



Policy on 6th Form Admissions

St Laurence School Academy Trust

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Entry to the St Laurence Sixth Form is by application to the Head of Sixth Form. Applications from external candidates are very welcome. Students applying to St Laurence from other schools are invited to experience life in the sixth form and part of this is an opportunity to meet the Head of Sixth Form or a member of the 6th Form team to discuss their option choices.

In considering applications, our aim is to accept students onto courses on which they can be expected to have a good chance of success. Students are asked to make provisional course choices. This is not a final commitment and they will be able to reconsider their options after GCSE results are published and in light of the school timetable.

We encourage students to apply by the end of Term 2 (Christmas). While we will consider applications after Christmas, it is from this point, subjects will be placed in timetable blocks. Prospective students can choose one subject from each block. Students who apply before the end of term 2 deadline and gain the necessary grades will be given priority if a class becomes oversubscribed. As with all applications, the School has to consider the likely class sizes before enrolling a student in September. Applying early gives the School an opportunity to plan a manageable curriculum to best meet students' needs.

Students who have found the GCSE course difficult, and who consequently achieve less than they had hoped to achieve, do find studying for a Level 3 qualification difficult. The School takes this into consideration when enrolling students in September. We believe our students are successful because we consider these issues and we discuss their options post-16 with them. We plan to run as many courses as possible; however, the School will inform students if we are unable to run any course due to low student uptake. Please check our website for updates to our provision for September 2024.

The School currently caters for students between the ages of 16 to 19 studying for 3 x GCE A levels. This is what we advocate, although there are occasional circumstances when students may choose 4 x A levels, for example if they wanted to take Further Maths with Maths.

All applicants (internal and external) must meet the minimum academic criteria. In addition to the minimum academic criteria, applicants wishing to study specific subjects may also have subject specific entry requirements, which are available on the school website and in the sixth form curriculum booklet. Equivalent qualifications will be assessed at the school's discretion.

Over-subscription

We allocate places where the criteria have been met and where there is space in classes. If we are oversubscribed and a subject is full, we will ensure we do our very best to open lines of communication to ensure flexibility in supporting each individual student with the range of options available.

As with other points of entry to schools, highest priority in oversubscription criteria for sixth form places must be given to Looked After Children / Previously Looked After Children who successfully meet the academic entry requirement.

UK citizenship

Students from overseas may be asked to produce evidence of their entitlement to funding. This will affect only a few students who do not have full UK citizenship. The vast majority of sixth form students are entitled to free (state-funded) post-16 education and do not need to apply for this funding. We are already aware of the status of current School students