

SOUTH AXHOLME ACADEMY



SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY

2022 Intake

Application to South Axholme Sixth Form will be by published application form to the Head of Sixth Form/Vice-Principal.

The published admissions number (PAN) for the Year 12 intake is 50. This is in addition to students who are progressing into the Sixth Form having attended South Axholme in Year 11.

We aim to offer a range of academic and vocational qualifications to our sixth form students all of which require minimum grades at GCSE. Our policy is to ensure that the students accepted into the sixth form can be placed on appropriate courses where they are likely to succeed. Students are invited to attend the Open Evening in the autumn term and are required to engage with an induction programme and Summer Bridging Units.

All of South Axholme students in Year 11 who meet the Academy's minimum entry requirements, as stated below, and who wish to join the Sixth Form will be admitted. We also accept external applications from students wishing to transfer from another institution. Students are asked to select provisional course preferences. This is not a firm commitment and they will be able to reconsider their options after the GCSE results are published and in light of the Academy's timetable.

Where a student has already been educated outside their normal age group in South Axholme Academy, they will be admitted to the sixth form in the September after they complete Year 11 (subject to the academic requirements being met).

Where a student has been educated outside their normal age group at a different academy they should draw attention to this when applying for their place by submitting an accompanying explanatory letter with their application form. The academy will consider the request for admission outside the normal age group and notify their decision in writing by the conditional offer date. We require all students to make a formal application for September 2022 by 1st December 2021. Every student will be required to attend a guidance meeting with our staff to discuss the most suitable courses of study. A part of this discussion might require the student to demonstrate a particular skill, for example in the Performing Arts, or to present a portfolio of appropriate work relevant to the courses preferred.

Admission to the Sixth Form will be determined by the Governing Body in accordance with the following criteria in the order set out below.

All students, including those already enrolled at South Axholme Academy, must meet the criteria below:

- (i) that the student has attained the specific academic requirements for entry to the courses, which are published on the Sixth Form Preference Forms;
- ii) that there is a suitable course available with a vacancy; group size may vary depending on the nature of the subject and availability of resources;

The admissions number for the year commencing 1 September 2022 may be composed of students from South Axholme Academy who will have preference, provided they meet the necessary criteria and additional places will be offered to external students as follows:

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The governors will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline. Late applications (those submitted after the published deadline) will be considered after all on time applications unless exceptional circumstances merit earlier consideration.

If a subject is oversubscribed or the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the sixth form the following criteria will be used:

- iii) Students with Education Health and Care Plans; students will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice. Where South Axholme Academy is named in a student's plan and the student meets minimum entry requirements, the academy has a duty to admit the student and this will reduce the number of places available;
- iv) that looked-after students (children in public care) and children previously looked after are first priority where the entry requirements have been met.

A "looked after child" is a child who is:

- (a) In the care of a local authority, or
- (b) Being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A "previously looked after child" is a child who;

- (a) Ceased to be looked after because they were adopted, or
- (b) Became subject to a child arrangements order, or
- (c) Became subject to a special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after.

- v) That criteria (i) and (ii) have been met

vi) the distance the student lives from the main entrance of South Axholme Academy will be measured by the shortest distance along recognised roads and footpaths, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. The home address is considered to be the address at which the student resides on a permanent basis. If the student lives at more than one address, it is the address of the parent/guardian/student that is in receipt of child benefit and assessed for the purpose of a post 16 Bursary for the student that is considered as the home address. Verification may be required.

Should the admissions limit be exceeded in any previous criterion, then the distance criterion will be applied in that category.

With regard to the efficient use of resources, learning provision and capacity in the local area, the academy reserves the right to exceed its capacity where a particular high performing subject has places in the particular class/or subject area and when the individual student can demonstrate their aptitude/ability in this subject area. The normal admission criteria regarding average point score will still be applicable. It is for the academy to judge capacity and efficient use of resources and the aptitude or ability of the individual student. In doing so the academy will take into account any prejudice over the efficient use of resources and the effect that this may have on other students on the course or the capacity in the sixth form generally. The academy reserves the right to admit external students.

Admission arrangements are intended to work for the benefit of all parents and students, and to enable parental preference to be met to the maximum extent possible. To ensure fairness, a Governors' Admissions Committee will operate and follow the same procedures as relate to applications for entry into Years 7 to 11. Students who are refused a place in Year 12 are entitled to appeal to an Independent Academy Appeal Panel. Further details of the appeal procedure will be provided with the letter explaining why the application has been refused. Appeals may be lodged by either the parent or the student.

All students are required to meet the minimum requirements of 6 GCSE or equivalent qualification passes at grades 9-5 that must include English and Mathematics. However, to study some subjects at A level there are more specific entry requirements. Students wishing to study mathematics require a minimum of a Grade 7 and a teacher recommendation. Science subjects require a minimum of a Grade 6 in Science in the specific Science subject - Biology, Chemistry and Physics that has been opted for as well as a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Geography, History, Sociology, English Language and English Literature require a 6 in English Language. English Literature requires a Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature. Psychology requires a 6 in Science.

All offers made are subject to sufficient numbers applying for the course to run.

All students seeking admission to Year 12 must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen. Because paper based materials are planned at least 18 months in advance, entry requirements will be updated on the South Axholme Sixth Form website. Applicants will be informed of any specific requirements for a programme at an early stage in the application process.

If students do not gain a grade 5 or above in English or Mathematics they will be required to enrol on a re-sit course. All applicants are considered on an individual basis. We do not offer courses that are appropriate for students with fewer than six GCSE passes at 9-5 or equivalent. All offers are subject to sufficient numbers applying for the courses to run. Students failing to meet entry requirements may still be admitted to courses if there are exceptional and extenuating circumstances supported by evidence.

If there is insufficient demand to make a particular course viable, the course will not run.

Entry into Year 13 for external applicants will depend on the courses required, the availability of a place within that group and the student's results from any modules taken in Year 12. We require evidence that the applicant will go on to complete the course successfully. Examination Board compatibility is also required.

A student ceases to be a South Axholme student on accepting and attending any course at another institution. Students who were in Year 11 at South Axholme Academy who wish to join the Sixth form must do so by 15 September. After the 15 September, in-year transfers will be considered according to the published admissions criteria and upon formal application by the student. All students must have attained the specific academic requirements for entry to the courses.

We aim to develop the whole student through involvement in main academy activities such as mentoring younger students, organising charity events, participating in the academy council etc. We have excellent study facilities which are available from 8.30 a.m. We have a dress code of smart business dress in dark colours. All students are required to sign our sixth form contract and to adhere to its principles.

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