

## **Brinsworth Academy Post-16 Admissions Policy**

1. Brinsworth Academy is its own admissions authority for post-16 provision (Key Stage 5).
2. Arrangements for application for admission into Key Stage 5, including from applicants currently attending the school at the time of application, are detailed in the relevant prospectus which will be available at the open evening and published on the website.

Applications to Key Stage 5 must be made via the process for applicants set out in the prospectus. An applicant will only be admitted into Post 16 provided he/she meets the admission criteria for individual courses published in the prospectus; applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements to progress onto the appropriate level of study. All those seeking admission into Post 16 must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen.

3. We expect our 16+ students to have a strong track record of willingness to learn. A student who has persistently breached the School's Behaviour Policy (or the Behaviour Policy of their former school, in the case of an 'external' applicant) or who has failed to achieve attendance of 95% (particularly in Year 11) is unlikely to succeed.

### 4. Late Applications Transfers

Late (within year) applications will be considered for enrolment in September up to the end of the second week.

5. Offers made are provisional upon applicants attaining the entry requirements, subject to availability of places in the appropriate pathway, courses and classes. The proposed curriculum for the following academic year will be made available to applicants during the interview process. However, the viability and distribution of all courses will depend upon student numbers and available resources. Final decisions may not be made until enrolment.

6. A student starting Sixth Form study in Year 12 is required to follow a minimum number of courses in order to be considered a full-time student.

This means following a study programme of 540 hours. This is equivalent to a timetable of;

- 4 A Levels plus Personal Development
- 3 A Levels plus Directed Study and Personal Development

7. Transfer from Year 12 to Year 13 is not automatic. In order to progress, a student must have achieved a minimum of a Grade D in A level courses in the June progression exam, and a 'Pass' in the external exam of BTEC subjects.

8. Students may repeat a year (e.g. repeat Year 12 following one year of study, repeat Year 13 following two years of study) under the following circumstances:

- prolonged period of authorised absence due to chronic illness
- family bereavement
- for Year 13 only, post-18 entry requirements not achieved despite an excellent willingness to learn evidenced by Assessment Points

9. Students will be allowed only one repeat opportunity during their 16+ studies at Brinsworth and will not be allowed to start a year of study if they have already attained the age of 19.

10. Any student refused a place for 16+ study has the right of appeal to the independent appeals panel. Further details can be obtained from Mr R Wheatcroft, c/o Brinsworth Academy.

11. Any place offered on the basis of information which subsequently proves to be untrue (intentionally provided or otherwise) will be withdrawn.

12. Once admitted to 16+ study at Brinsworth, students are subject to the provisions of the Academy Behaviour Policy which details the circumstances under which a student will forfeit a place at Brinsworth by way of permanent exclusion.

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