

Marylebone Academy

Sixth Form Admission Policy Aims

This policy aims to:

- Explain how to apply for a place at the Sixth Form
- Set out the Sixth Form's arrangements for allocating places to the pupils who apply
- Explain how to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place

Introduction

Marylebone Academy (formally Marylebone Boys' School) was set up under the government's Free Schools programme and opened in September 2014. A mixed sixth form (formally MBS Sixth Form) opened to Year 12 in 2019 and moved into their own sixth form site in November 2021.

There are up to 240 places in the Sixth Form, 120 in Year 12 and 120 in Year 13. The school has a strong Christian ethos but has no faith admissions criteria. It is open to pupils of all faiths and none.

Marylebone Academy Sixth Form aspires to be an academically rigorous school with an emphasis on good behaviour, commitment to learning and outstanding teaching, where knowledge is valued and available to all who are prepared to work for it. The school's emphasis on professional, productive and positive behaviour, safeguarding and strong pastoral support means pupils will develop courtesy and tolerance as well as confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Admissions Process

Admission to the Marylebone Academy Sixth Form is open to all current Year 11 students from Marylebone Academy and other schools, both male and female. We do not apply a distance qualification to students wishing to join the Sixth Form.

The application process begins in November and applications are due by February half term, although late applications may be considered dependent on the circumstances.

A link to the online application form is available on the school website. For enquiries regarding application and admissions, please email: sixthformadmissions@maryleboneacademy.org.uk

Conditional offer letters will be sent to students following interviews in the second half of the spring term and enrolment confirmed following GCSE results days in August.

Allocation of places

Admission number

We have capacity for 240 students in the Sixth Form. This includes capacity for 120 students in Year 12.

Marylebone Academy Sixth Form has an Admission Number of **50 external students** for admissions to Year 12, in addition to the students who transfer from Year 11. Students already at the school are entitled to transfer to Year 12 if they meet the published minimum academic entry requirements.

Admissions Criteria

Marylebone Academy offers various A-level courses and a vocational level 3 BTEC in Business which students may take alongside one A-level.

To enrol at Marylebone Academy Sixth Form, students must achieve the entry requirements as outlined below:

Pathway 1: A-level ONLY

Candidates must secure at least 5 grade 6 GCSEs, including at least a grade 5 in Maths and English Language or Literature

Pathway 2: BTEC Level 3 Diploma (equivalent to 2 A-levels) + 1 A-level

Candidates must secure at least 5 grade 5 GCSEs, including at least a grade 4 in Maths and English Language or Literature

For all A-level selections the following criteria must also be met:

Subject	Minimum grade requirements
English Literature	Grade 7 in GCSE English Literature or Language
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics
Biology	Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science or grade 7 in GCSE Biology
Chemistry	Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science or grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry
Physics	Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science or grade 7 in GCSE Physics
Geography	Grade 6 GCSE Geography Grade 6 GCSE English Language
History	Grade 6 GCSE History Grade 6 GCSE English Language
Philosophy	Grade 6 GCSE English Literature or Language
Spanish	Grade 6 GCSE Spanish
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Classics	Grade 5 GCSE English Literature AND Language
Latin	Grade 6 in GCSE Latin
PE	Grade 6 GCSE PE
Computer Science	Grade 6 GCSE Computer Science Grade 5 GCSE Mathematics
Art and Design	Grade 6 GCSE Fine Art/Art, Design & Craft/Photography/ DT, or another similar creative exam

Design Technology	Grade 6 in GCSE DT Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English Literature or Language
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music
Sociology	Grade 5 GCSE English Literature or Language
Psychology	Grade 6 GCSE English Literature or Language Grade 6 in GCSE Science (Combined, Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
Economics	Grade 6 GCSE Mathematics Grade 6 GCSE English Literature or Language
Business Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature or Language Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
Politics	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature or Language
BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business	Grade 4 GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 GCSE English Language

Out of normal age group admissions

The school will consider applications from students who have previously attended other Post-16 providers and are above the 'normal' age to begin Year 12. Cases will be considered on an individual basis and students will not be allowed to join Year 12 and retake subjects that they have previously studied. For enquiries regarding application and admissions, please email:

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Challenging behaviour

We will not refuse to admit an applicant on behavioural grounds in the normal admissions round or at any point in the normal year of entry. We may refuse admission in certain cases where the specific criteria listed in the School Admissions Code apply:

'Where a child has been permanently excluded from two or more schools there is no need for an admission authority to comply with parental preference for a period of two years from the last exclusion. The twice excluded rule does not apply to the following children:

- *children who were below compulsory school age at the time of the permanent exclusion;*
- *children who have been reinstated following a permanent exclusion (or would have been reinstated had it been practicable to do so);*
- *children whose permanent exclusion has been considered by a review panel, and the review panel has decided to quash a decision not to reinstate them following the exclusion;*
- *children with Education, Health and Care Plans naming the school.'*

We may refuse admission for an in-year applicant for a year group that is not the normal point of entry, only in such a case that we have good reason to believe that the child may display challenging behaviour that may adversely affect the provision we can offer. In this case, we will refer these pupils to the Fair Access Protocol. We will not refuse admission on these grounds to Looked After Children, previously looked after children and children with EHC plans listing the school.

In year admissions

We will not accept admissions beyond the last working day of September in any given Year 12 cohort.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful will be given an opportunity to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with the statutory provisions in force at the time. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. Information about Marylebone Academy admissions appeal dates and procedures can be found [here](#).