

## **Thomas Alleyne Academy Sixth Form Admissions**

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### **Policy and Numbers**

From September 2017 the Thomas Alleyne Academy is in partnership with Barnwell School to broaden the range of courses on offer to post 16 students that will include a variety of level 2 and 3 academic and vocational courses.

The partnership between Thomas Alleyne and Barnwell will offer full time provision. You may contact us by telephoning: 01438 344341 or logging on to the Academy website sixth form section that lists the courses on offer and entry criteria for each subject.

### **General Entry Requirements**

Current entry criteria for level 3 qualifications are 3 GCSE's at C grade and above and English and Maths at grade 4. Some subjects have specific entry criteria above C grade and this information is on our website and in our prospectus which is available on request at: [www.tas.herts.sch.uk](http://www.tas.herts.sch.uk) Our policy is to ensure that students accepted into the Sixth Form can be placed on appropriate pathways where they are likely to succeed. For this reason we ask all applicants to attend a meeting to discuss their intended pathway and career destination. Alongside our current Year 11 students we also accept applications from students wishing to transfer from other schools. Academic entry requirements are the same for both internal and external places. Application forms can be obtained by telephoning the direct line for sixth form: 01438 344341 or downloading a copy from our website and forwarding it to:

Mrs Lewis, Head of Sixth Form, The Thomas Alleyne Academy, High Street, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 3BE.

### **Current size of Sixth Form: over subscription policy**

The school will have a published admission number of 150.

In 2017/18 there were a total of 84 students in sixth form. It is anticipated that there will be significant growth in numbers in 2019 and it is strongly advised that students make a timely application in January to secure a place on the specific subjects they wish to study. Where applications for admissions exceed the numbers of places available the following rules will apply but Rule 1 must be applied as a priority. Entry criteria remain the same for all candidates.

## **Rule 1: Looked After Children or Previously Looked After as defined below.**

A “looked after child” is a child who is: (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (section 22(1) of The Children Act 1989).

Highest priority will also be given to children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order.

**Adopted:** all children adopted from local authority care in England and Wales who are of compulsory school age will have highest priority.

**Child arrangement order:** under the provision of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amended section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangement orders which settle the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

**Special guardianship order:** under 14A of The Children Act 1989, an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian or guardians.

Children in the process of being placed for adoption are classified by law as children looked after providing there is a Placement Order and the application would be prioritised under criteria 1.

Children who were not “looked after” immediately before being adopted, or made the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, will not be prioritised under criteria 1.

## **Rule 2: Priority will be given to students in rank order, following an on time application.**

Late applications (after January deadline) will always be considered, but we do not pledge to be able to offer a free choice of subjects for late applicants. All on time applications will be considered first, and any late applications stand less chance of being successful. We cannot always provide extra A Level classes where subjects are oversubscribed. Where a tie break situation occurs students will be assessed on the closest distance to the School based on home to school distances measured along a straight line between a child’s address and the Academy main gate.

### **Tie break**

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer.

If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random allocation.

### **Right to Appeal**

Applicants who do not receive an offer of a place in the Sixth Form will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. These appeals will be heard once GCSE results are known and will be held early in the new academic year.

### **Entry Requirements into Year 12**

- Basic entry requirements are 5 A\*-C grades or equivalent at GCSE level, including English and maths at grade 4 or above.

### **Application Process for Entry in September 2019**

The Initial Application Form needs to be completed by **January 2019**. This will enable the formal process of arranging meetings with Head of Sixth Form. However late applications are acceptable where decisions regarding progression have significantly altered.

All current students and external applicants will be invited to a pathways meeting in **February 2019** to determine their initial option choices. Parents are welcome to attend.

Taster days take place in August and students have another opportunity to determine subject choices

On the Sixth Form Enrolment Day in late August, following GCSE results day. Students will be asked to complete a final paperwork. When completing final enrolment students must provide all GCSE results (a copy of the statement of results is preferable).

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