



## Admission Arrangements for Post 16 (age 16)

Bluecoat Sixth Form operates a sixth form with total capacity of 600 students.

There are 300 places available for Year 12 applicants of which **190** will be available for external applicants.

This is the minimum number of places, which will be offered on an annual basis to eligible external applicants. If fewer than the reserved number of places for internal applicants are admitted, additional external students will be admitted until Year 12 meets its capacity of 300.

To determine eligibility for admission, the Academy will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. (Bluecoat Sixth Form will also publish academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment). These criteria will be the same for internal and external transfers and will be published in its prospectus and on its website.

Students failing to meet the entry requirements for their preferred course option will be offered alternative courses if available. Students already on the Bluecoat Aspley Academy roll are entitled to transfer to Year 12 if they meet entry requirements.

Entry requirements into the Sixth Form vary according to the level of study students wish to access and are detailed below:

- Level 3 (A level or A level equivalent) – 5 GCSE or equivalent qualifications at grade 9 - 4 including English and maths. In addition some subjects require additional entry criteria to be met as detailed in the 2021/22 course guide.
- Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) – 5 GCSE or equivalent qualifications at grade 3 or above including English and maths
- Foundation Learners – for students working between Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2

In the event of over-subscription for external places, the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority, will be used to allocate places:

- (a) Looked after children or a children who was previously looked<sup>1</sup> after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including children who were previously in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- (b) Other young people. In the event of over-subscription preference will be given to children who live nearest to the Academy using straight-line measurement from the main external entrance door of Bluecoat Sixth Form, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6AB (formally Nottingham College, Maid Marion Way). In the event that such a measure is identical to the nearest metre for two or more children and there are insufficient places available for both or all of them, the remaining place/s will be by random allocation using lots drawn by a person independent of the Academy.

There will be a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel for unsuccessful applicants.

## Arrangements for appeal panels

Where a student has been refused a place at Bluecoat Sixth Form they will have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the School Admission Appeal Code and is binding on all parties. Appeals should be made to:

Independent Appeal Panel Clerk, c/o Archway Learning Trust, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, NG8 5GY, within 20 school days of the refusal.

## General:

Late Applications for a sixth form place:

The Trust may be willing to accept applications, which are received late but before 30th October 2022.

All late applications that are received after the application deadline date will be dealt with after on time applications are offered.

Courses:

Students are offered a place subject to meeting entry criteria for their preferred courses and their specific course cannot be guaranteed until enrolment day.

Students are enrolled on a first come first served basis.

If students do not meet the entry criteria for the courses they have met, they will be offered a suitable alternative.

Waiting List:

If students meet the entry criteria but all spaces on the course are already assigned, students will be added to a waiting list for their preferred course and have the option to enrol onto a suitable alternative.

Changes to students' courses can be made throughout the first two weeks of term. If spaces become available on a course, students on the waiting list will be offered a place in the order in which students were placed on the waiting list.