



DRAFT ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022/23 Post 16 provision

St Katherine's School is an academy and part of Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) who is the admission authority.

St Katherine's School aims to provide a high quality, comprehensive Post-16 education offering a range of academic and vocational level 3 courses in a supportive environment. Students have a range of pathways on offer once they have completed Key Stage 4. Through the admissions process, informal discussions with students are used alongside attainment data to explore the options available and to explore subject choices, ensuring students are selecting an appropriate pathway.

Admission Number

The admission number for Year 12 is 100. This is the number of places which will be offered on an annual basis to eligible **external** applicants. i.e students who are not already on roll at St Katherine's School. If fewer pupils intend to transfer from Year 11, the school will admit over the admission number.

St Katherine's will admit any students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school.

However, it should also be noted that there may be a limit on the number of places available on any particular course. An application may be refused if it prejudices the efficient provision of education or efficient use of resources.

Conditions of Admission

In considering applications, we will accept students on to courses on which they can be expected to have a reasonable chance of success. Evidence for making this judgement has to be an appropriate level of prior academic achievement; without this, we believe we would be wrong to lead students to believe they had a reasonable chance of success.

Students are admitted to the Sixth Form on condition that they have met the academic entry criteria and subject to the availability of places. Applications are welcomed from students who are not currently St Katherine's students. The academic entry requirements for courses are the same for all applicants. By law applications cannot be rejected on the grounds of a poor attendance or behaviour record.

Entry Criteria

To be eligible to enter the sixth form both internal and external students will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements. Course requirements are published annually on the website at the beginning of the academic year prior to admission. Individual subjects will

have their own minimum GCSE attainment grade as detailed in the course handbook issued each year.

Admissions Process

Term 2 Sixth Form Opening Evening

Term 2/3 Prospectus and admissions forms are available to prospective applicants.

Term 3 Closing date for applications is 31 January 2022

Term 3/4 Informal discussion meetings with students and letters of confirmation of conditional offers sent to applicants.

Post examination results: Meeting with students to discuss results and letters of confirmation of offers of places for 2022-2023 sent to students.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the school receives more applications than the Admission Number, the following over-subscription criteria will be used to allocate places, in order;

1. Children in Care at the time of application and children who were previously in Care but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been in Care.
2. Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission* living within the First Geographical Area.
3. Children living within the First Geographical Area.
4. Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission living outside the First Geographical Area.
5. Children living outside the First Geographical Area.

Tiebreak

Within each criterion, priority will be given to children living closest to the school measured in a direct line. A First Geographical Area is an area of priority for a school. Living in this area does not guarantee a child a place at the school but they may receive priority over children who live outside the First Geographical Area.

St Katherine's School's First Geographical Area can be accessed [here](#).

Late Applications

All applications received by the admission authority after the closing date will be considered late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time and will be considered after GCSE results day. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Waiting Lists

Where in any year the school receives more applications for Sixth Form places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the **end of the first half term** of the school year. This will be maintained by the admission authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. In the case of sixth form admission the student may also ask for his or her name to be added to the waiting list.

The school will keep a list, ranked against the oversubscription criteria [1 - 5 above], of those applying for entry to Year 12 who are not made a conditional offer at Easter. Any of those students meeting the academic entry requirements on GCSE results day in August will be considered for a place if any students who were previously offered places, conditional upon meeting the above academic entry criteria, do not achieve their grades or do not take up their offer of a place in the sixth form.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

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