



**ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR
ASHTON ON MERSEY SCHOOL SIXTH FORM
2023-2024**

STATUTORY POLICY – REQUIRED ON THE WEBSITE

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Admission Arrangements

- The Dean Trust is the admission authority for Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form
- Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form is responsible for its own Admissions Policy and for coordinating the admissions arrangements into Year 12.
- The number of Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form places available for admission into Year 12 in September 2023 is 150. All Year 11 pupils at Ashton on Mersey School, who are predicted to achieve the minimum academic requirements, will receive a conditional offer for entry to the Sixth Form.
- Where the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) of a child names Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form, they will normally be admitted, in line with the academic admission requirements, and the number of available places will reduce accordingly.

Admission entry requirements

Students wishing to undertake a Level 3 course in the Sixth Form must achieve a minimum of five, 9 - 4 grade full course GCSEs including English Language and Mathematics at grade 4 or above.

All applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements for the published courses of study, as detailed on the Sixth Form website <https://www.aomsixthform.co.uk/curriculum/>



Over Subscription Criteria

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine how places are awarded:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children, as defined by the School Admissions Code 2021.
2. Children in Year 11 at one of The Dean Trust secondary schools, at the time of application.
3. Children of staff who have been employed at Ashton on Mersey School and Sixth Form for two years at the time of application, or have been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
4. Distance from the child's home to school measured in a straight line. Those living nearest to the school have priority. (See note a)

Notes

a) Proof of address will be required. Where there is split care and a child lives between two addresses, the address of the parent/carer in receipt of child benefit is normally taken, but the admission authority reserves the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstances. The address of another relative or childminder etc will not be accepted. This will be measured using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666), other LA data and Royal Mail Postal Address Information.

Waiting Lists

Unsuccessful applicants may ask to be placed on a waiting list and considered for any places that may arise in the future. These places will be awarded in accordance with the over subscription criteria listed above. These waiting lists will be maintained to the end of the academic year 2023-24.

Tie-Break Arrangements

If there are more applicants than places available within criterion 1, 2 or 3, then criterion 4 will be used as a tie-break. In rare cases where the geographic tie-break does not assist because more than one applicant lives at the same distance e.g. in a block of flats or the same distance in a different radial direction from school, random selection will be used to determine the allocation of places. This process will be independently verified.

In the case of a tie-break situation occurring between applications made for siblings who are twins or of multiple births or siblings within the same family unit as described above, an additional place may be allocated.

Each random selection event only holds for the allocation of the currently available school place.

Appeals

You have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel against any decision made by Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form. Information on how to do this can be found on the Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form admissions webpage. <https://www.aomschool.co.uk/admissions-and-appeals/>



Out of Age Group Applications

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. If you wish to apply for a place outside of your child's normal age group you must contact Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form in writing for the attention of the Admissions Committee. You must set out the reasons why you are making such an application and enclose any evidence on which you seek to rely, for example information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

The Admissions Committee will consider the evidence and application carefully and will take account of the parents' views, the views any medical expert, and the views of the Headteacher of Ashton on Mersey School. Any decision will be made in the best interests of the child and the decision will be set out in writing with clear reasons.

In-Year Admission

This applies to applicants applying for places outside the normal admissions round. Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form is responsible for the coordination of their own in-year admissions applications. An application form and supporting guidance notes are available on the school's admissions webpage

<https://www.aomsixthform.co.uk/about/admissions-appeals/>

Manchester United Scholarships

Ashton on Mersey School has a formal partnership with Manchester United Football Club to provide education for academy players in the Sixth Form. Admission of Manchester United FC students are managed separately and the number of places allocated under the normal admissions arrangements are not affected by this partnership.

Withdrawing an offer

The admission authority reserves the right to withdraw the offer of any place if it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.