

Admissions to Stroud High School Sixth Form Entry September 2018

1. Year 12 admissions

Applications for Year 12 should be completed by the published deadline on the application form. Please refer to the school's website www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk or contact the School Admissions Office on +44 (0)1453 764441 for further details and a copy of the application form. In April applicants will receive notification as to whether a conditional place has been allocated. Conditional places will be confirmed after the GCSE results day in August each year. New students must submit their GCSE results **within one week** of GCSE results day. Please contact either 6thformadmissions@stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk or +44 (0)1453 760156.

2. Capacity

The maximum Year 12 cohort of Stroud High School is 150. The Sixth Form Leadership Team Panel may admit above this figure in exceptional circumstances and where it believes no prejudice will ensue. All Year 11 Stroud High School students who meet the published academic entry requirements can expect to be allocated a place in the Sixth Form, as well as a **minimum** planned admission number of 30 external candidatesⁱ.

3. Academic entry requirements

Students will need to meet all of the following requirements for entry into Stroud High School Sixth Form:

- Students should achieve a minimum of 5 full course GCSEs in separate subjects at Grade 6 (or Grade B where applicable). Core and Additional Science count as separate subjects. Short course GCSEs do not count towards the full course GCSE requirements).
- Students should have a minimum of Grade 5 in both English Language and Mathematics (see below).
- Students should meet individual subject requirements as described in the prospectus, usually Grade 6 (or Grade B where applicable) in their chosen subjects if previously taken at GCSE level, or a relevant subject as specified in the sixth form prospectus.

Students will normally choose no more than 2 new subjects to study in Year 12. Students with insufficient formal GCSE qualifications but with demonstrable equivalent qualifications will be considered by the Stroud High School Sixth Form Leadership Team Panel, being guided by points equivalence and evidence of prior learning.

Internal and new students who have missed the entry criteria may request consideration for a place by the Stroud High School Sixth Form Leadership Team Panel who may accept or reject applications. This may include those students who narrowly missed the sixth form or subject entry criteria.

4. Students continuing from Year 11 in Stroud High School

Priority for admission to Year 12 will be given to students progressing into the Sixth Form from Year 11 of the school (see oversubscription criteria below).

5. Students joining the school for the first time

We welcome applications from new students. Following submission of an application form, applicants will be invited to an advisory discussion with a member of the Stroud High School Sixth Form Team. Conditional places will be offered on the basis of the predicted GCSE grades supplied by the applicant's school and students should contact the school and submit their GCSE results within one week of GCSE results day, to confirm their place. Please contact either 6thformadmissions@stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk or +44 (0)1453 760156.

6. Oversubscription criteria

If more students meet the academic standard for entry than can be offered places, the following additional criteria in this order will be applied:

1. A student who is a Child in Public Care^{ii iii}.
2. A student from a family that was entitled to Pupil Premium^{iv} during Year 11. The school reserves the right to disqualify a child where an application has been made which contains incorrect, fraudulent or misleading information, or to refuse to admit the child if an offer has been made on that basis.
3. Students from Stroud High School.
4. Students with the highest average GCSE points score in student's best eight full course separate subjects using the following points equivalent for lettered grades: A*=8, A=7, B=6, C=5, D=4, E=3.

In the event of a tie break between two or more students when applying the above criteria a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body, which will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

7. Waiting List

In the event that the student reaches the required academic standard but there are no places available in Year 12, she will be placed on a Waiting List. The order of this list will conform to the oversubscription criteria as listed above (section 6). If the number of students falls below the maximum Year 12 cohort number those on the waiting list will be offered places, in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list for Year 12 will be held until 31st October.

Students from Year 11 of Stroud High School who left but then wish to return will be treated as new applicants.

8. Year 13 Transfer

New students who wish to transfer into Year 13 should in the first instance make contact with the Sixth Form Office.

Fair Access Protocols

Stroud High School has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by Gloucestershire County Council. Should a vulnerable student^v within these protocols, who meets the academic entry requirements, require a place at the school, they will take precedence over any student on the waiting list.

Stroud High School is committed to equal opportunity and follows the Equality Act 2010^{vi} and adhered to the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2014^{vii}.

9. Appeals

There is a system of appeals against non-admission, and details of how to appeal are available from the school. It is the school's policy to accept only one appeal application for each student in an academic year unless there is a significant change of circumstances.

ⁱ A place at Stroud High School will be withdrawn if it is offered in error or if it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

ⁱⁱ A 'Looked after Child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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. (See the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to the school). An adoption order is an order under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A residence order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines 'a special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

ⁱⁱⁱ In the case of a Looked after Child or Previously Looked after Child supporting documentation must be submitted to the school at the time of application.

^{iv} The pupil premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children. Students who are entitled to Pupil Premium are those who are or have been registered for Free School Meals or have received them at any point in the last 6 years. The school will require independent and verifiable evidence of Pupil Premium entitlement in the requisite period from a reliable source such as a local authority. The evidence/documentation needs to be sent to the school prior to sitting the test. This evidence/supporting documentation may be shared with all the grammar schools you elect to share with.

^v See Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone: +44 (0)1452 425000 for Fair Access Protocols and definitions.

^{vi} See www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act for Equality Act 2010.

^{vii} See https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf for school Admissions Code 2014.