



Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust

# Shireland Collegiate Academy . Admissions Policy 2025/26

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## Main School (Pre-16) Admissions

### Admission numbers

The school has a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 250 pupils for entry in Year 7 from September 2025.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

In accordance with the law, children with Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted to the school where the Local Authority (LA) has specifically named SCA as the most appropriate placement.

### Application process

As part of the co-ordinated admissions arrangements scheme, **parents MUST complete an online registration form provided by their home LA by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. In completing

## **Fair Banding**

The Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust will use norm referenced banding to achieve an

<sup>1</sup> 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 as defined by section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application for a school place

## Tie-break

If a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, random allocation will be undertaken by the LA (or another body that is unconnected from the Academy Trust) as a tie-break to decide who will be admitted.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins, triplets, etc.) from the same family tied for the final place; we will admit them all and exceed the PAN.

## Admissions of children outside their normal age

Parents may see

Parents will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the Code on School Admission Appeals published by the Department for Education. The determination of the Appeals Panel will be made in accordance with the Code on School Admission Appeals and is binding on all parties. (For further information about appeals, see Appendix A)

### Timetable for Aptitude Tests

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| March 2024               | Details of Aptitude Test on Shireland Collegiate Academy website: <a href="http://www.collegiateacademy.org.uk">www.collegiateacademy.org.uk</a> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 | Aptitude Test  |







3. Students with siblings in any year at the Academy at the time of admission, who meet the academic requirements of the course.
4. All other applicants who meet the academic requirements of the course with straight line distance from the Academy as the tie breaker. This will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the Academy to the front door of the main reception area of the Academy (for example, families living in flats) and there are fewer places available then random allocation will be used to decide which child will be allocated the remaining place(s). In the event that parents have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the relevant distance will be measured from the front door which is closest to the Academy.
5. If courses are full, students will be offered a place with alternative course options. Shireland Collegiate Academy will hold a waiting list, in order of the



## Appendix A - Appeals

The Governing Body of Shireland Collegiate Academy (SCA) has contracted the appeals function to Sandwell Local Authority (LA).

If you are unhappy with the school allocated to you (even if it was your first preference) and before deciding to appeal, you may wish to contact the Advisory Centre for Education (0800 800 5793) who will provide you with free, impartial advice.

If you choose to exercise your right of appeal, arrangements will be made for you to attend an appeal hearing. The Appeals Panel is independent of the LA and SCA and is arranged by Democratic Services of the Council. The Panel will consist of 3 or 5 members. There will also be someone representing SCA (this will be a LA officer) and a clerk from Democratic Services in attendance. At the meeting, you will be invited to say why you would like your child to go to SCA rather than the one offered. The LA officer will explain why a place at SCA has been refused.

You cannot appeal for SCA if you did not list it on your common application form. The LA recommends that you accept the school that has been offered to you even if you decide to appeal for SCA. By accepting the school offered, you will

## Notes

### *Home address:*

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a 50/50 residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home