



KING JAMES I ACADEMY

Sixth Form Admission Process September 2024

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2024/25 Admission to King James I Academy Sixth Form

Applications for Year 12

The majority of the sixth form students transfer from Year 11, but places are available for external students.

The entry requirements is largely dependent on the course of study that a student wishes to access. They are the same for internal and external students. Details of specific entry requirements and courses available can be obtained from the Academy. The availability of courses is dependent upon the number of applicants and the financial sustainability of the course and the Governing Body of the school determines this.

Entry requirements and oversubscription criteria:

Priority will be given to:

- Students who have attended the school in the previous academic year (during Year 11) and who satisfy the school's entry requirements* for the course available and then,
- All other students of the relevant age who satisfy the school's entry requirements* for the course available.

Where the school is oversubscribed within either category (1) the following will be applied, strictly in order of priority:

- Children who are 'looked after' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence/child arrangement, or special guardianship order**.**
A looked after child is a child who is, at the time of making an application to a school, in the care of a local authority in England, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
- Students who appear to the Admission's Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.**
A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
- Students who will have a sibling*** at the secondary school during the coming academic year.
- All other students.
- Distance from home to school measured by the shortest walking route****, with those living nearest the school receiving priority. Otherwise if only one final place can be offered and two applicants live equidistant from the school, the LS's system of random allocation will apply.

Where the school is oversubscribed within category (2) the above criteria will be applied, strictly in order of priority with the exception that, after b), the following will apply: all other students who previously attended in Year 11, a maintained school or academy with 11-16 provision only.

Applicants refused admission to a sixth form are entitled to an appeal to an independent appeals panel.

*The entry requirements are:

- To study 4 or more AS optional subjects in Year 12 the student must have achieved 5 or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade C or above (including Maths and/or English as appropriate) and achieve the individual specific subject or course academic entry requirements.
- To study fewer than 4 AS subjects and/or level 3 vocational courses the student must have achieved 5 or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade C or above and achieve the individual specific subject or course academic entry requirement
- To study a Level 2 vocational course the student must have achieved at least 4 GCSEs (or equivalent) at Grade D or above and meet the individual specific subject or course academic entry requirement.

**An adoption order is an order under section 12 of the Adoption Act 1972 or section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A 'residence order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. A child arrangement order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

***Sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, step brothers or sisters and children of the parent/carer's partner. Some schools give priority to siblings of pupils attending another community and voluntary controlled school with which they have close links (for example, schools on the same site). Where this is the case, details will be published in the Local Authority's Admission Brochure.

****In assessing home to school distance the LA uses a Geographic information System (GIS) to identify and measure the shortest route utilising only the Ordnance Survey Integrated Transport Network (itn) and Urban Paths Network (UPN) which are national recognised datasets. The LA will not include any other routes or any other method of measurement. Routes are measured from the centre point***** of the child's house, or in the case of a flat from the centre point***** of the building, to the nearest school site entrance. In all cases the GIS identifies the route to be measured by connecting in a straight line the centre point***** of the child's house to the closest point on the nearest route on the ITN/UPN.

*****In accordance with the co-ordinates of the Basic Land and Property Unit on the National Land and Property Gazetteer.