



Friends' School Lisburn

Admission of pupils to the Sixth Form

Friends' School pupils

To enter the Sixth Form, the following criteria must be met.

1. Pupils must have a minimum of 14 points at GCSE level, including a pass in both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at Grade C or above. Subjects taken outside school, including twilight courses, will not normally be considered. The points score at GCSE is 4 points for A*, 3 points for A, 2 points for B and 1 point for C*/C.
2. Pupils must be able to follow a viable course at AS level and meet the minimum subject requirements set out for each subject in the Sixth Form Curriculum booklet.
3. Pupils must have a good record of conduct, punctuality and attendance and subscribe to the ethos of the School.

External Applicants

External applicants may be admitted to the Sixth Form if there are places available within the School's approved Enrolment Number, or if the Department of Education agrees to a temporary variation of the Enrolment Number. The Department of Education will normally only agree to such a variation if it is content that each external pupil for whom a place is requested would not be able to pursue their post-16 course-choices at a suitable school without undertaking an unreasonable journey, defined as a journey that would be over an hour by public transport from where the young person lives.

In all cases, offers of a place in the Sixth Form will be subject to availability in the subjects chosen for study by the applicant. The closing date for external applications will be 11.00 am on the day of publication of the GCSE results. Applications received after this deadline will be considered only after all other applications have been processed.

To enter the Sixth Form, the following criteria must be met:

1. The applicant must have a minimum of 14 points at GCSE level, including a pass in both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at Grade C or above. Short Course GCSEs, and subjects studied at GCSE which do not directly facilitate AS Level study at Friends' School, Lisburn, will not normally be considered. The points score at GCSE is 4 points for A*, 3 points for A, 2 points for B, and 1 point for C*/C.
2. Pupils must be able to follow a viable course at AS level and meet the minimum subject requirements set out for each subject in the Sixth Form Curriculum booklet.
3. Pupils must have a good record of conduct, punctuality and attendance at their previous school and subscribe to the ethos of Friends' School Lisburn.

If there are more applicants than places available, places will be offered in the first instance to those applicants who have the best overall profile of GCSE results. Should two or more applicants to the Sixth Form have the same number of points at GCSE, as well as a viable course at A level, the decision to admit will be taken by applying the sub-criteria (a) to (e) below:

- a) applicants who are children of Members or Attenders of the Religious Society of Friends*;

- b) applicants who have a brother or sister enrolled, or formerly enrolled, at Friends' School;
- c) applicants who are entitled to Free School Meals
- d) applicants to whom (a) to (d) above do not apply.

* Parents are asked to provide details of the Meeting with which they are associated so that this information can be verified.

If, following the application of the above sub-criteria in order, there comes a point where there are more pupils who meet a particular criterion than there are places available, then the Board of Governors shall decide which of these pupils are to be admitted on the basis of computerised random selection.

Entry into Year 14

Pupils must have a minimum of 3 passes at grade E or above at AS Level in order to proceed to A2. Exceptions can only be made to this in cases where pupils have 8 or more points at this level; the points score at AS is 5 points for A, 4 points for B, 3 points for C, 2 points for D and 1 point for E.

Entry into Year 14 for those pupils who achieve fewer than 8 points will be subject to discussion with the Principal or with a member of Senior Staff. On receipt of their results, pupils who do not obtain the minimum requirement, or who achieve fewer than 8 points, must make an appointment for themselves and a parent/guardian, either on the day results are issued, or on the day following the issue of results.

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