

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2025

A The School and its Objectives

The School is an Academy. Its objectives are the education of boys and girls. Its aims are to set the highest academic standards combined with the teaching and practice of Orthodox Judaism* and extremely high standards of discipline and conduct demanded of the faith. The School aims to provide efficient education combined with efficient use of resources.

* As defined by the Chief Rabbi and / or the Chief Rabinates of Israel

B The Admission Authority

The Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the School.

C Pupil Admission Numbers

The School will admit 90 pupils to Year 7 in September 2025

D Admissions Criteria

Parents are reminded that it is not necessary to meet all, or indeed any, of the criteria below for their child to be offered a place at the School. However, in the event of the School being over-subscribed, the Governors will apply the following criteria in order of priority:-

- (a) looked after children (within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) being children in the care of a local authority or previously looked after children whose family attend an Orthodox Synagogue* and this category includes children who were previously in state care outside England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted+
- (b) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend an Orthodox Synagogue* and this category includes children who were previously in state care outside England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted+

- (c) looked after children (within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) being children in the care of a local authority or previously looked after children.
- (d) children whose parent / parents or guardian / guardians attend a Non-Orthodox Synagogue.
- (e) all other applicants

* As defined by the Chief Rabbi

+ Meaning children who have been looked after outside England by a public authority, a religious organization or provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society

The School is entitled to seek confirmation of attendance with the named synagogue from the Rabbi or from an authorized official of the synagogue.

Notwithstanding the above, by applying to the School, parents commit that they will support the religious ethos and discipline policy of the School.

In the event of over-subscription within categories (b) and (d) above places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria:-

- (1) siblings (here meaning the Jewish brother or sister where they share the same mother or father and this includes step-siblings and Jewish adopted siblings) of children attending the School at the date of admission or at any time previously.
- (2) children attending King David Primary School.
- (3) children attending the following Jewish primary schools:

Broughton Jewish Cassel Fox Primary School
Bury & Whitefield Jewish Primary School
North Cheshire Jewish Primary School

In the event of a tie-break situation, preference will be given to parents of applicants who show a higher level of attendance at their respective synagogue and will be measured on number of times they attended between 1st September and 31st August in the year preceding their application.

In the event of over-subscription within category (e) above places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria:-

- (1) Any other children from the primary schools referred to above
- (2) Children of teaching staff directly employed by governing body of the School who have been employed for 2 or more years and are still employed at the time which application for the admission to the School is made or children of teachers who may have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage and
- (3) Attendance of a Church (Catholic/Church of England /Methodist)

In the event of a tie-break situation, preference will be given to parents of applicants who show a higher level of attendance at their respective church and will be measured by times they attended between 1st September and 31st August in the year preceding their application.

The School is entitled to seek confirmation of attendance with the named church from the priest or from an authorized official of the church.

A waiting list will be kept open for the first term of the academic year, for applicants who have not been offered a place. Applicants on the waiting list will be offered places as they become available allocated in the order of the above criteria.

Pupils whose Statement of Special Education Needs names the school will be offered a place, provided the school can reasonably cope with their needs.

E Special Educational Needs

Children with Special Educational Needs whose Statement (under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996) names the school, are admitted under the statementing process rather than the admission process but their admission is taken into account against the school's pupil admission number.

F Assessment Examination

The Assessment Examination does not affect admission to the School. It is used to assess the suitability of applicants to the various classes and streams within the School.

G Applications

Application forms will be available at the School Office. These should be completed with the required supporting documents and submitted to the School Office marked for the attention of the Admissions Officer by 30th November 2024.

The successful applicants will be notified in writing as will those who have not been offered a place. Offers / refusals will be sent out around the beginning of March 2025 (exact date to be confirmed) and acceptances / refusals must be submitted to the School Office around mid-March 2025 (exact date to be confirmed).

Late applications will be dealt with after those received on time and will be prioritized in accordance with the over-subscription criteria.

H Information to Prospective Parents

The School's Admission Policy will be published with the School's Prospectus. Dates of "Open Days" and other relevant dates will be published in the community press and through the various Junior Schools.

I Sixth Form Admissions

Normal requirements for entry into the Sixth Form are 8 good passes at GCSE for those wishing to study A Levels and 5 good passes for those wishing to follow the vocational route.

In addition, individual subjects also have their own criteria, for example a pass at grade 7 or above is required to study Maths at A Level

Most of the School's students progress from Year 11 to Year 12 as a matter of course (subject to meeting the required entry criteria) but the School occasionally admits students who are not already students at the School. Priority is given to students for whom a suitable course can be provided. It is intended that the overall size of the Sixth Form – Years 12 and 13 – will be no more than 200.

External applicants must apply on the School's Sixth Form Application Form by the last Friday in January 2025. Priority will be given to those applicants who meet the religious practice test with the highest priority within this group

to looked after children and previously looked after children who meet the academic entry criteria.

The School will invite those applicants and parents to meet with the School. The purpose of the meeting is only to provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses. All applicants, if invited to a meeting, must attend with a parent or guardian. Those students who do not meet the religious practice test will only be considered for a place once applications from all those who do meet the religious practice test have been considered and the School can see that further places may be available for offer. Such applicants will then be invited to a meeting as above, and they must attend with a parent or guardian.

Offers are normally made by the end of the Spring Term. A decision regarding an offer may be deferred by the School and considered further once the applicant's GCSE results have been issued. Offers may be made conditional on the applicant securing specified grades in specified GCSE subjects.

External students applying after the end of January 2025 or after publication of GCSE results may still be considered but course places at this stage are likely to be limited.

J Appeal

Where a child's application has not been successful parents have a right of appeal. Notice of appeal must be sent to the Chair of the Governing Body within 20 days of receiving the result of the application. The notice should include; (i) a request for an appeal and (ii) the grounds for an appeal.

The appeal will be heard by an admissions panel which has been set up by the Governing Body. The panel shall hear the appeal within 30 school days.

K Further Information

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