



Thirsk School & Sixth Form College

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Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2016-18

Places at Thirsk School Sixth Form College will be allocated to students from Thirsk School who meet the entry requirements for the courses for which they have applied. In addition, the College will accept up to ten applications from students from other schools who meet those requirements. Applications from schools other than Thirsk will be considered on an individual basis. Students accessing courses at Thirsk School Sixth Form College as part of the Collaboration with Boroughbridge High School and Easingwold School will need to meet the entry requirements of their home institution.

Students wishing to follow four courses at AS Level will be required to have five A*-C Grades at GCSE, preferably including English and Mathematics. In addition, students will need at least a Grade C in the subjects they wish to follow, other than Mathematics, where they will require at least a Grade B.

Students wishing to follow Level 3 Applied Courses will be required to have four A*-C Grades at GCSE, preferably including English and Mathematics.

Students will have an opportunity to re-sit GCSE English and Mathematics if they have not achieved at least a Grade C.

Students wishing to follow the Bridge Course will not be required to have specific qualifications but will need to discuss their suitability for the course with Sixth Form College Pastoral staff.

Students will be asked to indicate their preferred courses in the Autumn Term of the year preceding their entry into the Sixth Form College to allow option blocks to be decided. A formal application process will take place in the Spring Term preceding their entry and will include an interview with Sixth Form Pastoral staff. Students will be able to discuss their application in the light of their GCSE results on or immediately after their GCSE results day.

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If, following the admission of young people where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN), the number of applications to join the college 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>Priority group 1: Young people in Public Care for whom an application has been submitted</p>	<p>This applies to Children and young people in public care for whom the College has been expressed as a preference 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'</p>
<p>Priority group 2: Young people who will have a sibling on the School/College roll in September.</p>	<p>Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or the child of the parents/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.</p>
<p>Priority group 3: All other young people</p>	

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

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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 the College. We measure from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordinance Survey, to the nearest College entrance using **(insert system e.g. Google Map, RAC)**.