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“Settle College promotes the safeguarding and welfare of children in its care; all policies support the “Child Protection Policy”

ADMISSIONS POLICY, SIXTH FORM

Transfer from Year 11

Existing Year 11 students at Settle College wishing to enter into the Sixth Form will be able to do so providing they meet the minimum entry qualifications as set on the attached sheet.

Whilst the College will work with Year 11 students to ensure that they are able to continue their education at Settle College, should they wish, the criteria in the Admissions Policy are strictly adhered to in order to ensure that students do not start courses on which they are unlikely to be successful.

Year 12 entry

Students attending other schools in Year 11 are able to apply for places in Year 12 at Settle College. All applicants wishing to join the school for the first time in Year 12 are subject to the same entry qualifications as those set out below for existing students.

The Governing Body of the College will, under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, admit to the College a young person with a statement of special needs or Educational Healthcare Plan that names the College. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to young people who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued and which has taken account of the Year 12 entry requirements.

If, following the admission of young people where the College is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEND), the number of applications to join the school for the first time exceeds the published admission number and further places cannot be provided, then the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	Notes:
<p><u>Priority Group 1:</u></p> <p>Young people in Public Care for whom an application has been submitted.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked after young people, and previously looked after children, that is children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. This applies to all looked after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority, in the case of previously looked after children, proof that the child was previously in the care of a local authority will be required to support the application.'</i></p>
<p><u>Priority Group 2 :</u></p> <p>Young people who will have a sibling on the College roll in September 2016.</p>	<p><i>Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.</i></p>
<p><u>Priority Group 3 :</u></p> <p>All other young people.</p>	

Young people in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups.

Tie break:

If there are not enough places for all the young people in one of these priority groups, we will give priority to those living nearest to the College.

Distance measurements are based on the nearest walked route from the applicant's home address to College. We measure from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest College entrance using an electronic mapping system.

Additional notes:

- Students in Year 11 at Settle College will only be admitted into the Sixth Form if in the judgement of the Senior Leadership Team, a suitable course is available that is appropriate to their needs.
- Students are only able to study at Settle College in the Sixth Form if they are in full time courses ie 4 AS levels, 3 A levels or 2 Btecs and a work experience placement (resit GCSE English and Maths)
- Entrance into the Sixth Form is subject to the regulations regarding residency status and eligibility for study in UK schools Sixth Form courses that apply at the time.

Progression from AS to A2

Students should achieve at least a grade E D in their AS subjects in Year 12, or pass the first year of their BTEC course, if they wish to continue into Year 13. The expectation is that students will continue onto 3 A2 courses. In exceptional circumstances students who achieve less than this may continue into Year 13, or repeat Year 12, at the College's discretion.

The Application Process at Settle College	
November	Sixth Form Open Evening Publication of Post-16 Curriculum Booklet and Application Form
January	Deadline for Application Forms
January	Sixth Form Taster Day
February	Half Term Holiday
March	Meetings for Year 11 Students to discuss Post-16 choices
April	Publication of Post-16 Offers
April	Supplementary meetings for students with option queries
July	Year 11 invited for Skills Days in readiness for Year 12
August	GCSE Results Day
August	Year 12 Enrolment Day
September	Year 12 Induction

Age Limits

Students can only begin courses if they are under 19 years of age on the first day of term for the ensuing academic year. This means that students may start either Year 12, 13 or 14, but may



not continue the course or start a subsequent year if they are 19 years of age at the start of the next academic year.

Entry Criteria for Post 16 Courses

Settle College Sixth Form offers a broad range of courses to suit students of different abilities and aspirations. To ensure each student has the best opportunity to succeed in their chosen curriculum we have entry criteria laid out below. Students will also be expected to retake Maths and English GCSEs in Y12 if they have not achieved a C grade.

SUMMARY OF ENTRY CRITERIA

Settle College Sixth Form offers a broad range of courses to suit students of different abilities and aspirations. To ensure each student has the best opportunity to succeed in their chosen curriculum we have developed curriculum pathways for students, with specific entry criteria for each subject. Students will also be expected to re-take Maths and English GCSEs in Year 12 if they have not achieved a C grade by the end of Year 11.

Overall Requirements For Sixth Form Entry	
Academic Pathway	e.g. 4 A levels through to Year 13 or 3 A levels and one AS (AS Level taken at the end of Year 12) + Extended Project leading to the AQA Baccalaureate. Entry Criteria: 5 GCSEs grades A*-C including English and Maths plus entry criteria for each subject.
Mixed Pathway	e.g. 3 A Levels + One BTEC taken in Year 12 or 2 A Levels and 2 BTECs. Entry criteria: 5 GCSEs grades A*-C (preferably including English and Maths) plus entry criteria for each subject.
Vocational Pathway	e.g. 3 BTECs and Work Experience. Entry Criteria: 4 GCSEs grades A*-C, plus entry criteria for each subject. Re-sit English and Maths GCSE if grades are not C or above.

Please note it may not be possible to offer all courses if too few students chose it.

The College reserves the right to make the final decision about availability of courses.



Subject	Equivalent Value	Minimum Grade for course	Additional Information	Phase of change
Art BTEC National Extended Certificate (Year 12 only awards Certificate)	1 A-Level	4 GCSEs of Grade C or higher – 1 of which is Art.		BTECs Art underwent change in 2014 to ensure parity between A-Levels and BTEC's.
AQA Baccalaureate	Awarded: Pass, Merit, Distinction, based on final A2 results.	This qualification will be offered to students at the start of Year 12 who have achieved a GCSE average point score of 6 and above.	The qualification incorporates a student's A-Level choices and adds an AS course in Citizenship, an Extended Project and an Enrichment Diary. In addition, students must study three full A-Level options.	
Biology A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: BB in Core and Additional Science OR BB in Triple Award Science AND B in Maths.	Not suitable for students who have studied Level 2 BTEC Applied Science or Applied Science GCSE.	Started new specification September 2015
Chemistry A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: BB in Core and Additional Science OR BB in Triple Award Science AND B in Maths.	Not suitable for students who have studied Level 2 BTEC Applied Science or Applied Science GCSE.	Started new specification September 2015
Citizenship AS-Level	1 AS Level	This qualification is for students on the academic pathway taken in Year 12.	This course contributes to the AQA Baccalaureate.	
Business BTEC National Extended Certificate (Year 12 only awards Certificate)	1 A-Level	4 GCSEs of Grade C or higher.	New specification from September 2016	BTEC has undergone change in 2015 to ensure parity between A-Levels and BTECs. BTECs now involve an external examination.
English Literature A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE English Language and B in GCSE English Literature		Started new specification September 2015
Extended Project Qualification	Half of an A2 qualification	This qualification is for all academic pathway students for Year 12	This course contributes to the AQA Baccalaureate.	



French A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE French.		New specification from September 2016
Further Maths AS Level	1 AS Level	5 GCSEs which must include: A in GCSE Maths plus clear aptitude in the subject.	To be taken in Year 13 as an AS.	New specification from September 2017
Geography A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: C in GCSE Geography.		New specification from September 2016
History A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE History.	B in GCSE English and keen interest if students have not taken GCSE History.	Started new specification September 2015
IT BTEC National Extended Certificate (Year 12 only awards Certificate)	1 A-Level	4 GCSEs of Grade C or higher.		BTEC IT underwent change in 2014 to ensure parity between A-Levels and BTECs.
Mathematics A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE Maths.		New specification from September 2017
Creative Digital Media Production BTEC National Extended Certificate (Year 12 only awards Certificate)	1 A-Level	4 GCSEs of Grade C or higher – 1 of which is English Language or Literature.		BTEC Media underwent change in 2014 to ensure parity between A-Levels and BTECs.
Drama and Theatre	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: C in GCSE Drama or Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts at merit or above.		New specification from September 2016
Physical Education	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE PE or BTEC Level 2 Sports at Distinction.		New Specification from September 2016
Physics A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: BB in Core and Additional Science or BB in Triple Award Science AND B in Maths.	Not suitable for students who have studied Level 2 BTEC Applied Science or Applied Science GCSE.	Started new specification September 2015
Product Design A Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: C in GCSE Design and Technology.		New specification from September 2017
Psychology A-Level	1 A-Level	5 GCSEs which must include: B in GCSE English Language and C in GCSE Maths.		Started new specification September 2015
Sport BTEC National Diploma (Year 12 only awards Certificate)	1 A-Level	4 GCSEs of Grade C or higher.	Uptake will dictate which sport option runs from September 2016. Only <i>one option</i> will run either BTEC or A-Level PE.	BTEC Sport underwent change in 2014 to ensure parity between A-Levels and BTECs