request be made to transfer from the allocated school to an alternative school, parents will need to apply to the admission authority of the new school to request that the child continues to be educated outside of their normal age group. Before any application is submitted it is strongly recommended that parents/carers also read the DfE guidance which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>.

Waiting List Policy (Year 7 Intake)

Waiting Lists for all Warwickshire Schools will be maintained by Warwickshire Children's Services until the last day of the autumn term. From 1st September 2027, parents have been asked to make enquiries by contacting Etone College Admissions on 02476 757300.

~~Parents wishing their child/ren to be placed on the Waiting List should contact Etone College Admissions in writing to make their request.~~

~~The relevant waiting list will be maintained until at least 31st December in the year of entry. Every time a child is added to the list, it will be re-ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria with no priority given to the date of the application.~~

Withdrawing places

In certain circumstances the Trust may decide to withdraw a place offered if one of the following circumstances occurs:

- Where a parent has not responded to the offer of a place, even after chasing;
- Where fraudulent or intentionally misleading information is used as part of the application; or
- Where the offer has been made in error.

In-Year Admissions

The school manages its own **mid in-year** admissions. Applications for in-year admission (age groups other than the normal year of entry) must be made to Etone College Admissions using the **mid in-year** admissions form on Etone College's website.

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application within 15 school days of receipt of a completed **mid in-year** application form.

Appeals

Parents whose children are refused admission to the school have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The necessary forms and information should be obtained from the Etone College website. ~~or the Clerk to the Governing Body, Etone College, Leicester Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV11 6AA to whom completed forms are returned. Please mark the envelope ADMISSION – APPEAL.~~

Appeals in respect of Year 7 intake for September 2027 should be lodged by Friday 16th April 2027.

Late Applications (Year 6 – Year 7 transfer Transition Only)

A late application is an application form received after the published closing date. Late applications will normally be considered for places after applications that were received by the closing date. Late applicants may be less likely to be offered a place at the school.

When places are offered, applications received by the closing date and valid late applications will be considered first.

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Entry Requirements for Year 12 – Entry in September 2027

~~The maximum sixth form capacity for Year 12 for September 2027 is 120. Priority is given to Year 11 Etone College pupils. This number may be exceeded if demand for available courses can be met.~~

Etone College welcomes applications to join the Sixth Form both from its own students and from students at other schools. Students are admitted into the Sixth Form each year at the age of 16+. We aim to offer a range of academic and vocational qualifications to our Sixth Form students.

Minimum entry requirements for Year 12

~~Pupils will be considered for entry into Year 12 based upon their academic attainment and/or individual subject grade criteria and the availability and suitability of courses at Etone College.~~

~~Etone College's minimum entry requirements for post 16 are as follows:~~

Entry Criteria

Students will be considered for entry into Year 12 based upon their academic attainment:

The minimum entry requirement for admission into Year 12 is 5 grade 9-4 or equivalent at GCSE in 5 different GCSE subjects including English Language and Maths, with many courses requiring a grade 5 at GCSE for entry. There are also **individual** course suitability and **individual** subject availability criteria requirements for some courses, available on request.

~~Pupils refused a place in Year 12 in their own school or academy are entitled to appeal to an independent appeal panel.~~

~~To progress from Year 12 to Year 13, students must meet the academic selection criteria we set. Students will be notified of these criteria prior to them taking up their places in September of Year 12.~~

Our policy is to ensure that students accepted into the Sixth Form, can be placed on appropriate courses where they are likely to succeed. For this reason, we ask all applicants to attend a guidance discussion with our Sixth Form staff to discuss the most suitable courses of study.

All Year 11 pupils on roll at the school and who wish to enter the Sixth Form and meet the course requirements will be offered a place.

External applicants are required to have met the same academic entry requirements as applied to internal applicants as set out in this admission policy.

Application Process

The maximum sixth form capacity for Year 12 for September 2027 is 140. Priority is given to Year 11 Etone College pupils but we welcome applications from external candidates wishing to transfer from another school. This number may be exceeded if demand for available courses can be met.

Admission to Year 12 does not guarantee admission to a specific course of study.

Internal candidates should apply by the published return date. For September 2027 entry, students should return their application by 25th March 2027.

The school reserves the right to make such enquiries, as they consider necessary, to verify the information provided in support of an application for admission under any of the admission criteria. By applying for admission, the applicant is deemed to have given consent to such enquiries being made.

Age of Children Applying for Admission

Applications for a place in the Sixth Form, may be made when the applicant reaches the appropriate age. Under normal circumstances, Sixth Form applicants will be 16 years old upon entry to Year 12. Where an applicant wants to be admitted to the Sixth Form outside of their chronological age range, they should contact postbox@etonecollege.co.uk first and address this FAO Headteacher. A decision will then be made on whether to accept the application, based on what is in the best interests of the student. Applications will generally be accepted from students up to those reaching their seventeenth birthday in Year 12 and eighteenth birthday in Year 13.

Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications from external applicants meeting the entry criteria than there are places available, then external places will be awarded using the Oversubscription Criteria. These are set out below in the order that they will be applied:

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2 Children of Staff employed at the School

Where a member of staff has been employed by Matrix Academy Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

The definition does not include contract staff. If service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion.

3 All other external applicants

Where any of the above criteria is oversubscribed, priority will be conferred on those applicants who live closest to the school. Proximity of the applicant's home address to the school will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school address using a computerised measuring system. The 'home address' is the address at which the student spends the majority of their week during term time. If arrangements are such that a student resides at two addresses for equal amounts of time, then parents must decide which address to use for admissions purposes.

Where there are two or more applicants in a criterion who have equal priority for admission and there are insufficient places available, random allocation will be used to determine which child shall be given a place. The use of random allocation will be supervised by someone independent of the Matrix Academy Trust.

Courses

The offer of a place in the Sixth Form is not a guarantee to study a particular course or set of subjects.

Where a particular course is oversubscribed and we cannot run a parallel group, the following factors will be explored in determining how places will be allocated to that course:

- Whether the student's application was received prior to the closing date for applications, in addition to the dating of any subsequent changes to the student's stated preferences prior to course commencement.
- The desirability and/or necessity of the subject in supporting progression to the student's Post-18 pathways.
- The likelihood of the student's success in a chosen subject – as expressed by their overall GCSE attainment and prior attainment within the subject (where taken previously).

These will form the major part of the discussion referred to under Entry Requirements for Year 12, in order to determine the most appropriate course for an individual. We will offer alternative courses to any student affected by this criterion.

In-year Applications

Details on how to apply for place outside of the normal admissions round can be found on the school's website. Where multiple applications are received and the school does not have sufficient places for every student that has applied for one, places will be allocated on the basis of the oversubscription criteria.

Waiting List

The school will maintain a waiting list until 31st December in the academic year of admission for those not successful in admission. Every time a student is added to the list, it will be re-ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria with no priority given to the date of the application.

Right to Appeal

If an application for entry to the Sixth Form is refused, there is a statutory right of appeal to an Independent Admission Appeal Panel. The school will publish on its website before 28th February 2027.

Withdrawing Places

In certain circumstances, the school may decide to withdraw a place offered if one of the following circumstances occurs:

- Where a parent has not responded to the offer of a place, even after chasing;

- Where fraudulent or intentionally misleading information is used as part of the application; or
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