The Blue Coat
Sixth Form

THE BLUE COAT SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2028

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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 / L3 AQQ and an additional qualification from our accredited Futures Pathway (English Speaking Certificate, EPQ, 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:

- **Condition 1**: All students must hold a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 9 – 5, including a Grade 5 in Maths and English (Language or Literature).

- **Condition 2**: In addition, students must achieve at least a Grade 6 in the subjects that they wish to study. An equivalent subject with a similar skill set will be taken into account as an alternative measure in the case of an A-Level course which is not part of the standard GCSE curriculum.

- **Condition 3**: (For STEM Subjects Only)

    - **STEM Subjects**

      For some of our STEM subjects, which are most popular and oversubscribed subjects, there are specific entry requirements to support the limits on places we have available, due to capacity.

    - **Maths**

      To guarantee a place on this course, students wishing to study Maths must achieve a Grade 7 in their GCSE Maths. If there are still places available, students who achieve a Grade 6 in Maths could also be allocated a place, and these will be offered out in order by ranking Average Points Score across all their GCSE subjects from highest to lowest.

    - **Chemistry**

      To guarantee a place on this course, students wishing to study Chemistry must achieve a Grade 7 in their GCSE Maths and a Grade 6 in Chemistry (or a Grade 6/6 in Combined Science). If there are still places available, students who achieve a Grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 6 in Chemistry (or a 6/6 in Combined Science) may also be allocated a place. If places were available, these would be offered out in order of highest Average Points Score across all GCSE subjects, from highest to lowest.

    - **Physics**

      To guarantee a place on this course, students wishing to study Physics must achieve a Grade 7 in their GCSE Maths and a Grade 6 in Physics (or a Grade 6/6 in Combined Science). If there are still places available, students who achieve a Grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 6 in Physics (or a 6/6 in Combined Science) may also be allocated a place. If places were available, these would be offered out in order of highest Average Points Score across all GCSE subjects, from highest to lowest.

    - **Biology**

      To guarantee a place on this course, students must achieve a Grade 6 in their GCSE Biology or 6/6 in Combined Science and they must also achieve a Grade 6 in Maths.

    - **Further Maths**

      Students wishing to study Further Maths must achieve a Grade 7 in their GCSE Maths, and also enrol to study A-Level Maths.

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.

Appeals

Where the school is unable to offer a place because the sixth form is oversubscribed, parents/legal guardians have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002 and subject to the School Admissions Appeals Code 2022. **Parents/legal guardians should notify the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter refusing a place**. Parents/legal guardians and the applicant applying for a place in the sixth form will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. Parents/legal guardians/ applicant will normally receive 10 school days' notice of the place and time of the hearing. Where a parent/legal guardian and the applicant both submit an appeal, both appeals have to be heard at the same time. Further information about any appeal will be provided by the independent clerk to the appeals panel. Details about the appeals process can be found on the school website.

Please note that this right of appeal against the Trust's decision does not prevent you from making an appeal in respect of any other school.

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.

Applications for In-Year Admission

All applications for in-year admission must be submitted in writing to the school (please telephone in the first instance). Applicants will be required to complete a Sixth Form application form and provide the relevant certification to confirm grades.

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.

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.

Retention Period

Application forms will be held for 1 academic year following receipt. Appeals information will be held for 2 years from date of appeal.

Policy Review and Consultation

CET will review and approve the Admissions Policy for The Blue Coat School on an annual basis in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Consultation on admission arrangements will take place whenever there are significant changes to the policy or every seven years if there is no significant change. Consultation will be for a period of six weeks between 1 October and 31 January in the academic year before the arrangements are to apply.

Admission arrangements will be submitted to Oldham LA by 15 March and publicised on The Blue Coat School's website for the full offer year. Consultation will take place in the following way:

1. General notification on the school website;
2. Notification to parents / legal guardians in writing and by text; and
3. Notification by email to Manchester Diocese, associated Primary Schools, Oldham LA and neighbouring Authorities, the Academy Co-Sponsors and all local Admission Authorities.

Any objections to Admissions arrangements should be made in writing to The Chair of the Admissions Committee, The Cranmer Education Trust, C/o, The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SQ. E-mail: info@cranmeredt.org

Definitions

1. Children Looked After/Children Previously Looked After

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, special guardianship order, or Child Arrangements Order. 'Looked after' means that the child was:

(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.

This criteria also includes children looked after and 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.

2. The **Responsible Authority** is the Local Authority which has the care responsibility for the Child Looked After.

3. **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.