

Archbishop Holgate's School

A Church of England Academy



2026-2027 Admissions Policy

This policy is for students to start Sixth Form in September 2026

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Next review due	2026

1. Introduction

Archbishop Holgate's is a Church of England Academy serving the whole community in which it is set. It is committed to giving its students the best possible educational opportunities whilst living Christian values into being, within the tradition of the Anglican church. From its foundation in 1546, Archbishop Holgate's has welcomed applications from both its local community and a wider area.

The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority for Archbishop Holgate's School and is therefore responsible for the admission of students to Year 12 (post-16 provision) at the school. Any queries regarding Sixth Form admissions should be directed to the Sixth Form.

2. Admission to Year 12

Admission to Year 12 will be from:

- (a) students in Year 11 at Archbishop Holgate's School; and
- (b) students from outside Archbishop Holgate's School.

Students on roll at Archbishop Holgate's School are required to apply for a Sixth Form place as are students from other schools. All applicants must submit an application form to the school.

The entry requirements for admission to Year 12 shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at the school and external applicants.

Sixth Form students will be admitted at the start of the Autumn Term in each school year although there may be some occasions when students transfer during an academic year.

3. Minimum Entry Requirements

All those seeking admission to the Sixth Form must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen. Automatic entry onto Sixth Form courses includes students achieving 5 Grade 4 GCSEs including Grade 4 in English and/or Mathematics. Students with either English and/or Mathematics at Grade 3 or below will have individual meetings to determine the most suitable pathway within the Sixth Form.

All students applying for the Work Skills programme will have individual meetings to determine if pathways are available.

The school will admit all children with a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in whose Statement or EHCP the school is named. If your child has any such statement or EHCP, please contact your home local authority who will advise you on the process for gaining admission to the school.

Oversubscription criteria

If the number of external applicants for Year 12 exceeds the number of places remaining within the published admission number, after the admission of any external students with a statement of SEN or an EHCP in whose statement or EHCP the school is named, and who meet the academic entry criteria, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in the order shown to applicants who meet the academic entry criteria:

(1) Children who are either currently or have previously been 'looked after' – This applies to all children who are currently in the care of a local authority; all children who have been adopted from local authority care (subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order); and all children who appear 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.

(2) Students considered by the Governors to have exceptional social or medical needs specific to Archbishop Holgate's School – parents applying under this criterion are advised to consult the school in advance about its suitability for their child, and must provide professional supporting evidence, in writing, from a doctor, specialist health professional, or social worker, setting out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable for the child, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

(3) Students who are on roll in Year 11 at Archbishop Holgate's School.

(4) Students living in the area normally served by the school. ('The area normally served by the school' is the school's priority admissions area as defined by the Local Authority and as set out in its Guide for Parents. 'Living in the area' is defined as the student being ordinarily resident at an address in the area defined above. You may be asked for evidence of residence.)

(5) Students having a sibling attending Archbishop Holgate's School at the time of their proposed admission. ('Siblings' are defined as brothers or sisters living in the same house, as their primary place of residence, including half- and step-brothers or sisters.)

(6) Any other students.

Tie-breaker – If there are more applicants within any given qualifying criterion than there are places remaining, the places for these applicants will be allocated to students with the closest safe walking route. ('The closest safe walking route' is defined as the distance from the home to school as measured from the home address to the nearest entrance to the school site using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.)

Final tie-breaker – If the above tie-breaker does not distinguish between two or more applicants with equal priority for the remaining place, random allocation will be used as the final tie-breaker. This will be supervised by someone independent of the Academy.

The number of students who have applied for each course will need to be taken into account, meaning that extra students can sometimes be accommodated over the admission number if the student’s chosen course is not full.

4. Appeals

Any student refused the offer of a place at the Sixth Form has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel.

5. Late Applications

Late applications will be considered up to the end of the second full week of the Autumn Term.

6. False Information

Where the school has made the offer of a place at the Sixth Form on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has effectively denied a place to a post-16 student with a stronger claim, the offer of a place will be withdrawn. The application will be considered afresh, and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

7. Waiting List

In the case of oversubscription, students may wish their application to be held on a waiting list which will be maintained until 31 December at the end of the Autumn Term. The Academy’s waiting list will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above.

8. Timetable for Admissions

1	AHS students complete application	December 2025
2	External students complete application	January 2026
2	School accepts application and this is communicated to parents	January 2026
4	GCSE results published	August 2026
5	Admission confirmed or refused	August 2026
6	Independent appeals	September 2026

Students can apply up to the start of the courses, but it is helpful to receive early applications as above.

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