



Sixth Form Admission Policy

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Context

We are a school sixth form offering 2 pathways; Route 1 offers 25 academic AS and A level courses and Route 2 offers a variety of more vocational options. By offering 2 pathways, North Chadderton students are able to progress to university and the most competitive job and training opportunities. Because of our size and the skills, qualifications and expertise of our staff, we are able to offer 2 pathways and in order to be admitted to the sixth form, students must meet the school's academic entry requirements.

Admission to the Sixth Form

North Chadderton Sixth Form has a total capacity of 300 places, with up to 150 students entering Year 12 each year. North Chadderton students who meet the academic entry requirements transfer from Year 11. Applications are made by using the application form available from the school's website and in the sixth form prospectus.

Academic entry requirements for North Chadderton Sixth Form

All students who come to study with us will choose 4 AS levels. With 4 AS courses on their timetables, students need a very secure base at GCSE.

Basic academic entry requirement

Pathway 1

To meet the basic academic entry requirements to gain access to North Chadderton Sixth Form, candidates must normally hold a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A* to C or equivalent including both English Language and Mathematics, and must normally hold at least a GCSE grade B or equivalent in the subjects that they wish to study – or equivalent subjects in the case of an A level course not regularly part of a standard KS4 curriculum. Students wishing to study a Science at A Level must normally achieve a minimum of grade B or equivalent in individual examination modules other than their ISA.

Pathway 2

To meet the basic academic entry requirements to gain access to North Chadderton Sixth Form, candidates must normally hold a minimum of four or five GCSEs at grades A* to C or equivalent including both English Language and Mathematics at Grade D or above. For those students following this routeway, there will be the opportunity to re-sit GCSE Maths and/or English if required. Students following Pathway 2 will opt for combinations which include a range of vocational subjects.

Oversubscription Criteria

After the admission of any statemented students whose statement names the school looked-after children and previously looked-after children who meet the academic criteria set out above will be given first priority.

The following criteria will then be applied in order when offering places to:

- (1) Internal applicants - Students in Year 11 at North Chadderton School who meet the entry requirements stated above; and
- (2) External applicants - Students from other schools or colleges who meet the entry requirements stated above.

Tie Break Criterion

It is possible that at some stage of applying the above criteria, a school becomes oversubscribed with requests for places. In these cases, students who live closest to the school will be offered the places. These distances will be calculated using the two data points of home post code and school post code using a straight line measurement.

Waiting List

In the case of oversubscription, students may wish their application to be held on a waiting list, which will be maintained until the end of the Autumn Term. The school's waiting list will be ranked in line with the academic entry requirements listed above.

Additional requirements

Before an offer of a place can be made, information from the applicant's current school setting out predicted grades supporting a candidate's proposed course of study must be provided. For students currently studying at North Chadderton School, these will be automatically obtained from their Leader of Achievement. For external applicants the information will be sought from the Head of Year 11, equivalent member of staff, or senior member of staff of their current or former school.

Fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications

Where the school discovers that a student has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application from a student (for example a false statement of projected grades) which effectively denies a place to a student with a stronger claim, then the school 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.

Admission and Appeal

The school will not make an offer of a place if allowing the student to attend would affect the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources at North Chadderton.

Any applicant refused entry to Year 12 may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Appeals should be sent to: Ms J Clark, Headteacher, North Chadderton School, Chadderton Hall Road, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 0BN.