

Cheltenham Bournside School & Sixth Form Centre

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

We have 200 spaces in Year 12 at Cheltenham Bournside Sixth Form. The number of admissions into the Sixth Form from students not already at Bournside will be approximately 80 per year, however, this can be exceeded if the demand exists and facilities and resources allow.

An open evening is held on the last Thursday in January - **Thursday 23rd January in 2025** - from 5.30pm - 8pm. Sixth Form tours are available throughout the year.

Please email sixthformadmissions@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk to organise.

Applications are welcomed online at www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form

Entry Requirements

Cheltenham Bournside School offers over 35 A Levels, BTECs and Level 3 vocational courses and we invest a significant time in ensuring that students applying to our Sixth Form, both internally and externally, are well suited to their chosen subjects.

Our general entry requirements are:

- **Pathway 1:** Studying 3 or 4 A Levels - Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and at least a grade 5 in your three/four chosen subjects at A Level.
- **Pathway 2:** Studying 3 BTEC / Level 3 vocational courses - Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and at least a grade 4 in 3 related GCSEs.
- **Pathway 3:** Studying a combination of BTEC / level 3 vocational courses and A Levels - Entry criteria is at least a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language or Literature and a bespoke offer of grade 4s and grade 5s at GCSE depending on examination results.

Applications are considered up to, but not beyond, two weeks of the start of term 1 of the academic year in which they are applying, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply by the published application deadline at the end of February half term via our website: www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form. If the Sixth Form is oversubscribed, places will be offered according to the oversubscription criteria outlined below.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the Sixth Form is oversubscribed after GCSE results are known, places will be offered according to the oversubscription criteria:

Where applications for admission into Years 7-13 exceeds the number of places available, places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria, in the following order of priority.

1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children definition A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) 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 (5).
2. Children of permanent, salaried members of staff who (a) have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or (b) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Children living in the school's priority consideration area who have a sibling attending the school where the sibling is or has been a member of years 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended years 12/13.
4. Children living in the school's priority consideration area with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey Address Point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance

Survey Address Point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

5. Children who live outside the school's priority consideration area who have a sibling attending the school where the sibling is or has been a member of years 7, 8,9, 10 or 11 and who will continue to be on the school roll when the applicant child is admitted. This criterion does not apply if the sibling has only attended years 12/13.

Other children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey Address Point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey Address Point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Transport

The school does not provide home to school transport, but transport bursaries can be applied for once a student has enrolled in our sixth form.

Appeals

Parents/carers whose application for a place at the school has been unsuccessful have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Appeals, which should be in writing, should be sent to the school for the attention of the Admissions Officer.

Appeals will be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for School Admissions Appeals. Parents/carers, whose appeals have been unsuccessful, may only apply for a further appeal in the same academic year if there has been a significant or material change in their circumstances.

Supplementary Application Form Required - Please apply online at www.bournside.gloucs.sch.uk/sixth-form

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