



Friends' School Lisburn Admission of pupils to the Sixth Form

Friends' School pupils

To enter the Sixth Form, the following criteria must be met:

1. Pupils must have a minimum of 14 points at GCSE level, including a pass in both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at Grade C or above. Subjects taken outside school and GCSE short courses will not normally be considered. The points score at GCSE is 4 points for A*, 3 points for A, 2 points for B and 1 point for C*/C.
2. Pupils must be able to follow a viable course at AS level in at least three subjects and meet the minimum subject requirements set out for each subject in the Sixth Form Curriculum booklet.
3. Pupils must have a good record of conduct, punctuality and attendance and subscribe to the ethos of the School.

Admission of pupils to the Sixth Form (External Applicants)

External applicants may be admitted to the Sixth Form if there are places available within the School's approved Enrolment Number, or if the Department of Education agrees to a temporary variation of the Enrolment Number. The Department of Education will normally only agree to such a variation if it is content that each external pupil for whom a place is requested would not be able to pursue their post-16 course choices at their current school, or cannot do so without undertaking an unreasonable journey, defined as a journey that would be over an hour by public transport from where the young person lives.

In all cases, offers of a place in the Sixth Form will be subject to availability in the courses chosen for study by the applicant. The closing date for external applications will be 11.00 am on the day of publication of the GCSE results. Applications received after this deadline will be considered only after all other applications have been processed.

To enter the Sixth Form, the following criteria must be met:

1. The applicant must have a minimum of 14 points at GCSE level, including a pass in both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at Grade C or above. The points score at GCSE is 4 points for A*, 3 points for A, 2 points for B, and 1 point for C*/C.
2. Pupils must be able to follow a viable course at AS level and meet the minimum subject requirements set out for each subject in the Sixth Form Curriculum booklet.
3. Pupils must have a good record of conduct, punctuality and attendance at their previous school and subscribe to the ethos of Friends' School Lisburn.

If there are more applicants than places available, applicants will be admitted based on rank order. This will be determined using an average GCSE score, based on the points system outlined above, from GCSE subjects taken in the applicant's previous school which directly facilitate A-level study at Friends' School Lisburn. Short Course GCSEs will not normally be considered.

Should two or more applicants to the same year group have the same academic profile, the decision to admit will be taken by applying the sub-criteria (a) to (c) below:

- a) applicants who are children of Members or Attenders of the Religious Society of Friends;
- b) applicants who have a brother or sister currently enrolled at Friends' School Lisburn;
- c) applicants to whom (a) to (b) above do not apply.

Under each of these criteria, applicants who are entitled to Free School Meals will be given preference over others who meet this criterion. If, following the application of the above sub-criteria in order, there comes a point where there are more pupils who meet a particular criterion than there are places available, then the Board of Governors shall decide which of these pupils are to be admitted on the basis of computerised random selection.

Entry into Year 14

Pupils must have a minimum of 3 passes at grade E or above at AS Level in order to proceed to A2. Exceptions can only be made to this in cases where pupils have 8 or more points at this level; the points score at AS is 5 points for A, 4 points for B, 3 points for C, 2 points for D and 1 point for E.

Entry into Year 14 for those pupils who achieve fewer than 8 points will be subject to discussion with the Principal or with a member of Senior Staff. On receipt of their results, pupils who do not obtain the minimum requirement, or who achieve fewer than 8 points, must make an appointment for themselves and a parent/guardian, either on the day results are issued, or on the day following the issue of results.

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