



Admissions Criteria 2019-20

Introduction

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Sixth Form is a comprehensive Sixth Form providing an exciting range of courses with outstanding results. Admission to the sixth form is managed by the school in accordance with the Admissions Criteria of the London Borough of Hackney. Any queries regarding sixth form admissions should be directed to the school. The capacity for Year 12 is 110 places.

Admission to the Sixth form

Students on roll at Cardinal Pole are required to apply for a place in the sixth form as are students from other schools.

Internal applicants

Internal applicants i.e. students on roll will receive an Information, Advice and Guidance interview in the autumn term to discuss their predicted grades and possible courses. This will happen shortly after the KS5 'Open Evening'. They will be asked to make choices at this point on which courses they wish to study.

External applicants

All external applicants may be invited to a meeting to discuss subject choices.

Minimum Entry Requirements

There are 2 main pathways:

Academic: All students wishing to study A-level courses must achieve a minimum of six grades of between 4 and 9 at GCSE including three 6's or above. Students must also have English Literature or Language and Maths at a minimum grade 4. In addition students must meet an ALPs prediction of at least a D in their chosen subjects.

Vocational: Students wishing to study Level 3 Vocational Business or Health & Social Care must achieve a minimum of five grades of between 4 and 9 at GCSE. This must include English and Maths at least a 4 for both vocational subjects, and Science at least a 4 for Health and Social Care. For these courses we will also accept a Distinction from one BTEC Diploma Level Two as the equivalent of one GCSE grade 4.

Academic subject specific entry requirements:

Subject	Minimum Grade	Additional Information
Art & Design	5 in Art	If not studied before a portfolio and subject interview will be required.
Biology, Chemistry & Physics	7 in the chosen science. 6 in Maths	
Business	5 in English (Literature or Language) 5 in Maths	
Computer Science	5 in Maths 5 in ICT or Computer Science if studied	
Drama & Theatre Studies	5 in Drama	If not studied before an audition will be required.
Economics	6 in English (Literature or Language) 5 in Maths	



English Literature	6 in both English Literature and English Language	
French	6 in French	
Further Maths	8 in Maths	
Geography	6 in Geography 5 in Maths	If not studied before a 5 in English (Literature or Language) will be required.
History	6 in History	If not studied before a 5 in English (Literature or Language) will be required.
Maths	7 in Maths	
Philosophy and Ethics	6 in Religious Studies 5 in English Literature	
Product Design	5 in Design and Technology	Must have studied Design and Technology or similar at GCSE
Psychology	5 in English, Maths and Science 6 in at least one of the above	
Sociology	5 in Sociology	If not studied before a 4 in English (Literature or Language) will be required.
Spanish	6 in Spanish	

Please note admission onto courses without meeting these criteria may be granted on a discretionary basis

All those seeking admission to the sixth form must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen. Students will also be expected to display evidence of motivation and commitment to post-16 study.

Maximum admission numbers of 20 places apply to A-level and vocational level 3 courses.

GCSE English and Maths Exam resits

Students who do not hold at least a grade 4 in Maths and/or English at GCSE will be required to continue lessons in these courses until they attain a grade 4.

All students must be enrolled for a course which meets the minimum requirements for 'full-time' study (i.e. minimum average 15 hours per week in lessons).

Entry into Year 13

There is no guarantee of entry into Year 13 for students in Year 12. Students wishing to move on to the second year of a course will need to achieve a minimum of 3 Ds at the end of Year 12 or merits on vocational courses. Students who do not meet the 3Ds or merits criteria will be offered the opportunity to move to a more appropriate course. They must also meet minimum expectations of 95% attendance and punctuality.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Students who are in the care of a local authority (as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989) subject to meeting the specific entry criteria for their chosen programme of study.
2. Applicants who are judged to have an exceptional social or medical need where they meet the admissions criteria. There will have to be a clear link between the child's exceptional need and the school. Parents/carers will need to submit a case supported by appropriate professional evidence from a doctor, social worker, or similar professional. That evidence will need to support the link between the need and the school.



3. Internal year 11 students subject to meeting the specific entry criteria for their chosen programme of study (up to a limit of 100).

4. External applicants subject to meeting the admissions criteria for their chosen programme of study where places are still available on that programme (up to a limit of 20)

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated to those applicants meeting the basic qualification who live closest to the school and for whom places on their chosen courses are available. Each applicant must select their courses of study at the time of the application; these cannot be changed before the application is determined.

Closeness to the school is measured in a straight line ('as the crow flies') from the centre of the pedestrian gate in the perimeter fence on Morning Lane and the permanent address at which the applicant normally resides at the time of the application. The school will carefully verify the permanent address of the applicant.

Once applicants have been ranked according to distance:

1. Places will be allocated in order of closeness to the school.
2. Once the places available for a particular course of study have been filled, any other applicant who has chosen that course will be not considered for admission to that course, regardless of whether places are available on other courses that the applicant has chosen. The number of students who have applied for each course will need to be taken into account. Extra students may sometimes be accommodated over the admission number if the chosen course is not full.

All decisions regarding admissions will be initially be heard by the Headteacher.

Appeals

Should admission to the sixth form at Cardinal Pole Sixth Form be refused, applicants can acquire details of the statutory appeals procedure from the website.

False Information

In the event that Cardinal Pole Catholic School makes the offer of a place in the sixth form on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has effectively denied a place to a sixth former with a stronger claim, then the initial offer will be withdrawn.

Conditions

All places offered are subject to the following post-acceptance conditions:

1. The applicant must provide documentary proof of having in fact met the minimum and course specific entrance requirements
2. The applicant must produce proof of address in the form of a copy of their parent/guardian's current council tax bill.

Any applicant who is unable to satisfy these conditions will not be admitted to the school.