
Belfairs Academy



Admissions Criteria

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BELFAIRS ACADEMY ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

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Admission limit: 232

Admission criteria:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the Academy and who have an older sibling attending the Academy
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the Academy.
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the Academy and who have a sibling attending the Academy.
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the Academy.

A sibling is a child who will have an older brother or sister still at the Academy at the time of admission. (A sibling of the same parents, will be considered to be a brother or sister whether living at the same address or not. Fostered and adopted children and step, or half brothers and sisters, living at the same address will all be classed as siblings.)

In the case of over subscription in any one category the shortest walking distance using public highways will be used to measure the distance between the student's home (including flats) and the student entrance at the front of the Academy, as measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living the closest being given priority.

Students will be admitted without reference to aptitude or ability to Year 7 and by appropriate prior academic qualifications to Year 12.

Where the Academy is named in a child's statement of special education needs the Academy and the Local Authority have a duty to admit the child.

Pupils in Public Care are those who are looked after by a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) at the time an application for their admission to a school is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time when they are admitted to the Academy. Any reference to previously looked after children means children who were adopted (or subject to residence or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

Admission Arrangements

Prospectuses are available from the Academy. The application form used relating to entry to the Academy is the Single Application Form used across the Local Authority. Parents wishing for their child to be considered for entry to Belfairs Academy must name the Academy as one of their preferences on the form, which will be returned to the Local Authority by the advertised closing date. The Local Authority follows the process as detailed in the approved admission scheme, published on the Southend Borough Council website and will make offers of places on the National Offer day, 1 March 2017. Appeals are held in May and June. Information on admission to the Academy will also be available from the Borough of Southend annual publication to parents on Secondary School Admissions.

Applications for admission to the Academy other than for the beginning of Year 7 should be made directly to the Academy using the application form available on the website.

Admission at age 16

Prospective Sixth form students are encouraged to attend an Open Evening held at the Academy in the autumn term. Application details, including a prospectus and more specific course and curriculum information is available on this night and via the Academy website. Prospective students will be invited to attend an Induction/Course Taster Programme in the summer term.

We welcome applications from external students. The maximum admission limit for external students is 38.

Students should complete the application form and return it to the Academy. All external applicants will be invited in for a discussion on their subject application.

At present, we have a maximum of 300 students in Post 16, although some practical subjects have upper limits based on access to technical equipment. We will endeavour to run additional classes in the most popular subjects to assure choice.

Places on Level 3 courses are offered to applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements. In addition to the overall entry requirement, there are specific GCSE entry requirements for many subjects. Information regarding these can be found in the Post 16 Course guide within the prospectus.

For Level 3 students, progression into Year 13 is based on the successful completion of Year 12 studies and good attendance.

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In the case of oversubscription the following criteria will apply:

- a) Looked after children and previously looked after children.
- b) Current year 11 Belfairs students
- c) Distance from the Academy measured using the shortest walking distance using public highways between the student's home (including flats) and the student entrance at the front of the Academy, as measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living the closest being given priority.