



Batley Girls' High School
Visual Arts College

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Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2020/21

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Academy Admissions Policy

Batley Girls' High School is the only 'outstanding' provider of Post-16 girls-only education in Kirklees. In becoming a Sixth Form student at Batley Girls' Sixth Form College, you will be joining an aspirational and ambitious community of young women, who are supported in their learning journey by an inspirational and dedicated team of staff.

Achievement and teaching at Batley Girls' are outstanding and the commitment of staff in securing academic excellence for our students is exceptional. Our staff believe that 'only the best is good enough for our students' (Ofsted).

We warmly invite you to come and find out more about Batley Girls' Sixth Form College.

The initial number of year 12 places available for the 2020/21 school year will be 150.
The initial number of year 13 places available for the 2020/21 school year will be 150.

Applications for September 2020/21 entry should be made via paper application or online application through First Media, which will begin from November 2019. The closing date for applications will be Thursday 6 February 2020.

Admissions Criteria/Entry Requirements

Year 12 entry

To access the Advanced level programme you must achieve five 4-9 grades at GCSE, including grade 4 or higher in English Language and Mathematics as well as the specific subject entry requirements.

Year 13 entry

To transfer from a different College/Sixth Form, there will be a requirement for us to look at the course exam boards and specifications to see if they match our Sixth Form course details. A reference will also need to be obtained from the current provider outlining attendance, attainment and attitude to learning.

We welcome all students who achieve the entry requirements. Where applicants have a disability or learning difficulty we will endeavour to ensure that there is continuity of support and that they have equal access to the opportunities and experiences offered.

Oversubscription Criteria/Priority

There is no catchment area or geographical priority on applications.

Offers of places will be made on the basis of mock, current achievement or attainment grades, and/or actual GCSE results presented at the interview and the availability of places remaining on courses.

Our highest priority in oversubscription criteria for Sixth Form places will be given to looked after children or a child who was previously looked after.

Expectations

There are certain standards and procedures, set out below, that we expect all our Sixth Form students to follow. Failure to meet these, will lead to your place in the Sixth Form being under review.

Attendance and punctuality

- We expect over 95% attendance, if this falls between 90% and 95%, it will be reviewed and you may be put on report.
- Any absence **must** be supported by a medical note and you must follow the Sixth Form absence procedure.
- Students **cannot** take term time holidays. This causes severe disruption at this level of study and we may have no choice but to remove you from courses.

Attitude to learning

- We will review the reference to ensure the applicant displays a positive attitude to learning, their studies and work submission.
- Students **must** meet all course deadlines, as issued by subject teachers.
- All advanced students will have a personalised review at the end of Year 12 to confirm progression to Year 13 based on students achieving minimum standards.

Behaviour

- We expect exemplary behaviour and we will review the reference to ensure the applicant meets our high standards and expectations.
- Sixth Form students must wear their identification badge at all times.

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be regarded as late unless there have been significant and exceptional reasons for the lateness. Proof of special circumstances will be required.

Late applications are not considered until all on-time applications have been allocated places. It is expected that the allocation process will take place between December 2019 - March 2020.

Mid-Year Applications

To transfer from a different College/Sixth form, there will be a requirement for us to look at the course exam boards and specifications to see if they match our Sixth Form course details. A reference will also need to be obtained from the current provider outlining attendance and attainment and attitude to learning.

Offer Letter

All applicants will be invited to an interview at Batley Girls' High School. Following this, an offer letter will be sent out with relevant information regarding the taster day and enrolment day.

Appeals Procedure

If an application is refused, there is a statutory right of appeal to the schools' Independent Appeal Panel. Further details of the appeal procedure will be provided with the letter explaining why an application has been refused. Appeals may be lodged by either the parent or the student.

Open Days

Batley Girls' High School will host a Sixth Form open day in November 2019.