PARMITER'S SCHOOL

Admissions Arrangements
Sixth Form Entry in September 2028

General Information

Applicants are asked to complete the online registration form for **Sixth Form Entry 2028**, available on the school website: www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk. The Sixth Form Open Evening, for our current Year 11 and external candidates, will be held in the Autumn term of 2027 (date to be advertised on the school website). **The deadline for applications is 8 January 2028.**

All students applying to enter the Sixth Form (both internal and external) must have achieved a minimum of 36 points in their six best full-course GCSE results by 1 September 2028 to start Year 12 at Parmiter's. Students must have achieved a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language. Students also need to achieve the minimum entry requirement for each A-level subject they wish to take. These are detailed on the school website. Where a student has taken qualifications that are not graded on a scale of grade 1 to grade 9, the Department for Education equivalent point scores will be used to ascertain if they meet the criteria.

The annual Sixth Form admissions number for external students who have fulfilled the entry criteria is 50. If spaces remain on some courses, this number can be exceeded.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of academically qualified external applications exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated by the Academy Trust in accordance, and in order, with the following criteria,

1. Children Looked After

"Children Looked After"[1], "Children Previously Looked After[2]" or "Children in Public Care[3]". A "looked after child" or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. This criterion will apply to children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

2. Children of Staff

The staff member must have been:

1. Employed by Parmiter's School for more than a 0.5FTE permanent contract, or consecutive fixed term one-year contracts, for two or more years at the time of application, or

2. Recruited to fill a vacant post at Parmiter's School, on a permanent contract, for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage.

The staff member may be full or part-time, teaching or non-teaching staff.
A 'child of a staff member' means their birth child, adopted child, long term foster child, step-child (the child of their spouse or civil partner) or the child of their cohabiting partner whose 'home address' is the same as the staff member within the definition set out in this policy.
The Academy Trust reserves the right to withdraw the allocation offer if the member of staff ceases to work at Parmiter's School between the date of application and the date of admission.

In order for a student to be considered under this criterion, the staff member must contact our Admissions Officer prior to application.

A panel from the Academy Trust Admissions Committee will determine whether the member of staff meets the requirements for this rule.

If the number of applications under this criterion exceeds the number of places available, the tie break will be the length of service of the member of staff.

3. Remaining Places

All applications (both internal and external) will be analysed to establish the financial and educational viability of running A Level courses. This process will determine which A Levels will run and how many offers can be made for each A Level course. Applicants will be made a conditional offer for their chosen set of 3 - 4 A Levels. All students (both internal and external) with the same A Level choices will be treated identically and made the same offer until all prospective places on an A Level course are filled. Applicants will receive notification in writing of any conditional offer of a place, subject to final GCSE results, and will be required to accept this place in writing by the date given on the letter.

Should a tiebreaker between two students be required for a conditional offer, places will then be allocated in distance order using a straight line distance between the family's normal home address and the school. In the event of two applicants living an equal distance from the school (e.g. in a block of flats), the applicants will be ranked numerically by house door number, the lower number taking priority. If the applicants live at equal distances, but in different locations, the place will be allocated by an independently verified random allocation.

Places will be offered using the oversubscription criteria until planned capacity in a given subject or course is reached and the school reserves the right to refuse access to subjects when planned classes are full.

Continuing Interest

Any students, either internal or external, who cannot be made an offer based on their chosen A Levels, will be invited to contact the school upon receipt of their GCSE results, should they have a continuing interest in a Sixth Form place and achieve the required grades.

After GCSE results day in August 2028, subjects for which there are still vacancies will be advertised on the school website. Applicants can apply for available subjects up until the Sixth Form admission deadline of 30 September 2028.

Students Out of Year Group

Parmiter's School's policy is for students to be educated within their correct chronological year group. An application for a student to be educated out of their age group must be supported by information submitted with the application. When assessing such an application, the school will consider whether they have been previously educated out of their normal age group, education provider and, where relevant, their medical history and the views of medical professionals. Having considered the request, the school will write to the parents to notify them of the decision and set out the reasons for the school's judgment. The governing body is under no obligation to comply with a request, nor to offer the student a place in any other year group. Such an outcome does not constitute the refusal of a place and carries no right of appeal.

Right of Appeal

Parents/Carers have the right to appeal against non-admissions to the school and should email school.appeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Notes

1. A "child looked after" 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 definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Priority will be given to children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

3. Places are allocated to children in public care according to Chapter 7, Section 2 of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.

4. An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 Adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 Adoption orders) Children Act 2002. A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by Section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).