



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SIXTH FORM ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2023

External applicants are asked to complete the online School Information Form **SIXTH FORM ENTRY 2023**, 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 October 2022 (date to be advertised on the school website). **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES IS: 1 DECEMBER 2022.**

All students applying to enter the Sixth Form (both internal and external) must have achieved a minimum of 33 points in their six best full-course GCSE results by 1 September 2023 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 is 50.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of academically qualified external applications exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which students to admit:

1. "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 order⁴. This criterion will apply to children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admissions 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. 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

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).

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.

3. Should a tiebreaker between two students be required for a conditional offer, places will then be allocated in distance order using 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 (eg 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 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.

Any students, either internal or external, who cannot be made an offer based upon 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 2023, subjects for which there are still vacancies will be advertised on the school website. The Head of Sixth Form will receive any further applications from new candidates or from those who have applied and not received an offer at that point.

PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST NON-ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL AND SHOULD EMAIL SCHOOL.APPEALS@HERTFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK IF THEY WISH TO START THE APPEALS PROCESS.