

Policy Statement:
**2022-23 Admission
Arrangements
for Post-16**

Penistone Grammar School
Never Stop Flying
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Introduction

1. On 14 November 2002 Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council delegated responsibility for admission to the Post 16 centre at Penistone Grammar School to the Governing Body.
2. The Governing Body of Penistone Grammar School has a duty to implement all statutory requirements placed on them as an admission authority.
3. For consideration of all matters relating to the admission arrangements for the Post 16 centre the Governing Body have delegated consideration to the Admissions Committee to make recommendations.
4. The capacity for the Post 16 is 150 in each year group.

A Admission to the Post 16 Centre

- 1 Admission to the Post 16 centre will be from:
 - (a) pupils in Year 11 at Penistone Grammar School; and
 - (b) pupils from outside of Penistone Grammar School.
- 2 Pupils on roll in Year 11 at Penistone Grammar School are not required to make an application for admission to the Post 16 centre and will be asked to complete a statement of intent with regard to subject choice.
- 3 Pupils from outside of Penistone Grammar School will be required to complete an application form.
- 4 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.
- 5 All applicants will be required to take part in a Careers guidance interview prior to admission.
- 6 Pupils will be admitted into the Post 16 centre at the start of the Autumn Term in each school year.
- 7 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:

- a) Have five or more GCSE passes at grade 5 or above (including a Grade 4 or above in English Language or Literature and a Grade 4 or above in mathematics)
- b) Have attained a Grade 5 GCSE in subjects which the student wishes to study at A level with the exception of:
 - For mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 6 GCSE in mathematics.
 - 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 Maths 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 Maths 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 Maths at GCSE.
 - For further mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 8 GCSE in mathematics.
- c) For the non-GCSE subjects of Sociology, Psychology, Government & Politics and Criminology students must have achieved a Grade 5 in English language. To study psychology they also need a Grade 5 in mathematics or be willing to study core mathematics.

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

Exceptional circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Principal.

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) or 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. (A child who is looked after by the Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989).
- (2) applications from students in the Penistone family of schools, i.e. Darton College, Stocksbridge High School, Holmfirth High School, Horizon Community College
- (3) applications from students from any other secondary school.

Where the number of applicants exceeds the places available within either of the two oversubscription criteria then normally priority of admission will be determined on the highest attainment grades in GCSE performance.

D Appeals

1. Any pupil refused the offer of a place in the Post 16 centre has the right of appeal.
2. In the first instance the appeal will be by written submission to the Admissions Committee.
3. Should the Admissions Committee recommend refusal of an admission to the Post 16 centre, to the Governing Body, the parent has the right of an independent appeal.

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.

- 1 Late applications will be considered up to the end of the second week of the Autumn Term.
 - 2 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).
 - 3 The oversubscription criteria and the right of an appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.
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G Timetable for admission

	<u>2022</u>
1. Completion of Application	January/February
2. Course guidance consultation	March
3. Initial offer of a place	March/April
4. Publication of GCSE results	August
5. School agrees or refuses admission	August/September
6. Decision communicated to student/parent	September
7. Admissions Committee to consider appeals	September
8. Independent appeals	September

