



Airedale Academy

Striving for Excellence

DETERMINED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIREDALE ACADEMY INCLUDING SIXTH FORM

2014/2015

The request to expand the age range of Airedale Academy has been agreed subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and therefore the post-16 admission arrangements consulted upon between 17 December 2012 and 28 February 2013 will be the final admission arrangements for 2014/15 onwards. These admission arrangements are detailed below.

Pre-16 admissions

As an Academy we are subject to the same admissions codes as other state-funded schools and choose to participate in the Wakefield school admission process for applications other than to our Sixth Form. If you wish to apply for a place for your child in Years 7-11 at our Academy, all admissions are dealt with on our behalf by Wakefield Council – telephone 01924 305617 or visit <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admission> for details of the process.

This remainder of this policy relates to Sixth Form admissions only should be considered as an appendix to 'The Wakefield LA Co-ordinated School Admission Arrangement Scheme', to which Airedale Academy subscribes for entry in Years 7-11.

Applications to Airedale Academy Sixth Form

At Airedale Academy Sixth Form, we offer a range of academic qualifications, some of which will require certain minimum grades at GCSE level. We strive to ensure that all students who are accepted into the sixth form are placed on appropriate courses where they are most likely to succeed. In order to do this we ask all applicants to attend a meeting with our sixth form staff to discuss the most suitable courses of study. As part of this meeting students could be asked to demonstrate a particular skill or showcase a portfolio of appropriate work.

All students in Year 11 at Airedale Academy will be offered impartial advice about the range of Post-16 opportunities on offer in the district and sub-district. Those students deemed most suitable will be encouraged to apply for a place in the sixth form. We will also accept applications from students wishing to come to Airedale Academy Sixth Form from another school. In all cases the same admission criteria will apply. We have a Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 60 students per year for internal and external admissions. This is the maximum number of students we will admit.

Expressing a Preference

Application for admission to the Airedale Academy Sixth Form, including pupils currently attending the Academy, must be made via the district-wide online prospectus and common application process (www.ucasprogress.com)

The Admissions Policy

Entry into Year 12

Admission to the sixth form will be from:

- (i) pupils in Year 11 at the Academy; and
- (ii) pupils from outside of the Academy.

The entry requirements for admission to the sixth form shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at the Academy and external applicants. Students will be admitted into the sixth form at the start of the Autumn term in each academic year, although there may be some occasions when students enter or transfer during the academic year.

Academic requirements

For entry onto our AS and A2 level courses we require a minimum of 5 GCSE passes at A*-C from at least four subject disciplines and to include English and Maths.

For the purposes of this requirement:

- Applied subjects at GCSE will count as 1 GCSE
- The CIDA qualification in ICT will count as 1 GCSE
- BTEC courses will count as 1 GCSE
- Core and Additional Science will count as separate GCSEs

Other courses have subject specific entry requirements. Details of these requirements can be found on our website and in the sixth form prospectus.

All students seeking admission to the sixth form must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen. Meeting the requirements of any course is no guarantee that the student will automatically be offered a place on a preferred choice of course.

Entry into Year 13

Entry into Year 13 will depend on the availability of places on the courses for this year group. The student's results from any modules taken in Year 12 will also be taken into consideration as we require evidence that the student will be likely to go on to complete the course successfully.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of eligible applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

- (i) Applications from internal candidates who are predicted to meet the academic requirements
- (ii) Students with siblings at the school in September 2014. Siblings are defined as brothers or sisters (including step brothers and sisters) living at the same address as their primary place of residence); and
- (iii) All remaining places will be offered to students on the basis of their predicted performance at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course being applied for, with priority given to those who have the better performance predicted at GCSE for their subject specific requirements.

Appeals

Any student refused a place in the sixth form has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. Details of how to appeal can be obtained from the Academy.

False Information

Any place offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application, e.g. giving a false address, will be withdrawn. It is for the parents or carer to satisfy the Academy of their circumstances, as they apply to the admission criteria at the time of application.

Timetable for Admission

- (i) Students on roll in Year 11 at the Academy in 2014

Student to complete application form	By February
Course guidance consultation	By March / April
Provisional offers made	By March / April
Publication of GCSE results	August
Academy agrees / refuses the admission	August / Sept
Decision communicated to parent / student	August /September
Independent Appeal	September

- (ii) External Students on roll elsewhere in 2014

Student to complete application form	By February
Course guidance consultation	By March / April
Provisional offers made	By March / April
Publication of GCSE results	August
Academy agrees / refuses the admission	August / Sept
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Late Applications and Transfers

Late applications will be considered up to the end of the second week of the Autumn term. Where an application is received on behalf of a student who has moved into the area during the academic year it will be considered in accordance with the minimum entry requirements, oversubscription criteria and whether the student has a reasonable chance of completing the course in the time available.

The right of appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.