



SIXTH FORM ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026-27

These admission arrangements were determined by the Governing Body of Central Foundation Boys' School on 10 October 2024.

Determined admission arrangements for entry into the Sixth Form (Year 12) in September 2026.

1. Published Admission Number

The Published Admission Number for Year 12 and 13 entry in September 2026 is 75 in each Year group.

2. Admissions Authority

Central Foundation Boys' School is its own admissions authority as defined in clause 11 of the statutory Schools Admissions Code, 2021.

3. Overview

3.1. Usually, only students born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 and who will have completed their GCSEs in summer 2026 can apply for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2026.

3.2. The minimum qualification for entry into the Sixth Form at the School is:

For A-levels:

- Grade 6 or higher in all subjects they intend to study at.
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 6 across all GCSEs studied (minimum 8 GCSE qualifications).
- A minimum of a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics, regardless of the subjects studied at AS level.

For vocational qualifications:

- Grade 4 or higher in all subjects they intend to study at.
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 4 across all GCSEs studied (minimum 8 GCSE qualifications).
- A minimum of a grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics.

3.3. Please note that the above represent the minimum entry criteria. Where individual courses are oversubscribed, higher actual GCSE grades may be required in order to secure a place.

3.5. The entry criteria for external applicants are the same as for students already in the School.

3.6. Each application (both internal and external) will initially be judged using a set of predicted grades provided by the current school. Final admissions decision will be determined by the actual GCSE grades applicants achieve in the summer exams.

4. Minimum entry criteria for specific subjects and acceptance on to a chosen course or combination of courses.

4.1. Note that all of the following criteria apply to students already in Year 11 at CFBS as well as to external applicants.

4.2. The criteria is minimum entry requirements. Achievement of the GCSE grades specified does not guarantee a place on any course or combination of courses.

4.3. Students must have achieved at least a grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study at AS Level. In subjects, as outlined below, this increases to a grade 7. Where a student has not studied the subject at GCSE, an alternative GCSE entry qualification is accepted in the following cases:

4.4. Additional details:

- Art & 3D Design, a portfolio assessed to be of equivalent standard to a grade 6.
- Economics: at least a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.
- Mathematics: at least a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics: At least a grade 7 in GCSE Biology for the relevant GCSE or 77 in Combined Science
- Computer Science and Further Mathematics: at least a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.
- Sociology: at least a grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
- Psychology: at least a grade 6 in GCSE Biology or grade 66 in Combined Science.
- Politics: at least a grade 6 in GCSE History or a grade 6 in GCSE English Language where History is not studied.
- Physical Education: at least a grade 6 in GCSE Biology or grade 6.

In addition, additional requirements apply to students wishing to study the following subjects:

4.4.1. Students wishing to study A Level Chemistry must also be studying Mathematics.

4.4.2 Students wishing to study A Level Physics must also be studying Mathematics.

4.4.3. Students wishing to study A Level Computer Science must also be studying Mathematics.

4.4.4. Students wishing to study Further Mathematics must also be studying Mathematics.

5. Over-subscription criteria

5.1 In the event that courses are over-subscribed, the over-subscription criteria, in priority order, will be:

5.1.1. Any applicants who are currently Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children, including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England who meet the academic entry criteria into the Sixth Form and also for the combination of subjects they wish to study. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence.

5.1.2. GCSE grades achieved.

5.1.3. in the event of a tie for one remaining place to study a particular combination of subjects between students with the same GCSE grades, the school will look at the GCSE grade average. If after this process, students cannot be split, the School will award the place to the student who lives within the closest proximity to the School.

6. Waiting list

The waiting list will automatically consist of the names of unsuccessful applicants who have not been offered a place after the GCSE results in August of the year of admission. We will keep the waiting list until the end of the first half-term of the year of admission. The waiting list is maintained in order of oversubscription as set out in this policy and not in the order in which applications are received.

7. Late applications

All late applications received after the deadline will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed.

8. In-year applications

Any applicants for a place in Year 12 and 13 who applied after the start of the academic year will be placed on the waiting list as set out in section 6 of the policy. If the Year group the applicant is applying to join has vacancies, the applicant will need to meet the minimum entry criteria to be offered a place as set out in section 4.

9. Appeals

There is a statutory right of appeal against the refusal of a place which will be heard before an independent panel.

A request for an admission appeal must be accompanied by the grounds for making the appeal (i.e. why it is believed that this Admission Policy does not comply with the School Admissions Code 2021

or other legislation, or was not correctly applied in relation to the application for admission). The reason for the refusal of a place should be considered before the grounds of appeal are set out.

The appeals will be heard in September.

10. Admissions procedure to join Year 12 at the start of each academic year

10.1. Any student thinking of applying to join the School's Sixth Form should attend the Sixth Form Open Evening, which will be held in the autumn term each year. Further details, including the Sixth Form prospectus, are available on the school's website.

10.2. Applications will open in December prior to the start of the next academic year. All applicants must complete their online application by the deadline stated on the website (

10.3. All applicants, who apply prior to the deadline, will receive a response from the School about their application by March before the start of the next academic year; at this stage, applicants who meet the entry criteria are invited to a meeting to discuss options and academic entry requirements for their chosen subjects.

10.4. Students who have met the entry criteria and attended a meeting at the School will be invited to attend an Induction Day that takes place in June before the start of the academic year after GCSE exams have been sat. Attendance will not form part of the decision-making process on admission into the school but should the applicant fail to attend the school will assume they are no longer interested in progressing their application and they will be unable to enrol.

10.5. On GCSE Results Day, applicants will be required to attend the school to complete their enrolment. Students must bring hard copies of their GCSE results. If a student is unable to attend the school in person, they must contact the school with photographic proof of their GCSE results and their intended course choices on GCSE results day.