

THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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IN-YEAR ADMISSION CRITERIA FROM SEPTEMBER 2019



Introduction

The number of registered pupils at The Bishop's Stortford High School (TBSHS) at the beginning of 2017/18 school year was 1199. TBSHS is an all-ability single sex boys 11-16 school, with a co-educational Sixth Form admitting boys and girls at 16+.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 was 156 and intake number was 168.

The Intake number for Year 8 (2016 intake) was 169, Year 9 (2015 intake) was 180, and for all other years 155.

Boys and girls are also admitted at age 16+ provided that they have the appropriate qualifications. The number of intended admissions to the Sixth Form for the year commencing September 2019 will be 200. The PAN for external applicants is 45.

In determining admissions to TBSHS the Governing Body are mindful that they have an overriding statutory duty to the general principle that pupils should be educated in accordance with the wishes of their parents provided those are compatible with the provision of efficient education.

The aims of the School

The Governing Body would like to encourage applications from prospective pupils from both the local area and surrounding villages who will, together with their parents, fully subscribe to a traditional disciplined environment, which aims to enhance the current Christian ethos of the School and promote excellence in all its pupils.

The Governing Body would particularly encourage a full commitment to, and participation in, the extra-curricular life of the School, for example in music, sport and creative performance, much of which takes place outside normal school hours and at weekends.

For Sixth Form entry the Governors wish to maintain the practice of offering places to those for whom a suitable course is available.

Oversubscription

If there are more applications for admission than places available or the school is full, the Governing Body will use the criteria set out in this document to allocate any available places. A student who has a statement of special educational or an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan will be admitted.

Criterion 1	Children looked after or previously looked after (children who ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order)
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Criterion 2	<p>Boys who have a sibling attending the school, in Years 7 - 13, at the closing date for applications will be admitted.</p> <p>A sibling is defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted brother, adopted sister, step-brother, step-sister or a child of parent/carer of a child looked after/previously looked after living permanently* at the same address from Monday to Friday.</p> <p>*A sibling link will not be recognised for children living temporarily in the same house, for example a child who usually lives with one parent but has temporarily moved or a looked after child in a respite placement or very short term or bridging foster placement.</p>
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Criterion 3	<p>Sons of staff who have been permanently employed directly by the school for two or more years at the closing date for applications; or a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage.</p> <p>The staff member must be the child's legal parent (by blood, adoption or step-parent) and have been living at the same address as the child for a minimum of 2 years.</p>
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Criterion 4	<p>Any places that remain will be allocated to pupils who live closest to the school, measured by the straight-line distance from the applicant's home address as determined by the Local Authority's distance measuring system. Hertfordshire County Council's 'straight line' distance measurement system is used for all home to school distance measurements. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The measurement is taken from the AddressBase Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. AddressBase Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual residences.</p>
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The school will always consider applicants made under Hertfordshire's Fair Access Protocol and if agreed will be admitted above those on the school's continuing interest list.

Please ensure you complete the In-Year application form (which can be obtained from the Admissions Officer) and return directly to the school. The school will advise Hertfordshire Local Authority of any applications made to the school.

We will write to you with the outcome of your application and, if you have been unsuccessful, the county council will write to you with registration details to enable you to login and appeal online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolappeals. The Bishop's Stortford High School uses the HCC central clerking service for the administration of admission appeals. Parents can appeal against an admission decision, in accordance with current legislation and the School Admission Appeals Code.

The criteria are subject to review annually.