

VALENTINES HIGH SCHOOL  
SIXTH FORM  
ADMISSION POLICY  
2019

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## **Valentines High School Sixth Form Admission Policy 2018**

### **Introduction**

Valentines Sixth Form is a comprehensive Sixth Form providing an exciting range of A levels, Level 3 BTEC's and GCSE retake courses.

Admission to the Sixth Form is managed by the school in accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) School Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions.

### **Admission to the Sixth Form**

Admission to the Sixth Form will be from:

- Pupils in Year 11 at Valentines High School
- Pupils from outside of Valentines High School

The agreed number of external students which is based on the average number of external students admitted over the previous three years is 80.

Students on roll at Valentines High School are required to apply for a place in the Sixth Form as are students from other schools.

The entry requirements for admission to the Sixth Form shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at the school and external applicants.

Applicants will not be interviewed for admission but Valentines High School will offer all Year 11 students at Valentines High School Information, Advice and Guidance during the course of Year 11. External applicants may be invited for a meeting to discuss subject choices.

Conditional offers will be based on an applicant's predicted grades and admission will be based on actual grades attained. Where there are more external applicants than places available, applicants will be ranked according to their predicted grades.

Students will only be admitted into the Sixth Form at the start of the autumn term in each academic year. Please note that the offer of a place is not a guarantee that you will be able to study a particular course.

## **Minimum Entry Requirements**

All those seeking admission to the Sixth Form must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen. The minimum entry requirements for Valentines High School Sixth Form are 6 9-4GCSE (or equivalent). Grades including English language and Maths, along with meeting the subject-specific entry requirements. The subject-specific entry requirements can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus on the Valentines High School website at <http://www.valentines-sch.org.uk/welcome-to-sixth-form>

## **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be considered on an equal basis according to the following oversubscription criteria:

1. Looked after children or children previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence order or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions (see section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) This is subject to meeting the specific entry criteria for their chosen programme of study.
2. Internal Year 12 students completing 1 year courses subject to meeting the specific entry criteria for their chosen programme of study.
3. Internal Year 11 students subject to meeting the specific entry criteria for their chosen programme of study.
4. External applicants subject to meeting the specific entry requirements for their chosen programme of study where places are still available on that programme.

Where there are more external applicants than places available, priority will be given to students who wish to study courses that have not been filled.

The number of students who have applied for each course will need to be taken into account, meaning that extra students can sometimes be accommodated over the admission number if the pupils' chosen course is not full.

Places on oversubscribed courses will be allocated in priority order to those students with the highest points score in their eight best GCSEs which must include English Language and Maths.

Pupils meeting the minimum academic entry requirements to whom we are unable to offer places on their chosen courses will be offered alternatives where possible.

Should a tie break occur, applicants living nearest to Valentines High School will be given preference. This will be based on the shortest measured walking distance from the students home to the schools main entrance in Cranbrook Road.

## **Appeals**

Any student refused a place in the Sixth Form has the right of appeal to the Headteacher.

## **Timetable for Admission**

Prospectus and Application Form are published on the School's website by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Closing date for applications 13th March 2020

GCSE Results published 20th August 2020

Admissions confirmed or refused 22nd or 23rd August 2020

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