

Determined Sixth Form Admission Arrangements 2016-2017

Admission into Year 12

Entry into Year 12 for girls who have completed Year 11 elsewhere is very much welcomed.

There is a minimum target figure of at least 35 for external applications.

Existing Year 11 students at Skipton Girls' High School wishing to progress into the Sixth Form will be able to do so providing they meet the minimum entry qualification.

There is no limit on the numbers of applicants in Year 11 at Skipton Girls' High School but all applicants, internal and external, must meet the academic entry criteria for the courses which they wish to take. We require internal candidates to make a formal application for Sixth Form courses before the date set in the Sixth Form prospectus for the year into which they wish to be admitted. There will be a full programme of mentoring and discussion to ensure that all students are aware of the opportunities available to them.

These academic criteria, along with the closing date for applications, are published annually in the School's Sixth Form Prospectus, and are available from the School on request. If more external applicants meet these academic criteria than there are places, then the oversubscription criteria found below will be applied.

Right to Appeals

Appeals may be lodged by either the parent/ carer or the student.

If an application is refused there is a statutory right of appeal to the school's Independent Appeal Panel appointed under the prevailing Government legislation. Further details of the appeal procedure will be provided with the letter explaining why an application has been refused.

The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors and on the parents/carers.

Progression from Year 12 to Year 13

In order for Year 12 students' to progress on to Year 13 A2 courses they must have successfully met the minimum academic requirements (Grade D or above or equivalent at AS). Students who achieve an AS qualification grade E will be strongly advised to discontinue that subject at A2 Level. The school reserves the right to make the final decision about progression onto AS and A2 courses.

Oversubscription criteria

The following oversubscription criteria will apply:

- Places will be offered to looked-after and previously looked after girls who meet the academic entry criteria.

- Places will be offered to girls living within the School's Priority Area who meet the academic entry criteria
- Places will be offered to girls living outside the School's Priority Area who meet the academic entry criteria.

If there are not enough places for all the girls in one of these priority groups, the School will:

- give priority first to those with sisters at the School at the time when the prospective pupil would start (sisters are defined as sisters, adopted sisters/foster sisters and stepsisters living at the same address);

then

- to those who at the time of application are eligible for the Pupil Premium (girls who are registered as eligible for Free School Meals or who have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the last 6 years - Ever6);

then

- to those living nearest the School.

If there are not enough places for all those with sisters at the School, we will give priority to girls living nearest the School.

Distance measurements are based on a straight line from home to the School, as measured by an electronic mapping system. Distances will be measured from the front door of the home to the main School entrance on Gargrave Road. Where more than one dwelling shares the same front door (for example, in a block of flats) the distance will be measured from the front door of the building as a whole. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the School, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be offered a place.

If the School is over-subscribed for entry into Year 12 a waiting list will be kept, ranked according to the oversubscription criteria above from the date when places are offered until the 31st December of the year of admission. If a place becomes available during this period we will offer it to the waiting list using our Admissions Policy criteria. No waiting list will be kept after this date. Every time a girl is entered on the waiting list she will be ranked again in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Further Information

Please note that admission into the Sixth Form does not guarantee a place on any particular course. The school reserves the right to make the final decision about availability of courses and progression from Year 12 into Year 13.

The minimum academic requirements are set out in the Sixth Form prospectus which will be published by September 30th 2015.

Students are only able to study at Skipton Girls' High School in the Sixth Form if they are in full time courses usually 4 AS levels in Year 12, and the equivalent of 3 A levels in Year 13.

Entrance into the Sixth Form is subject to the regulations regarding residency status and eligibility for study in UK schools Sixth Form courses that apply at the time.

Age Limits: Students can only begin courses if they are under 19 years of age on the first day of term for the ensuing academic year. This means that students may start either Year 12, 13 or 14, but may not continue the course or start a subsequent year if they are 19 years of age at the start of the next academic year.

The Application process

Please note these dates are for guidance only and details may change before publication of the 2016 Sixth Form prospectus. Information describing the application process can be found in the prospectus along with the application form.

Timeline	
Mid November 2015	Sixth Form Open Evening
Early December 2015	Deadline for return of application forms;
December/ January 2016	Guidance interviews for all applicants
February 2016	Provisional offers issued
June 2016	Sixth Form induction day
August 2016	GCSE Results and Enrolment Day
September 2016	Start of Term

This policy will be reviewed annually in line with DfE guidance.

The governors will ensure that there are Determined Admissions Arrangements published annually on the school's website.

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