



THOMAS ALLEYNE ACADEMY

DETERMINED SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027/28

www.tas.herts.sch.uk

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Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Kate Barfoot

POLICY AND NUMBERS

The Thomas Alleyne Academy is in partnership with a consortium of Stevenage schools 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.

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 grade 5 and above in English and Maths. Some subjects have specific entry criteria above grade 5 and this information is on our website www.tas.herts.sch.uk.

We ask all applicants to attend a meeting to discuss their intended pathway and career destination. This is not part of the admissions process but is suggested in order to ensure that students accepted into the Sixth Form can be placed on appropriate pathways where they are likely to succeed.

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: Mrs Barfoot, Head of Sixth Form, The Thomas Alleyne Academy, High Street, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 3BE Tel. 01438 344341

CURRENT SIZE OF SIXTH FORM: OVERSUBSCRIPTION POLICY

The school will have a published admission number (PAN) of 20 for students joining the school in Year 12 from other education providers.

In 2025/26 there were nearly 120 students in the sixth form (Years 12 and 13). It is anticipated that there will be continuing growth in numbers in 2026/27 and it is strongly advised that students make a timely application in January 2027 to secure a place on the specific subjects they wish to study in 2027/28.

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: Children looked after and children who were previously looked after, including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are those who were looked after but ceased to be so because of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order¹ or a special guardianship order².

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 this rule.

RULE 2

Students in Priority Area 5. The Tie-break rule will be applied if there is a need to differentiate between students in Priority Area 5.

Tie break

Priority will be given to children who live nearest to the school measured by using the Hertfordshire Local Authority's 'Find your nearest School' online facility.

The measurement is taken from the point of your child's house to a point of distance which has been agreed by the Governors on the school site. Should two applicants have the same home to school distance a random allocation will be made and that process will be independently supervised.

Multiple births:

The school will admit over the published admission number when a single twin/multiple birth child is allocated the last place at a school.

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.

You can lodge an appeal by emailing: school.appeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Entry Requirements into Year 12

Students aspiring to study subjects at Thomas Alleyne Sixth Form must meet the minimum average point score and meet the individual subject entry criteria as listed on the Thomas Alleyne website www.tas.herts.sch.uk.

¹ **Child Arrangements Order:** Under the provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amended section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders which settle the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

² **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.



Application Process for Entry in September 2027

The Initial Application Form needs to be completed by 31 January 2027. This will allow time to arrange 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 2027 to discuss their initial option choices. This is not a statutory element of the admissions process.

Taster days take place in July, and students have another opportunity to determine subject choices then.

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