

NORTH BROMSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2026 ENTRY

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Sixth Form Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

North Bromsgrove High School offers a wide range of both A Level and Vocational qualifications. The agreed funding capacity for the Sixth Form is for a total of 250 students across Years 12 and 13. We expect to respond to the needs of those students who follow the application process and meet the entry requirements for their chosen courses. A sufficient number of places are available to provide for all Year 11 students already at the school, who wish to continue their Post-16 studies with us, subject to minimum entry requirements as detailed below.

We continue to welcome applicants from other schools who wish to undertake post-16 studies at North Bromsgrove High School (PAN is external 10 students), where places are available and subject to the same minimum entry requirements as detailed below.

A Sixth Form Open Evening is held annually, usually during October/November. Details will be published on the school's website.

Entry Requirements

- Students must achieve a minimum of five Grade 4s at GCSE. It is preferable that English and Maths are two of the five.
- Each subject will also have its own criteria which are available on the school website.

Offers and Places

- All students who are on roll within North Bromsgrove High School in Year 11 at the time of application, and who will complete Year 11, are automatically offered places in Year 12 provided they achieve the published entry requirements.
- If a North Bromsgrove High School student does not take up this offer, but subsequently decides after 01 September that they do wish to join Sixth form, they will join the waiting list and only be offered a place if one becomes available under the terms of the published Oversubscription Criteria. Such requests will not be considered after 30 September of the new Year 12 academic year.

Late Applications

- If the volume of applications is particularly high, applications after the deadline may not be accepted. Should late applications be accepted after the deadline of 31 January, they will be treated as lower priority than those applications received on time and may join a waiting list. The waiting list will be held until 30 September (of the following academic year).
- Students on the waiting list will be re-ranked strictly in accordance with the published Oversubscription Criteria (see below) and the applicant who ranks highest at that time would be made a conditional offer of a place, subject to them meeting the published entry criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are late applications, conditional offers of places will be made subject to availability, in the following order of priority:

1. Children Looked After and previously Looked After, including children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of adoption.
2. Students with a sibling on roll at North Bromsgrove High School at the date of application who is likely to remain on roll at the date of admission.
3. Students whose home is nearest the school by the shortest direct line.
4. In the event of a tie-break on distance from home then lots will be drawn for any available place.

Where there are too many applications from within the first category, applications will be given priority if they meet the conditions of the second category and so on.

Other Applicants

Applications from students who are younger or older than the usual age for starting Sixth Form study and applications from students whose home is not in the UK or who have non-UK qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. The Director of Sixth Form should be contacted for an initial discussion.

Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan

- The Trustees follow the DfE SEND Code of Practice on the admission of students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)
- Students for whom North Bromsgrove High School has been named as a school on their EHCP will automatically be offered places unless:
 1. It would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the young person or;
 2. The attendance of the young person would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources.

Appeals

- Appeals for Sixth Form will not be heard before confirmation of the examination results on which the offer of a place depends. Such appeals will be heard within 30 school days of being lodged. Appeals lodged after the deadline for lodging appeals will be heard as soon as is reasonably practical.
- If parents/guardians wish to appeal, they should write, setting out the grounds for appeal, to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Shires Multi Academy Trust within 20 school days of receipt of confirmation that the application was unsuccessful. Parents/guardians will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the date of the appeal hearing but in exceptional circumstances will have the

right to waive this notice. Parents/guardians will usually receive notice of the outcome of the appeal within five school days of the hearing.

- Parents/guardians are invited to attend the hearing of the appeal and make their case to the panel, although if this invitation is declined the appeal may be heard on the basis of written evidence only. Parents/guardians may be represented or accompanied by a friend or relative and must inform the school in advance if they wish to call any witnesses or be represented at the hearing. Further information on appeals is available on request from the school. Only one appeal is permitted in respect of the same academic year.