



The Shared Learning Trust

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Sixth Form Admissions Policy for 2024 Entry

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Context

We are a Trust sixth form across two Secondary Academy sites, offering a combination of A level and Vocational courses, which enable students to progress to university and the most competitive job and training opportunities. In order to be admitted to the sixth form students must meet the Trust entry requirements.

Admission to the Sixth Form

The Shared Learning Trust Sixth Form has a total capacity of 500 places, with up to 250 students entering Year 12 each year. Shared Learning Trust students who meet the academic entry requirements transfer from Year 11. Applications from existing Shared Learning Trust students for a place in the Sixth Form should be submitted to the Academy by **no later than 1st March 2024**. Applications from external candidates for a place in the Sixth Form should be submitted to the Academy by no later than 1st March 2024 using the application form available from the Academy's website or to collect at Sixth Form Open Evening in the Autumn Term. Applications from existing Shared Learning Trust students are also submitted electronically via the Academy's website.

Oversubscription Criteria

After the admission of:

- i) Any student with a statement of Special Educational Need/Education Health Care Plan which names the Academy and who meet the academic criteria set out below
- and
- ii) Looked-after children and previously looked-after children who meet the academic criteria set out below.

The following criteria will be applied in order when offering places:

- (1) Students in Year 11 at Shared Learning Trust Academies who meet the entry requirements stated below, **up to 75% of places on each course**; and
- (2) Students from other Academies, Schools or Colleges who meet the entry requirements stated below.

Academic entry requirements for Shared Learning Trust Academy Sixth Form

All students who come to study with us will choose three full 2-year linear A levels / Applied General Qualifications (L3). With three Level 3 courses on their timetables together with a supplementary Enrichment programme, students need a very secure base at GCSE. Our entry requirements are designed to show students have a breadth of success across a majority of their GCSE subjects.

Basic academic entry requirement

Condition 1: To guarantee a place at The Shared Learning Trust Sixth Form, all students must hold a minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grades 9 – 4, including a Grade 4 in Maths and English (Language or Literature).

Condition 2: In addition, students must achieve the specific entry criteria in the subjects that they wish to study in order to guarantee a place on their chosen courses.

Additional requirements

Before an offer of a place can be made, a satisfactory Academic report supporting a candidate's proposed course of study must be provided from their current school or place of study. For students currently studying at Stockwood Park or Chalk Hills Academy's these will be automatically obtained from their Head of Year. For external applicants a report will be sought from the Head of Year 11, equivalent member of staff, or senior member of staff of their current or former Academy.

Offers

When making a provisional offer, we look at:

- the predicted grades given by the student's current Academy,
- the level of oversubscription for the subjects they have chosen to study.

Guidance meetings are held with students to discuss options and academic entry requirements for particular courses. An applicant will be offered a place in the Sixth Form on the basis that they meet the entry requirements as described above. (specific entry requirements can be found in the TSLT Sixth Form prospectus) **Where subjects are over-subscribed for the number of places available, those who are best qualified on their chosen courses will be allocated the available places once GCSE grades are known. Priority for places in particular subjects will be given to those students best qualified for the subjects for which they are applying, using GCSE Average Points Score and the GCSE grade in the linked GCSE subject.**

Students who meet the entry requirement but are not amongst the best qualified for their chosen subject(s) will be offered an alternative course.

An applicant will be made a conditional offer. This means they will be offered a place in the Sixth Form on the basis that they meet the entry requirements as described above and that they are the best qualified for the places available on their chosen courses at their enrolment meeting after GCSE results are released. Additionally, all courses are subject to timetabling constraints.

Fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications

Where the Trust discovers that a student has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application which effectively denies a place to a student with a stronger claim, then the Trust is required to withdraw the offer of the place. The application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

Waiting List

In the case of oversubscription, students may wish their application to be held on a waiting list. The Trust's waiting list will be ranked in line with the academic entry requirements outlined in this document. In the case of the Published Admission Number not being met, those students who are best qualified for the places available will be offered a place.