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PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

2023/24

Eden Boys' High School, Birmingham

Sixth Form

Proposed Admission Arrangements for Eden Boys' High School Sixth Form, Birmingham for 2023/24

Eden Boys' High School sixth form, Birmingham is part of Star Academies. All applications are considered without reference to faith.

Admission into Eden Boys' High School sixth form is open to students from Year 11 at Eden Boys' High School and students from other schools. We aim to ensure that students will experience a high quality and stimulating education, which will equip them to progress to courses at prestigious universities.

The overall capacity for Year 12 is 100. The published admission number, which applies to students requiring admission from other schools is 70 for Year 12.

Entry requirements

The minimum academic entry requirement that must be met by all students requiring admission to the relevant level of study are:

(a) A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 6, with at least a grade 5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and GCSE Mathematics to pursue A Levels.

(b) A grade 4 in GCSE in English Language or English Literature and Mathematics as well as a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grades 9 – 5 in other subjects to pursue vocational courses.

There is also a requirement to have attained a minimum GCSE grade in order to pursue a specific A level subject. This also applies for some vocational courses. More details are included in the Sixth Form prospectus.

Students who fail to obtain the necessary GCSE grades to meet the minimum entry requirements for the course of their choice will not be eligible for an offer of a place on that course. They may however be considered for admission for an alternative course, for which they meet the minimum course entry requirement.

Admission process

All applicants (internal and external) must complete the Eden Boys' High School sixth form Admission Form. The form is available from Eden Boys' High School sixth form. The completed form must be returned to the college by 9 December 2022.

Following receipt of the application form, the students are requested to attend an information, guidance and advice meeting at the college, with their parents. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the options the students wish to pursue and the entry requirements which must be met. The meeting does not form part of the decision process on whether to offer a place or not.

Offers of places

All applicants are required to advise the college of their GCSE results as soon as possible after they receive them. This will enable the college to confirm the final offer of a place by 31 August 2023.

Admission policy

Students with an education, health and care plan, naming Eden Boys' High School sixth form will be admitted.

Oversubscription criteria

1) Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order or those children who appear to the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (see note 1).

2) Children of staff employed at Eden Boys' High School or Eden Boys' High School sixth form for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, and / or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage (see note 2).

3) Children who have a sibling already attending Eden Boys' High School or Eden Boys' High School sixth form or was a former pupil of Eden Boys' High School or Eden Boys' High School sixth form at the time of application and offer of a place (see note 3).

4) Children with proven, exceptionally strong special, medical or social circumstances, which are directly relevant to attendance at Eden Boys' High School sixth form.

   Parents are responsible for providing the professional supporting evidence to the college by the closing date from a consultant, doctor, psychologist, social worker or from another relevant independent professional (see note 4).

5) All other students who live nearest from home to college (see note 5).

Notes

1) 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 services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

   A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children's Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act.

   This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

   Child arrangement orders are defined Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangement orders replace residence orders and any residence orders in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

   Section 14A of the Children Act 1989, which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2) A child is eligible for consideration when the parent(s) of child on the payroll of Eden Boys' High School or Eden Boys' High School sixth form completes the section on the application form.

3) Siblings refers to full, half, adopted, step, foster sisters or the child of the parents partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

   To be eligible for consideration as a sibling of a former pupil, the former sibling must have completed their Year 11 studies or Year 13 studies at Eden Boys' High School or Eden Boys' High School sixth form respectively.

4) For a place to be offered under this criterion, the information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need, and demonstrate how Eden Boys' High School sixth form is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child. In all cases the medical or social need must be permanent or long term. For medical conditions affecting mobility, consideration will only be given if Eden Boys' High School sixth form is nearest to the child's home. It is the parent's responsibility to provide the information directly to the college. Failure to provide the supporting information by the closing date may result in the application not being considered under this criterion.

5) Birmingham City Council measures the distance in a straight line from home to the main entrance of the school using the co-ordinates supplied by Ordnance Survey.

Tie-breaker

Students who live nearest from home to college will receive priority for any criteria that are oversubscribed. If the distance between home and college is the same, which includes the same geographical property reference (such as a block of flats), random allocation will be used as a tie-breaker. The random allocation process will be undertaken by Birmingham City Council's School Admissions Team at the Council Offices in the presence of a college representative.

Address

The address given must be where the student and parents live permanently. It must not be the child minder's, grandparent's or other relative's address. If parents share custody of a child, the college may request to see the court order, child tax credit letter, child benefit letter, medical card or other evidence to establish where the child is resident for the majority of the time during the weekdays. If there is joint custody for the child, the address of the parents receiving the child benefit is used.

Parents may be required to provide proof of permanent address.

Multiple births

If children of multiple births (twins and triplets) require admission in the same year group and there is only a single place left within the published admission number, the college will offer places above the published admission number.

Late applications

Unless there are exceptional reasons for the late submission of the application form, late applications will not be considered at the same time as applications that were received by the closing date.

Waiting list

Details of students refused admission will be kept on the waiting list. The college maintains the waiting list, in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the college in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on the waiting list.

Withdrawing an offer of a place

The college reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place if:

- It was made in error;
- Parents / student fail to respond to the offer of a place within a reasonable period of time;
- Parents decline the place offered;
- It is established that the offer of a place was obtained through a fraudulent or misleading application.

Where parents / student fails to respond to the offer of a place, the college will give the parents / student a further opportunity to respond and explain to them that the offer of a place will be withdrawn unless they respond by the specified date. Where an offer of a place is withdrawn based on misleading information, the college will consider the application afresh, and will offer a right of appeal if admission cannot be offered.

The college will not withdraw the offer of a place once the student has started at the college, except where that place was fraudulently obtained. In deciding whether or not to withdraw the offer of a place, account will be taken of the length of time the student has been at the college. Where the student has been at the college for less than a term, the college may consider it appropriate to withdraw the place.

Admission of students outside their normal age group

Parents / students may seek a place outside of their normal age group, for example, if a student is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

Parents / students who wish to seek admission at Eden Boys' High School sixth form outside the student's normal age group (whether they are currently placed in a lower year group than their chronological age or are already of college age), must submit a written request to the college for admission out of the normal age group.

The college will make a decision on the request before the provisional offer date if at all possible. If the request is agreed, the application will be processed as normal.

If the request for admission outside the normal age group is refused, the parents / student must decide whether they wish to pursue an appeal or accept any other offer of a place from another admission authority or, in the case of a student who was seeking admission to a higher year group, the parents / student may make a further application the following year for admission into Eden Boys' High School sixth form with their chronological cohort.

To enable the college to consider if the request for admission outside the normal age group is in the best interests of the student concerned, the college will consider:

- Parent's / student's views.
- Information about the student's academic, social and emotional development.
- Where relevant, the student's medical history and views of the medical professional.
- If the student was born prematurely, what age group would the student have fallen in, if the student had been born on time.
- Views of the headteacher.

It is for parents / student to decide the professional evidence they wish to submit in support of their application for admission outside the normal age group. However, there is no expectation on parents / student to provide the professional evidence that they do not already have. The college will consider all requests regardless of whether any professional evidence is submitted. The supporting information could include:

- Any evidence from a health or social care professional who is involved in the care or treatment of the student, for example speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, social worker or paediatrician.
- The view of the headteacher of the school / college that they currently attend and any records of the student's development and progress.
- What can the year group in which a place is sought offer that their chronological year group would not?

The college will make their decision based on the circumstances of each individual case, and in the best interests of the student concerned. The college will inform the parents / student of their decision on the year group the student should be admitted to and will provide the reasons for their decision.

Parents / student have a statutory right to appeal to an independent appeal panel against the refusal of a place at a college for which they have applied. As the purpose of the appeals process is to consider whether a student should be admitted to a particular college, the right of appeal does not apply if they are offered a place at the college but it is not in their preferred year group. However, they may make a complaint to Star Academies about the decision not to admit outside their normal age group.

In-year admission

In - year admission is the process of applying for admission into an existing year group within college. It does not refer to Year 11 to Year 12 transfer in September. The college will deal with any requests on an individual basis.

Appeals

Parents / students have a legal right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to offer admission. Birmingham City Council administers the appeals process, on behalf of the college. Parents / students who wish to appeal should contact the college.

Parents / students will be given at least 20 college days to prepare and submit their written case to the independent appeal panel. They will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing, if they wish to attend, in order to present the case in person.

The decision letter from the independent appeal panel, which will include the reasons for the decision, will be communicated to all parties as soon as possible after the hearing.

Re-appeals

Parents / students do not have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same year group, unless in exceptional circumstances, the college has accepted a 2nd application from the parents / students because of a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parents / student or college but were still refused admission.

Consultation response

In accordance with paragraph 1.42 of the DfE School Admissions Code 2021 (Code), the interested parties outlined in paragraph 1.44 of the Code have an opportunity to comment on the school's proposed admission arrangements for the 2023/24 academic year.

The consultation response period will last for 6 weeks i.e. 15 November 2021 to 21 January 2022. Responses to the consultation must be sent by email or letter by 21 January 2022, at the very latest to:

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