



THE CRYPT SCHOOL

19th June, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Admissions Arrangements for The Crypt School Sixth Form

In 2017 the Governing Board consulted on changing the School Admissions Policy to admit girls into Year 7 and to increase the School's PAN in Year 7 from 112 to 150. Indeed, over the past few years, the number of children entering the School in Year 7 has increased such that the School already has five form groups in each year (7-10) with up to 150 pupils in each year group.

The current admissions arrangements for entry into Year 7 already gives priority to Pupil Premium Pupils and currently the School educates 9% (Years 7-11) Pupil Premium pupils; the School's Governors would like that percentage to increase over the next few years and critically be sustained into the Sixth Form.

The number of students who join the Sixth Form from other local schools has continued to increase over the past five years. In 2014 we received 206 external student applications for our sixth form; in 2017 (for 2018 entry) that number had increased to 234.

Given the large number of sixth form applications we already receive from both internal (Y11) and external (Y11) students, combined with the growing number of students in years 7-10 at The Crypt (as set out above), together with growing numbers of students at other local schools who do not have a sixth form in which these growing numbers can be accommodated, and in order for the School to continue to offer places to students new to the school, The Crypt School proposes to amend its admissions arrangements in the following ways:

Proposed Changes

2019 entry

1. Year 7 – no changes. We shall continue to prioritise Pupil Premium pupils in our oversubscription criteria
2. Sixth Form – no change to published policy.

2020 entry

1. In 2020 Pupil Premium pupils for Year 7 will automatically be offered a place if they meet the qualified standard;



2. In 2020 the Sixth Form will have a Published Admission Number of 180, to support the increased levels of applications.
3. In 2021 there will be 150 students in Y11 at The Crypt School. To maintain the additional number of student places who apply from outside of the School, the Published Admission Number will increase again to 200.
4. From 2020, students who have been in receipt of Pupil Premium at any time in their secondary education and who meet the academic standards for the school, will automatically gain a place in The Crypt School Sixth Form.
5. The establishment, by Governors, of a Pupil Premium Review Group. This will be an Admissions group made up of the Headteacher, the Head of Sixth Form, the Assistant Headteacher (who supports the progress of all Pupil Premium pupils) and 2 governors who will review applications from students who have been in receipt of Pupil Premium but do not meet the entry requirements for the school. For applicants who the group deem can access an A-level curriculum, a place will be offered.

Other initiatives to promote fair access

Year 7 entry

1. As a Teaching School, The Crypt will continue to work with its primary school partners to help support them in raising standards particularly in maths and English;
2. To develop a Crypt Pupil Premium Contract which will seek to support families with costs for uniform, ipad, school trips and visits and other equipment;
3. To provide grammar school test advice and guidance to parents of targeted local schools.

Sixth Form

The Crypt School already offers the following: financial support, via the 16-19 bursary fund, for all pupils who were eligible for the Pupil premium and Free School Meals in KS4; an opportunity to help prepare for sixth form study at our annual summer school held in June and applicant discussion evenings.

In addition, from 2019 we shall invite any pupil applying to The Crypt School Sixth Form from other schools to attend our Year 11 Easter Revision sessions, and to English and mathematics support sessions.

The Crypt School also intends to develop its own Free Primary School on site and become a Sponsor School, helping support other local schools who may need our support in raising standards.

The Governors wish to hold an initial consultation on this process to support future planning for the school which will include planning appropriate changes to the Admission Policy this autumn for 2019 entry and 2020. This will also support future planning for the school staffing model and the development of the site.

For interested parties who wish to discuss these changes with members of the Admissions Committee, Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form, are invited to attend a discussion event planned for Tuesday,, 10th July at 5pm or Thursday 12th July at 4pm.

We welcome your views on these proposed changes. The initial consultation will last for 4 weeks from 19th June until 17th July 2018 at 12 noon. Should you wish to attend an event or send a written response, please contact Mrs Nicola Donlon, Clerk to the Governors, ndonlon@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



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Headmaster



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Chair of Governors