

WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form Admissions and Entry Policy 2025

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

and

2. All subjects have specific entry requirements that students must achieve to start the course.

Planned Admission Number (PAN)

The Year 12 PAN is 320 (this includes both students from Whitley Bay High School and other schools.) 100 places will be offered to students from other schools up to the Yr.12 PAN of 320.

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 encouraged 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

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. Those students with the highest average GCSE point score will be admitted.

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.