

THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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SIXTH FORM ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021



Entry Requirements

The Bishop's Stortford High School offers two post-16 pathways to accommodate different learning styles. Entry to the Sixth Form is dependent upon achieving the basic minimum requirements at GCSE. Students wishing to study the A-Level pathway require a total points score of at least 44 from their best eight GCSEs. Students wishing to study the combined BTEC and A-Level pathway require a total points score of at least 34 from their best eight GCSEs (and a minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 4-9). Both pathways require at least a grade 5 in Mathematics and in English Language or English Literature. Students also need to meet the subject specific entry criteria as detailed in the relevant sections of the Sixth Form Prospectus.

The Admissions Process

The intended number to be admitted to the Sixth Form in 2021 is 200. A minimum of 32 places in Year 12 will be reserved for external applicants who meet the stated minimum entry requirements. Children who meet the entry requirements and have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school will be admitted.

In the event that a pathway is over-subscribed, then places for external applicants will be allocated (to students meeting the entrance requirements) by applying the following oversubscription criteria in the order set out below.

- Priority will be given first to appropriately qualified applicants who are 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).
- Priority will then be given to children who live nearest to the school, measured by using the Hertfordshire Local Authority's computerised mapping system. Should two applicants have the same home-school distance a random allocation will be made and that process will be independently supervised.

Final decisions regarding pathway and subject choices will only be confirmed once actual GCSE grades are known and it is confirmed that applicants have met the minimum academic requirements for each course.

The Bishop's Stortford High School Governing Body will review its admissions arrangements annually in line with current legislation and the School Admission Appeals Code. Details of admissions arrangements and of the appeals procedures against non-admission will be published each year.

Sixth Form Appeals Procedures

Parents can appeal against an admission decision, in accordance with current legislation and the School Admission Appeals Code. Please call the Appeals Helpline 01992 588548 to request an appeal pack.

Applicants cannot normally appeal more than once in an academic year except where exceptional circumstances exist.

The criteria are subject to review annually.