



Admission Arrangements for Penistone Grammar School Post-16 Centre 2027-2028

School Admissions & Access Service

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Introduction

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) Is the admissions authority for Penistone Grammar School, including Post-16 admissions.
- The Governing body of Penistone Grammar School will implement these admission arrangements and make offers to applicants on behalf of BMBC.
- The maximum capacity for the Post 16 Centre is 150 in each year group.

(A) Admission to the Post 16 Centre

Admission to the Post 16 Centre will be from:

1. pupils in Year 11 at Penistone Grammar School; and
2. pupils from outside of Penistone Grammar School.

All applicants will be required to complete an application form.

The entry requirements for admission to the Post 16 shall be the same for pupils on roll in Year 11 at the school, and external applicants.

All applicants will be required to take part in a guidance interview prior to admission.

Pupils will be admitted into the Post 16 Centre at the start of the Autumn Term in each school year.

The admission number for pupils entering the Post 16 Centre from outside of Penistone Grammar School will be a minimum of 20.

(B) Minimum entry requirements

All those seeking admission to the Post 16 Centre must:

1. Have five or more GCSE passes at grade 5 or above (including a Grade 5 or above in English Language and a Grade 5 or above in Mathematics)
2. Have attained a Grade 5 GCSE in subjects which the student wishes to study at A level with the exception of:
 - For Biology A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Biology GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 5 in Mathematics at GCSE.
 - For Chemistry A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Chemistry GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 5 in Mathematics at GCSE.



- For Physics A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Physics GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 6 in Mathematics at GCSE. Students are also required to take A Level Mathematics alongside this course.
- For Computing A Level students will require a Grade 6 GCSE in Mathematics as well as a Grade 5 in Computer Science GCSE
- For Mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 6 GCSE in Mathematics.
- For Further Mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 8 GCSE in Mathematics, Students are also required to take A Level Mathematics alongside this course.

All students are expected to demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and be supportive of the school's ethos and vision statement.

Students will be expected to achieve a minimum of a D grade in each subject at the end of Year 12 examinations to automatically progress to Year 13. Attendance, effort and behaviour data will also be taken into consideration.

Should a student not make the requirements for automatic progression, this will trigger a meeting with the student, parent/carer and a member of the Post 16 team. In the meeting we will review progress, behaviour, effort and attendance data for the year and agree next steps. These next steps could include, although are not limited to,

- progression to Year 13 with additional support,
- progression to Year 13 with a learning agreement (and additional support),
- restart of Year 12 (with additional support and learning agreement where necessary)
- leaving PGS to pursue alternative qualifications.

(C) Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

1. Looked After Children or previously looked after children. (Looked After Children (LAC), Previously Looked After Children (PLAC), and children who have been in state care outside of England (IPLAC). A 'looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social care functions at the time of making an application. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).



2. Applications from students living closest to the school, this will be measured in a straight line from the applicant's main residence to the main gates of the school.

Where there are a number of applicants living equidistant from the school, priority of admission will be determined on the highest attainment grades in GCSE performance.

(D) Appeals

Any pupil who fails to achieve the minimum entry requirements and is refused the offer of a place or is refused the offer of a place due to implementing the oversubscription criteria, has the right to an independent appeal.

Appeals should be submitted to the independent appeals panel. Further details surrounding the appeals process including the appeals form is published on the local authority website and can be found here [PROCEDURE FOR INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS \(barnsley.gov.uk\)](https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/procurement/procurement-procedures/procurement-procedures-for-independent-admission-appeals)

Further detail and guidance, including statutory requirements can be found here [School Admission Appeals Code 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/644444/school-admission-appeals-code-2022.pdf)

(E) False Information

Where the Governing Body has made the offer of a place in the Post 16 centre on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has effectively denied a place in the Post 16 centre to a pupil with a stronger claim, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Late applications will be considered up to the end of the second week of the Autumn Term.

Where an application is received on behalf of a pupil who has moved into the area during the school year, it will be considered in accordance with Sections B and C (2).

The oversubscription criteria and the right of an appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.



(F) Timetable for admission

Completion of Application	January
Course guidance consultation	March
Initial offer of a place	March/April
Publication of GCSE results	August
School agrees or refuses admission	August
Decision communicated to student/parent	August/September
Independent appeals	September/October

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