

Admissions Policy for the School Year 2021-22

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document sets out the admission arrangements for Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form ("the sixth form") for the academic year 2021-22.
- 1.2. Inspiration Trust is the admissions authority for the sixth form.

2. Admission numbers

- 2.1. The sixth form has an agreed published admission number (PAN) of 220 pupils in year 12.

3. Application process

- 3.1. Applications will be made in line with local arrangements, or directly to the institution itself. Currently, this means using the 'Help You Choose' website.
- 3.2. The sixth form will publish specific criteria in its prospectus in relation to minimum academic entrance requirements for admission.
- 3.3. In addition to the general academic entry requirements, students will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements for the specific courses for which they are applying. If applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements they may be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements.
- 3.4. Applicants will normally be invited for interview to discuss their application, and may be asked to undertake relevant assessments. Applicants will normally be asked to provide a reference and attendance information from their current school.

4. Procedures where the academy is oversubscribed

- 4.1 If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the Trust will admit children in the following order of priority:
 - 4.1.1 Looked after Students (previously known as children in the care of the Local Authority) and all previously looked after Students. Previously looked after Students are Students who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
 - 4.1.2 Students at time of application eligible for the Pupil Premium. The pupil premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002.

4.1.3 Students who have a sibling on roll at the Sixth Form at the time of the proposed admission. Siblings are “brothers or sisters living at the same address including adopted children, step-brothers, step-sisters and children in foster care within a family unit.

4.1.4 Children of staff at the Sixth Form

a) where the member of staff has been employed at the Sixth Form for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made;

and/or

b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;

4.1.5. Current Year 11 students at the Jane Austen College.

4.1.6 Applications received after the published closing date for on-line applications.

4.2 Where the admission of Students from multiple births would lead to exceeding the PAN, those siblings will be admitted over PAN.

4.3 Where a Student lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a Student’s residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which is the residential address for the purpose of admission to the academy. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the academy week.

4.4 If all Students within any of the above oversubscription rules cannot be offered a place, the highest priority will be given to Students living nearest to the academy within that rule. To determine who lives nearest, distance will be measured on a straight line “crow fly” basis using ordnance survey data. If the academy is unable to distinguish between applicants using the published criteria, places will be offered via a random draw which will be supervised by an individual who is independent of the academy.

5. Waiting lists

5.1. In the event of oversubscription, the sixth form will operate a waiting list until October 31st each admissions year.

5.2. Where places become available they will be allocated to students on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

6. Appeals

6.1. Applicants refused a place have a right of appeal.

- 6.2. Appeals should be made in writing and addressed to the Principal, setting out the grounds for appeal. Appeals must be received by the sixth form within 20 working days of the admissions decision.
 - 6.3. The Principal will consider the appeal and respond in writing within 10 working days; the Principal's decision is final.
- 7. In year applications (applications for admission to the sixth form outside the normal admissions round)**
- 7.1. In year applications should be made directly to the sixth form, and are subject to the same admissions criteria as stated above. In addition, the sixth form may require additional information regarding the student's reasons for transfer, and recent academic progress and attendance.
 - 7.2. Transfer into Year 12 after October 31 and into Year 13 at any time will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances and is at the Principal's discretion.
- 8. Other information**
- 8.1. If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the sixth form, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.