

**Community Secondary Schools
Sixth Form Admission Policy - September 2010
Applications for Year 12**

We the Local Authority (LA) are the admitting authority for the school our policy is as follows:

The school provides courses of study for post 16 (6th form) students. The majority of the 6th form students transfer from year 11, but we generally have places available for external students.

The entry requirements for 6th form are largely dependent on the course of study that a student wishes to access. They are the same for internal and external students

In general, students wishing to access Advanced Level courses must possess a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C. To access Intermediate Level courses, some GCSE passes at grade D/E and/or appropriate Level 1 qualification(s) are required. There are no specific qualifications required for entry to Foundation Level courses.

Details of specific entry requirements and courses available may be obtained from the school. The availability of courses is dependent upon the number of applicants and the financial sustainability of the course and the governing body of the school determines this.

In the event of oversubscription priority will be given to:

1. Students who have attended the school in the previous academic year (during Year 11) and who satisfy the school's entry requirements for the course available.
2. All other students of the relevant age who satisfy the school's entry requirements for the course available.

Where the above criteria are not enough to help us to decide priority we will then give priority to children in the following order:

- (a) **Children in Public Care (and as deemed under Section 22 of the children act 1989**
- (b) **Students who live in the school's catchment area.**
- (c) **Students who will have a brother or sister at the secondary school during the coming academic year.**
- (d) **All other students.**

Applicants refused admission to a 6th form are entitled to appeal to an independent appeals panel.

Community Secondary schools in Gateshead with 6th forms are as follows:

Heworth Grange Comprehensive School
Hookergate School
Joseph Swan School
Lord Lawson of Beamish Community School
Ryton Comprehensive School
Whickham School