



# Sheffield South East VI Form

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## VI Form Admission Arrangements for Sheffield South East VI Form for the 2021/22 Academic Year



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## Admissions Policy VI Form

### Introduction

By agreement between the Principal and Local Governing Body, the Academy will participate in the Sheffield wide 'Sheffield Progress' admissions scheme whilst retaining the status of being our own admissions authority. The 'Sheffield Progress' Common Application Form provides the opportunity for parents/carers to express up to three choices of schools in rank order of preference. You are invited to submit up to three ranked preferences on the Local Authority's Common Application Form or to apply directly using the Academy's own application form.

The student admission number for the Sheffield South East VI Form is 200. A minimum of 20 places will be available for external applicants.

### Entry requirements to VI Form

Students at Sheffield South East VI Form can study three different pathways at Level 3.

- A Level – 3 x A Level subjects
- Vocational – 3 x BTEC Level 3 (including the option of 2 x one subject plus 1 other)
- Combination – Combination of A Level and BTEC Level 3

**Entry Requirements** – students must achieve 5 x 5's at GCSE including English and Maths plus subject specific criteria for each subject at A Level

**English, Sociology, History, Geography** – Must have at least a 6 in English at GCSE

**Psychology, Economics** – Must have at least a 6 in English and Maths at GCSE

**French, Maths, Chemistry, Biology** – Must have at least a 6 in the intended subject of study at GCSE.

**Physics** – Must have at least a 6 in GCSE Maths and Physics.

Sheffield South East VI Form will consider students achieving Grade 4's for a Vocational programme, this will be discretionary and individual.

The Academy reserves the right to withdraw any course which is undersubscribed but will always seek to offer prospective students an alternative course under these circumstances.

### Exceptional Circumstances

It is important that proper provision continues to be made for students in exceptional circumstances. For some applicants the Academy may wish to exercise reasonable discretion for an individual young person who could benefit from the programme offered in VI Forms but because of his/her exceptional circumstances has not met the minimum entry criteria.

These circumstances may include students with English as a Second Language where the current school can demonstrate that the student would benefit from attending the VI Form, but may not meet the minimum entry criteria. Any placement

in this category would require careful discussion and the views of the school and any potential prejudice to the provision of efficient education and/or the efficient use of resources as a result of the placement would always be considered before a decision is made. The incidence of such cases is expected to be low.

We are aware that exceptional circumstances do sometimes affect students' grades. As such it may be that we make an offer to a student who does not achieve or is not expected to achieve the minimum entry criteria or individual subject criteria.

These exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis and may include long term illness; immediate family bereavement in examination season. This category may also include students with special educational needs and students with a physical disability with a requirement for adapted buildings and/or facilities which can only be met at this particular school.

### **Application Procedure**

An open evening will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 5pm for prospective Year 12 students and parents.

Students are asked to apply formally using the Sheffield system or using an application form which can be obtained directly from the Academy or by email request from Miss Burton (Assistant Principal – VI Form) at [Jane.Burton@sheffieldparkacademy.org](mailto:Jane.Burton@sheffieldparkacademy.org)

All applicants will be invited to a meeting to discuss options and academic entry requirements for particular courses which will not form part of the decision making process on whether to offer a place. This will take place in March.

Year 11 students on roll at Sheffield Park and Sheffield Springs Academies who apply for VI Form places at the Academy will be given priority over external applicants although the academic entry requirements will be the same.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where there are more applications from external candidates than there are places, places (subject to meeting the entry requirements) will be offered in the following order:

Looked after students - this category also includes students who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

Students who are predicted to meet the general minimum entry requirement and subject grades where applicable (or who are identified as Students in Exceptional Circumstances), and who attend Sheffield Park Academy.

All other students who are predicted to meet the general minimum entry requirement and subject grades (or who are identified as Students in Exceptional Circumstances), where applicable, regardless of which school they currently attend.

If an entire category cannot be admitted without exceeding the number of places available then places will be offered to those students within the category that live closest to the school. All distances will be measured in a straight line from home to school.

Applications received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list and will be considered after those received on time for any places that become available.

### **Offer of places**

Students will receive a conditional offer in April. Applicants will be required to formally accept their place on GCSE results day in August. It is vital that students attend the Academy on results day to accept their place/be offered alternatives if their results require this course of action. Any applicant who cannot be offered a place will also be notified.

### **Allocation to courses**

This will be done on the basis of GCSE results achieved and subject specific criteria. Class sizes will be set appropriately for the nature of the subject.

### **Waiting lists**

If there are more applicants than places, those applicants who have been unsuccessful may request to be placed on a waiting list which will be kept until December of that year. Places may become available, for example if students do not achieve the results they need or applicants decide to take up an offer of a place elsewhere. Any available places will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria above.

### **Appeals**

Any unsuccessful applicant may appeal to an independent appeals panel. Parents or students wishing to do so should contact Sheffield CYPD School Admissions in the first instance.