

The Ashcombe School 6th Form Admissions Policy September 2019

We welcome applications from all students who meet our entry requirements for Post 16 courses. We do have a priority list for applicants which is a common feature of other Surrey schools. However, we review all applications and make conditional offers. The list of criteria only applies to external applicants and that internal applicants who meet the admission requirements for entry to sixth form will be eligible to remain at the school. PAN for external = 30 students

Order of priority for applicants

1. Students who are in local authority care and Students who have previously been in local authority care.
2. Students who have exceptional medical or social needs.
3. Any other applicant.

Admission Policy General Points

- The Ashcombe School is based upon a comprehensive ethos and seeks to make provision for students of all abilities who are prepared to work within the ethos of an 11-18 school in the spirit of The Sixth Form 'contract'.
- Entry to the Sixth Form is through application.
- A wide range of A-levels and a one-year Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business course are provided. Students who do not achieve a grade 4 or higher in English and Maths GCSE will need to study for and retake these exams.
- If the school cannot meet the needs of an individual learner the parents will be informed of the reasons.
- The Ashcombe Sixth Form is a learning community and members must not in any way undermine the efficiency of teaching or impair the education or welfare of other students. (N.B. A-level groups are often large with a wide range of ability - potential grade 'E' to Oxbridge entry. In the interests of everyone it is essential that all students are committed to maintaining a purposeful learning ethos in all teaching groups). The evidence the school will use in assessing any potential to impair the educational opportunities or welfare of other students, will be based on any previous school disciplinary records showing repeated antisocial behaviour or lesson disruption. (External candidates will be required to furnish the evidence of appropriate standards of behaviour from school references and reports and The Ashcombe School may make direct enquiries)
- The arrangements if a tiebreaker is needed are set out in the main policy.
- Please refer to the main policy for notes on exceptional social/medical eligibility and home address.

Admission onto A-level Courses

In order to be admitted onto A-level courses students should satisfy all of the following requirements:

- At the end of Year 11 secure a minimum of 8 GCSEs based on an average grade 4 or above. Enrolment will be based on achieving a grade 4 GCSE in the relevant subjects and usually a grade 4 in Maths and English Language. Please see "Making the right choice" for more details.
- If you have attended another school we will check the types of qualifications you have taken to determine whether you meet the entry requirement.
- Meet any specific subject requirements. (N.B. the school seeks to keep such specific requirements to the reasonable minimal).
- Have demonstrated through their previous education career, the required level of self-motivation and commitment which are required for A-level study.
- If you have completed the one-year Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business course, you will need a Distinction to progress onto A-level courses.