

Admissions Consultation

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form College is consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for the academic year 2022-23.

The following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

- Where the College is oversubscribed, an additional criterion will be used to prioritise the applicants for admission. These students would be those who have met the minimum academic entry requirements for their chosen courses as well as the academic entry requirements for the College detailed in the Prospectus.
- Where there are more applicants who can meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen courses than there are spaces available, prioritisation would be made according to the date on which their applications to the College were submitted, with those who made earlier submissions given a higher priority.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks from Friday 4th December 2020 to Friday 29th January 2021 and we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter. Please email any comments that you would like to be taken into consideration to governance@inspirationtrust.org.

Admissions Policy for the School Year 2022-23

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document sets out the admission arrangements for Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form College (“the college”) for the academic year 2022-23 and beyond.
- 1.2 Inspiration Trust is the admissions authority for the college.

2. Admission numbers

- 2.1 The college has an agreed published admission number (PAN) of 200 pupils in Year 12.

3. Consideration of applications

3.1 Applications will be made in line with local arrangements, or directly to the institution itself.

3.2 The college will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum academic entrance requirements for admission.

3.3 In addition to the sixth form’s minimum academic entry requirements, applicants will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements for the courses for which they are applying. If applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements, subject to spaces being available.

3.4 Applicants will normally be invited for interview to discuss their application, and may be asked to undertake relevant assessments. Applicants will normally be asked to provide a reference and attendance information from their current school.

3.5 Applicants with an EHCP which names the college will be admitted before other applications are considered.

4. Oversubscription criteria

- 4.1 Where there are more applicants that satisfy the relevant academic entry requirements than the number of places available and after the admission of pupils with an education, health and care plan naming the college, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- Looked after children (previously known as children in the care of the Local Authority) and all previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
- Applicants who have a sibling on roll at the college at the time of the proposed admission. Siblings are “brothers or sisters living at the same address including adopted children, step-brothers, step-sisters and children in foster care within a family unit.

- Children of staff at the college:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the college for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the college is made;
 - and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
- Applicants in Year 11 at Jane Austen College who met the entrance requirements for the courses listed on their application form.
- Applicants who met the entrance requirements for the courses listed on their application form.
- Applicants who did not meet the entry requirements for the courses listed on their application form, but did meet the college's general entry requirements.

4.2 If, when applying a given criterion, there are more applicants remaining than there are spaces, priority is to be given according to the order in which their applications were received.

5. Waiting lists

5.1 In the event of oversubscription, the college will operate a waiting list until 31st October each admissions year.

5.2 Where places become available they will be allocated to applicants on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

6. Appeals

6.1 Applicants refused have a right of appeal.

6.2 Appeals should be made in writing and addressed to the Principal, setting out the grounds for appeal. Appeals should be received by the college within 20 working days of notification of the admissions decision.

6.3 The Principal will consider the appeal and respond within 10 working days. The Principal's decision is final.

7. In-year applications (applications for admission to the college outside the normal admissions round)

7.1 In-year applications should be made directly to the college, and are subject to the same admissions criteria as stated above. In addition, the college may require additional information regarding the student's reason for transfer, and recent academic progress and attendance.

7.2 Transfer into Year 12 after October 31st and into Year 13 at any time will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances and is at the Principal's discretion.

8. Other information

8.1 If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the college, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.