

Secondary Schools Admissions Arrangements 2024

Closing date for applications: 31 October

This document contains information about the home to school distance (cut-off distance) of the last child admitted to Birmingham schools at the time of offer for entry in September 2021, 2022 and 2023 where applicable. It is not possible to predict precise cut-off distances for 2024.

There is no guarantee that the same admissions pattern will occur in 2024, but parents and carers should consider the information carefully when expressing their preferences for transfer to secondary school.

Majority of separate boys' and girls' schools are not considered to be linked for the purposes of sibling claims.

Majority of schools do not class siblings in a Sixth form as valid siblings for entry into Year 7.

School Admissions and Fair Access Service make every effort to ensure that the information contained in the 'Secondary Admissions Arrangements 2024' for each school is up to date and correct. However, for a copy of the school's full and most recent admissions policy, oversubscription criteria and definitions please visit the school's own website, a link to the relevant website is provided at the bottom of each school's admissions arrangements.

1 mile = 1,609 metres

All schools are day schools. There are no boarding schools.

HOLYHEAD SCHOOL

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www.holyheadschoo.org.uk

Type:	Academy
Age range:	11–18
Published Admission Number:	210
DFE No:	330 4241

How to make an In-Year application

[In-Year Admissions](#)

How to apply for Year 7 in September 2024

An application must be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Previous admission pattern at the time of offer of places for Year 7

In 2021, 2022 and 2023 this school received more applications than there were places available.

- 2021 – 790 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1154 metres from the school
- 2022 – 772 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1038 metres from the school
- 2023 – 794 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1103 metres from the school

Statement

Holyhead is an 11–18 co-educational comprehensive school. Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude.

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan

Any child with a statement of special educational needs is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the statement. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children (in public care).
2. Siblings, Children with an older brother or sister already at the school who will still be in attendance at the time the sibling enters the school.
3. Children of Staff at the School.
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage
4. Children who live nearest the school.

Holyhead have adopted the Local Authority's definitions for 'Looked after or previously looked after children', 'Distance', 'Sibling', 'Shared Responsibility' and 'Separating "Final Qualifier" applications (blocks of flats etc)'.

To view the Local Authority's definitions, click on the below link;

[DEFINITIONS FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND THOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE ADOPTED LOCAL AUTHORITY DEFINITIONS](#)

Appeals

Where parents are not satisfied with the school allocated by the Local Authority for Year 7 entry, or refused admission 'In-Year', arrangements exist for appeals to be heard by an Appeals Panel, which is independent of Holyhead School.

Appeals in respect of Admission to Holyhead School should be sent to the Clerk to the Governing Body at the school's address, in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Waiting Lists

If Holyhead was a parent's preferred choice of school and they have not been allocated a place, they will be informed of their right to appeal and asked if they wish to go on to Holyhead's waiting list, which will be held for at least one term in the academic year of admission.

Children named on the waiting list will be ranked in the same order as Holyhead's published oversubscription criteria.

Should places become available at Holyhead, an offer to students from the waiting list will be made.

Inclusion on Holyhead's waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available. It may be that those already allocated places do not give them up and that Holyhead is unable to make further offers in the future.

Admissions Criteria for Holyhead Sixth Form

Every year a proportion of students from Year 11 enter the Sixth Form to continue their studies and students from other schools and colleges may be eligible to join them.

Sixth Form Capacity: September 2024

Year 12	130
Year 13	130

Internal applicants

Priority for places is given to students in Year 11 currently on roll who meet the entry requirements for Sixth Form courses.

If the number of applications exceeds the admission number, the governors will give priority to applications in accordance with the criteria in the order listed, depending upon applicants achieving the relevant entry requirements for individual subjects.

External applicants

Applications from internal candidates who meet the academic requirements will be considered first.

For external applications the remaining places available on a particular course will be offered to those who have the better grades at GCSE or subject specific requirements.

Advice and guidance

All students will receive advice and guidance to support them in making the correct post-16 choices.

Academic entry requirements:

All students are required to meet the following academic entry requirements to be considered for a place at Holyhead Sixth Form:

AS/Year 1 of A Level/Level 3 BTEC courses (including Applied 'A' levels):

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade C and above (to include Maths and English at Grade 4 or above)
- A Grade B (or Grade 6 in Maths and English) in a subject studied at GCSE for which they intend to study at A Level , e.g. History A Level requires a B in History at GCSE

With the vast majority of subjects still sitting AS Level exams there is an additional entry requirement for students to continue into the Year 13 part of a course in individual subjects

- A minimum of Grade D and above at AS Level in the subject
- A minimum of a Merit in BTEC/Level 3 Applied General/Technical subjects

(Students not meeting this requirement for a subject will be provided with an alternative subject option)

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The oversubscription criteria of looked after children, siblings and distance will only be used if the number of external candidates exceeds the amount of places the school is able to admit.

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Unsuccessful applicants will be informed of their right to appeal and asked if they wish to go on to Holyhead's waiting list, which will be held for at least one term in the academic year of admission.

Note: Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement between the applicant's home address and the School gate on Milestone Lane (as the crow flies).

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