



The Blue Coat
Sixth Form

THE BLUE COAT SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2026

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Vision and Values

As a member of the Cranmer Education Trust, The Blue Coat Sixth Form is part of a Church of England Academy offering outstanding A Level teaching. We welcome students of all faiths and none, from all areas of the region, bringing young people together to build a community where all are valued, respected, and nurtured. We have high expectations of, and aspirations for, all of our students based on the resolute belief that each individual should be given the chance to be everything that they can be and everything that they are meant to be.

Admission to Blue Coat Sixth Form is for students who wish to study within the ethos of a Church School who meet the entry criteria for their selected programme of study. Though it is not expected that all students will be of the Christian faith we do insist that all show respect for our Christian ethos.

Statutory Framework

The Cranmer Education Trust (CET) is the Admission Authority, with policy administration and implementation being delegated to the trust's Admissions Committee, acting in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021 and the Schools Admissions Appeals Code 2022:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academy-admissions>.

Published Admission Number

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for external applicants to Year 12 is 110. This number may be exceeded if the eligible demand for courses can be met with the available teaching resource and timetabling requirements.

If the number of applications does not meet the PAN, all applicants meeting the entry criteria will be offered a place.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of more applications than there are places available, the following criteria, in the order of priority shown, will be used to determine the allocation of places.

- Any student with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names Blue Coat Sixth Form and who meets the entry criteria.
- Children Looked After, Children Previously Looked After or Internationally Adopted Children Previously Looked After who meet the entry criteria.
- Students who already study at The Blue Coat School who meet the entry criteria.
- Students who already study at a school within the Cranmer Education Trust or at a school of Christian faith who meet the entry criteria.
- All other students.

Entry Criteria

All students are expected to choose three A Levels / Applied General Qualifications (L3) and an additional qualification from our accredited Futures Pathway (Global Perspectives and Research, Core Maths or an additional AS qualification). In order to be well prepared for this level of study, students must achieve a good standard of GCSE grades. Entry criteria is as follows:

- Minimum 5 GCSEs at Grades 5 - 9, including Grade 5 or above in Maths and English (Language or Literature), **and**:
- Minimum Grade 6 at GCSE in the subjects to be studied at A Level. An equivalent subject with a similar skill set will be taken into account in the case of A Level courses which are not part of the standard GCSE curriculum, **and**:
- Minimum Grade 6 GCSE Maths where applying for more than one science subject.

Before an offer of a place can be made, applicants must provide predicted grades and evidence of support for their chosen A Level subjects from their current Head of Year 11 or other senior member of staff. For applicants already studying at The Blue Coat School, this evidence will be automatically obtained from the Director of Learning.

Application and Offers

The application timetable and online application form are available on the Sixth Form page at www.blue-coat.org.

All offers are conditional, based on predicted grades and the availability of timetable and resource as determined by the number of applications for any given subject. Where subjects are oversubscribed, priority will be given to those applicants who have achieved the highest GCSE grades. Students who meet the entry criteria but who cannot be accommodated in their preferred subjects may be offered an alternative course.

Fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications

Where the Admission Authority discovers that a student has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application which effectively denies a place to a student with a stronger claim, then the Admission Authority is required to withdraw the offer of the place. The application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

Waiting List

In the case of oversubscription, students may wish their application to be held on a waiting list. The waiting list will be ranked in line with the oversubscription criteria.

Definitions

[Children Looked After/Children Previously Looked After \(CLA/CPLA/IACPLA\)](#)

This includes any "children looked after", "children previously looked after" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was

- in the care of a Local Authority, or;
- being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions.

This criteria also includes children looked after and all children previously looked after who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

An EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan)

Is a legal document that outlines a child or young person's special educational, health and social care needs and the provision a Local Authority must put in place to help them.

Privacy Notice

In making an application for admission to the Blue Coat School Sixth Form Oldham, parents provide personal, sensitive information in relation to their child and themselves. This information will be stored in accordance with the Cranmer Education Trust privacy notice; a copy of which can be found at www.blue-coat.org/policies.