

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ADMISSIONS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

Admissions to Stroud High School Sixth Form

1. Year 12 admissions – Please note that Stroud High School admits boys and girls into the Sixth Form

Applications for Year 12 should be completed by the published deadline on the application form. Please refer to the following website www.stroudhighsixthform.co.uk or the school's website www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk and a copy of the application form. In April applicants will receive notification as to whether a conditional place has been allocated. Conditional places will be confirmed after the GCSE results day in August each year. New students must submit their GCSE results **within one week** of GCSE results day. Please contact the Sixth Form using the contact details as set out in the school website www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk.

2. Capacity

The PAN for the Year 12 cohort of Stroud High School is 180. The Sixth Form Leadership Team Panel may admit above this figure in exceptional circumstances and where it believes no prejudice will ensue. All Year 11 Stroud High School students who meet the published academic entry requirements can expect to be allocated a place in the Sixth Form, as well as a **minimum** planned admission number of 30 new students.¹

3. Academic entry requirements

Students will need to meet all of the following requirements for entry into Stroud High School Sixth Form:

- Students should achieve a minimum of 48 points taken from the sum of their best 8 full course GCSEs (for example a Grade 8 is equivalent to 8 points). Core and Additional Science count as separate subjects. Short course GCSEs do not count towards the full course GCSE requirements.
- Students can apply for a Creative Scholarship. This is where they will choose to study 2 or more subjects from the following A-Levels. Product Design, Art Textiles, Fine Art, Graphic Design and Photography. Students who apply through this pathway will not need to meet the 48 point threshold but they will be required to meet the subject entry requirements for all of their courses. Creative Scholarships are confirmed by the Admissions Review Group.
- All Students are expected to have a minimum of Grade 5 in both English Language and Mathematics, but students with a grade 4 will be considered if they have met the 48 point threshold or the requirements of the Creative Scholarship.
- Students should meet individual subject requirements as described on the Sixth Form website in their chosen subject areas if previously taken at GCSE level, or a relevant subject as specified on the Sixth Form website www.stroudhighsixthform.co.uk. Details of these requirements are available from the school.

¹ A place at Stroud High School will be withdrawn if it is offered in error or if it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

Students will normally choose no more than 2 new subjects to study in Year 12. Students with insufficient formal GCSE qualifications but with demonstrable equivalent qualifications will be considered by the Stroud High School Sixth Form Leadership Team Panel, being guided by points equivalence and evidence of prior learning.

Admissions Review Group

Internal and new students who have missed the entry criteria may request consideration for a place by the Admissions Review Group who may accept or reject applications. This may include those students who narrowly missed the sixth form or subject entry criteria. Students who have missed the published admission criteria yet meet the standard for entry in their subject areas can have their case reconsidered. The Admission Review Group will also consider the case for all applicants who have previously been in receipt of Pupil Premium or Service Pupil Premium but have not met the published admission criteria. The Admission Review Group will consist of the Headteacher, the Head of Sixth Form and two representatives from the Governors' Communications and Admissions Committee.

4. Students continuing from Year 11 in Stroud High School

Priority for admission to Year 12 will be given to students progressing into the Sixth Form from Year 11 of the school (see oversubscription criteria below).

5. Students joining the school for the first time

We welcome applications from new students. Following submission of an application form, applicants will be invited to an advisory discussion with a member of the Stroud High School Sixth Form Team. Conditional places will be offered on the basis of the predicted GCSE grades supplied by the applicant's school and students should contact the school and submit their GCSE results within one week of GCSE results day, to confirm their place. Please contact either jmerrett@stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk or +44 (0) 1453 847 114.

6. Oversubscription criteria

If more students meet the academic standard than can be offered places, the following additional criteria in this order will be applied:

1. A student who is a Child in Public Care.^{2 3}

² **Children in Public Care (Looked After Children)/Previously Looked After Children**

A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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 the school).

An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

A residence order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines 'a special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

³ In the case of a 'looked after child' or 'previously looked after child' supporting documentation must be submitted to the school at the time of application.

2. A student from a family that was previously eligible to receive Pupil Premium⁴ or Service Pupil Premium⁵ during Year 11. The school reserves the right to disqualify a student where an application has been made which contains incorrect, fraudulent or misleading information, or to refuse to admit the student if an offer has been made on that basis.
3. Students from Stroud High School.
4. Students with the highest average GCSE points score (9-5) in the student's best eight full course separate subjects where the student has received numbered grades.

In the event of a tie break between two or more students when applying the above criteria a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Board, which will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

7. Waiting List

In the event that the student reaches the required academic standard but there are no places available in Year 12, the student will be placed on a Waiting List. The order of this list will conform to the oversubscription criteria as listed above (section 6). If the number of students falls below the maximum Year 12 cohort number those on the waiting list will be offered places, in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list for Year 12 will be held until 31st October.

Students from Year 11 of Stroud High School who left but then wish to return will be treated as new applicants.

8. Year 13 Transfer

New students who wish to transfer into Year 13 should in the first instance make contact with the Sixth Form Office.

Fair Access Protocols

Stroud High School has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by Gloucestershire County Council. Should a vulnerable student⁶ within these protocols, who meets the academic

⁴ The Pupil Premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children.

The school will require independent and verifiable evidence of Pupil Premium entitlement in the requisite period from a reliable source such as a local authority. The evidence/documentation needs to be sent to the school prior to sitting the test. This evidence/supporting documentation may be shared with all the grammar schools you elect to share with.

⁵ Students who are entitled to Service Pupil Premium are those whose parents are serving in the armed forces, those who have died in action or left due to injury or who has a parent who is on full time reserved service - ref <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service:pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>.

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⁶ See Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone: +44(0)1452 425000 for Fair Access Protocols and definitions.



entry requirements, require a place at the school, they will take precedence over any student on the waiting list.

Stroud High School is committed to equal opportunity and follows the Equality Act 2010⁷ and adhered to the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2014.⁸

9. Appeals

There is a system of appeals against non-admission, and details of how to appeal are available from the school. It is the school's policy to accept only one appeal application for each student in an academic year unless there is a significant change of circumstances.

Monitored by: Reviewed annually by the SHS Communications and Admissions Committee

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⁷ See www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act/ for Equality Act 2010.

⁸ See https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf for school Admissions Code 2014.