

## Bay House School & Sixth Form Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2020-2021

It is important that all learners in the Gosport and Fareham area should have the choice and diversity offered by the post-16 provision at Bay House. The choice offered by Bay House is to learners who would benefit most from the ethos of a school sixth form provision. The learning culture is one in which expectations are high and the need for disciplined study is self-evident and internalised by students. It is expected that students will have a committed, responsible attitude to study. Teaching strategies are based on the assumption that learners wish to achieve the highest standards and so the organisation of the Sixth Form is geared to support, guide and nurture students to realise their academic ambitions. Curriculum provision is **predominantly at Advanced Level with two alternative pathways which include Level 3 BTEC qualifications**. Students are offered enrichment courses in a wide variety of areas including sports, the performing arts, debating, music and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Development of the whole person is an important aspect of preparing our students for continuing on to higher education or employment and taking their place in society as responsible citizens.

Our entry requirements are a minimum of **6** standard GCSE passes (grade 4-9), with a strong pass (grade 5 or higher) in at least **4** (students following the alternative pathways require **2** strong passes from **6** standard passes). Students should also attain the subject-specific minimum grades in subjects relevant to those to be studied at Advanced Level (please refer to course outlines on website for subject specific entry requirements) and a GCSE point score of at least 40. We believe success at sixth form level is about following the courses most appropriate to the learner's aspirations, motivations and capacities. Hence Bay House invests time in ensuring the programmes of studies undertaken match the learner's needs and capabilities.

Entry requirements: Normally, only students who meet the general minimum GCSE requirements **and** the specific requirements for the individual subjects to be studied, will be admitted to the Bay House Sixth Form.

Over-subscription criteria: Should the number of applications from students who meet the entry requirements exceed the expected intake number (PAN) of 230, the following over-subscription criteria will be applied to prioritise applications:

- a. Students who are Looked After
- b. Students considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee to have exceptional medical needs that relate to Bay House Sixth Form (a medical report will be required)
- c. Children of members of staff who have been employed at the School for two or more years at the time of application
- d. Students with a natural sibling or a sibling who resides in the same household, who attends at the time of admission or previously attended for a period of at least one academic year, the Bay House Sixth Form
- e. Students who are embarking on post – 16 studies for the first time
- f. **Students who have attended a secondary school within the Gosport and Fareham Multi Academy Trust**
- g. Students who in Year 11 attended a School in the Boroughs of Fareham or Gosport
- h. Students living closest to the School, measured as a straight line from the student's home to the main entrance in Gomer Lane, at the time of admission

If applications within any of the above categories a.–h. exceed the number of places available, the distance criterion, as detailed in h., will be used to prioritise applications within that category.

The number of students who have applied for each course will need to be taken into account, meaning that additional students, over the admissions number, can sometimes be accommodated if the student's chosen courses are not full.

Once places have been allocated to all students meeting the entry criteria, the School may consider allocating any further places to applicants:

- whose previous performance has been sufficiently strong but who fall slightly short of meeting the general minimum GCSE requirements and/or the specific requirements of the subjects to be studied at advanced level. For example:
  - 3 grade 5s and 3 grade 4s at GCSE and a point score of less than 40**
  - 2 grade 5s and 4 grade 4s at GCSE and a point score of more than 40**
  - 2 grade 5s and 4 grade 4s at GCSE and a point score of less than 40**

*and/or*

where there are exceptional reasons for under-performance in the GCSE examinations. A supporting letter/reference to this effect would be required from the Headteacher/Principal of the student's previous school, for consideration by the Governors' Admissions Committee.