



## CANON SLADE SCHOOL

### SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY

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## **Context**

Canon Slade Sixth Form is a high performing, academic, sixth form offering nearly 30 A-levels and 1 BTEC level 3 course. Whilst the majority of our sixth form students are recruited from our 11-16 cohort, each year we welcome many students from across Bolton, Blackburn and Greater Manchester from a wide range of schools. Our students are academically inquisitive and aspirational and many go on to further study on the most competitive university courses and apprenticeships.

Admission to Canon Slade Sixth Form is for students who wish to study within the ethos of a Church School and who meet the entry requirements for their selected programmes of study. Though it is not expected that all students will be of the Christian faith we do insist that all students show respect for our Christian ethos.

## **Admission to the Sixth Form**

Students are admitted to Canon Slade Sixth Form for two consecutive years, Year 12 and Year 13, to complete Level 3 programmes of study. Canon Slade Sixth Form has a nominal capacity of 330 places, with 170 of those spaces available for Year 12 students. Canon Slade students who meet the academic entry requirements transfer from Year 11. Applicants from existing Canon Slade students should be submitted in the normal way. The Published Admission Number for the admission of students from other schools and colleges who meet the academic entry requirements is 30. The admission number may be exceeded if the demand for available courses can be met, provided that the applicants meet the academic entry requirements.

## **Admissions Process**

Applicants apply to Canon Slade Sixth Form by completing and returning our application form, available to download from our Sixth Form website:-

<http://www.canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk/sixth-form/>

Following the early January deadline for applications (the specific date is included on the second page of the application form and updated each year), applicants are invited to attend a consultation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Sixth Form Leadership Team to discuss their application in light of mock examination results and future aspirations. These meetings are for applicant guidance only and are not part of the admissions criteria.

Successful applicants receive a conditional offer of a place in the Sixth Form to study specific subjects, and an invitation to their enrolment interview on the day of their GCSE results.

They must achieve the minimum academic entry requirements for their programme of study as a whole and for the individual course elements.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a course if there are not sufficient students wishing to study it, to make running the course financially viable. Applicants are advised of these changes before enrolment where possible, otherwise before the commencement of their programme of study.

### **Academic entry requirements for Level 3 courses.**

- (a) Basic academic entry requirements- To gain access to Canon Slade Sixth Form applicants must hold a minimum of five GCSEs at grades 9-5 including English and Mathematics, usually at level 5.
- (b) Subject-specific requirements – To follow certain specified subjects, students must also satisfy the subject-specific academic requirements. These are specified in our Sixth-Form-Entry requirements document on our website

For some applicants there may be extenuating circumstances surrounding their application. These should be submitted in writing, along with their application form, and will be taken into consideration at the discretion of the school.

### **Oversubscription**

After the admission of:

- 1) Any student with a statement of Special Educational Need/Education Health Care Plan which names the school and who meet the entry requirements

and

- 2) Looked-after children and previously looked-after children who meet the entry requirements

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

- 3) Students in Year 11 at Canon Slade School who meet the entry requirements set out in the Sixth-Form-Entry-requirements document.
- 4) Students in Year 11 of schools within The Bishop Fraser Trust who meet the entry requirements set out in the Sixth-Form-Entry-requirements document.
- 5) Students from other schools or colleges who meet the entry requirements set out in the Sixth-Form-Entry-requirements document.

Individual subjects may be limited in the number of students they are able to accommodate. In the case of oversubscription in a subject, the offer of places is decided by a best qualified model- based on the applicants Average Point Score for their best eight Level 2 courses. In the event of an applicant not being amongst the best qualified for an oversubscribed course they will be offered an alternative subject and be placed on a waiting list for the subject they originally applied for.

When the Published Admission Number is not met, those students who are best qualified for the places available on the available courses will be offered the available places.

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### **Age Limits**

Students can only begin a course if they are under 18 years of age on the first day of term for the ensuing academic year. All students are expected to enrol into Year 12 and commence a maximum programme of study of two years.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Entrance into the Sixth Form is subject to the regulations regarding nationality, residency status and eligibility for study in UK school Sixth Forms that apply at the time of application.

Canon Slade is unable to accept students on a fee-paying basis.

### **Waiting List and Appeals**

Students who meet the minimum entry requirements but are not successful in being offered a place in the first instance may request to be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted as places become available, in best-qualified order.

Any applicant refused a place at a school has a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. A request for an appeal application form can be made by contacting the Clerk to the Governors of Canon Slade School.

### **Fraudulent or misleading applications**

When an offer of admission has been made on the basis of information which turns out to be fraudulent, inaccurate or deliberately misleading, the governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer.