

# WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL

## **Sixth Form Admissions and Entry Policy 2027**

### **Entry Requirements**

Whitley Bay High School Sixth Form provision is made up of A' Level courses and Level 3 courses only, and we therefore apply the following entry requirements:

1. Students must achieve a minimum of five 9 – 4 grades in **separate subjects** (see Prospectus) at GCSE level;
2. All subjects have specific entry requirements that students must achieve to start the course.

### **Planned Admission Number (PAN)**

The Year 12 PAN is 350 (this includes both students from Whitley Bay High School and other schools).

All Year 11 students from Whitley Bay High School have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form if they meet the general and course specific entry requirements (see Sixth Form Prospectus).

Students from other schools are invited to apply to the Sixth Form if they meet the general and course specific entry requirements (see Sixth Form Prospectus).

### **For students applying to the Sixth Form who are outside the normal age group**

This could, for example, include students who have completed their GCSE studies prior to the end of Yr.11 or a student entering Yr.12 after a year out.

In such circumstances students should contact the Sixth Form Office via the school website to request a Sixth Form Application Form. This form should be submitted to the Sixth Form Office which will lead to a meeting to discuss this application. The decision to admit will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned as stated in the DfE Admissions Code.

In the rare event that the Sixth Form becomes oversubscribed the following over-subscription criteria will be applied:

### **Over-Subscription Criteria**

Once WBHS students who have met the entry requirements have been offered places, we will apply the following criteria should the Sixth Form become oversubscribed.

1. Looked After Children in the care of the Local Authority or a child who was previously Looked After but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, residence or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in a state of care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, who meet the academic entry requirements will be given highest priority.
2. Any student who has an Educational Health Care Plan, which names the school, will be admitted to Year 12.

After the above criteria have been applied, the students average GCSE point score will then be considered, depending on subject choice and rank order of choices. Those students with the highest average GCSE point score will be admitted until we reach the PAN. We may continue to add students beyond the PAN, if they can be appropriately timetabled.

## **Over-Subscription of Subjects**

At any part of the process of offering places to the Sixth Form, individual subjects may become full (that is, the number of students in the class is such that to accept more would prejudice the quality of education for the others.) This number is at the headteacher's discretion and it differs between subjects (due to for instance differences in practical and equipment requirements and assessment methodologies). Should this happen, once WBHS students who have met the entry requirements have been offered places, we will apply the following criteria:

1. Looked After Children in the care of the Local Authority or a child who was previously Looked After but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, residence or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in a state of care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, who meet the academic entry requirements will be given highest priority.
2. Any student who has an Educational Health Care Plan, which names the school, will be admitted to the course.
3. Rank order of subjects (those who choose the subject as their first choice will be given places before those who chose the subject as second choice etc).
4. Average point score at GCSE.
5. Should a "tie-breaker" be required after the above three criteria have been applied, those closest to the school geographically will be offered the remaining places on a course, with a waiting list established for those that remain.

## **Additional Notes**

Separate Subjects – Double Award Science will be classed as two separate GCSE subjects. English Language and English Literature will also be classed at two separate GCSE subjects. All other subjects, however, will be classed as a single GCSE even if they carry more than one grade. For example, Level 2 courses in ICT, Health and Social Care, Engineering, Business Studies, Media etc will be classed as a single subject irrespective of the number of GCSE grades they are equivalent to.

\*Enrolment into the Sixth Form takes place up to 12.30pm on the day after GCSE results day.