



High Storrs School

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

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Minor Adjustments:

High Storrs Sixth Form Admissions Policy for September 2024

The Local Authority acts as the coordinating body for managing applications on behalf of all external students (students entering High Storrs for the first time).

Admissions process

The Local Authority and schools are committed to providing a fully coordinated admission service for new entry to Sixth Form schools. The intention is to make the process easier and more consistent for students and parents. More information about the admissions process can be found in *Sheffield Secondary Admissions Team's Guide for Parents*.

Entry requirements

- Minimum entry requirements apply equally to internal and external applicants.
- A minimum entry requirement for entry to High Storrs Sixth Form is five GCSE passes at grades 4 – 9, including English Language and Mathematics.
- There are further minimum requirements for specific courses. These grades are reflective of the standard that a student must achieve at GCSE to demonstrate the ability to pursue a given subject at A Level or L3 BTEC to a successful outcome. More information about these entry requirements is available in the High Storrs Sixth Form Prospectus and on the Sixth Form area of the High Storrs website.

Internal applicants

Students wishing to enter High Storrs Sixth Form who already attend High Storrs School will be routinely offered a place as long as they make an on-time application and meet the minimum *and* subject-specific entry criteria.

External applicants

High Storrs aims to offer a minimum of 120 places for external students each year. More information can be found in *Sheffield Secondary Admissions Team's Guide for Parents*.

Admission Oversubscription Criteria for High Storrs School

We aim to offer a place to all external applicants who wish to study at High Storrs Sixth Form. Where there are more applications from external candidates than there are places, places (subject to meeting the entry requirements) will be offered in the following order:

1. CLA (Child Looked After) Students - this category also includes students who were previously in care but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order immediately after being in care. Exceptional circumstances may be considered.
2. All other students.

If an entire category cannot be admitted without exceeding the number of places available then places will be offered to those students within Minerva Learning Trust and those who live closest to the school. All distances will be measured in a straight line from home to High Storrs School.

Exceptional Circumstances

- It is important that appropriate provision is made for students in exceptional circumstances. For some applicants High Storrs may exercise reasonable discretion for an individual young person who could benefit from the programme offered by High Storrs but because his/her exceptional circumstances has not met the minimum entry criteria.
- Students who request that exceptional circumstances be taken into account should contact the school directly to discuss their application. Such applications would require careful discussion on a case-by-case basis and will usually be supported by evidence from a healthcare or medical professional.
- The incidence of such cases is expected to be low.

Additional applicants

Students who are applying to restart Sixth Form, i.e. are older than Year 11 age, should contact the school directly to discuss their application in the first instance. Such applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students currently studying at High Storrs Sixth Form in Year 13 who wish to restart Year 12 or make amendments to their programme of study should contact the Sixth Form Office to discuss this. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. *Please note that attendance and Attitude to Learning (A2L) will always be taken in account in such situations.*

Offers and Enrolment

Offers made to students within the LEA timeline are conditional, based upon the student's predicted grades at the time of application.

Students should contact the LEA during the application process if they wish to appeal a conditional offer not being made by High Storrs Sixth Form.

Students will only be able to enrol when they provide evidence of their GCSE results to show that they meet both the minimum and subject specific entry requirements.

Conditional offers will be withdrawn if students don't meet the entry requirements. Offers will also be withdrawn on September 1st if students have not been in contact with High Storrs Sixth Form to confirm their place following their GCSE results.