

SCHOOL POLICY FOR ADMISSION INTO SUBJECTS IN YEAR 13

At the advice day in August it is recommended that, in admitting prospective pupils to Year 13, Heads of Department should follow the guidelines outlined below:

- Every student who has fulfilled the 'Criteria for Admission' should be considered.
- The GCSE grade in the relevant subject should not always be the main criteria for selection.
- The student's profile on the application form should be considered.
- The student's intended career should be considered.

It is suggested that, in general, the setting of a specific GCSE grade is not desirable. However, it is reasonable to expect that a prospective candidate would have achieved a grade B in the subject he/she wishes to pursue at AS/A2 level. Entry into A level subjects which have not been studied at GCSE level and which may be over-subscribed will occur by either (a) the attainment of appropriate grades in relevant feeder GCSE subjects identified by the department or (b) a suitability assessment carried out under formal assessment conditions on 2nd September 2004.

Candidates should not be discouraged from pursuing AS/A2 level studies in those subjects in which they have obtained their best grades. In admitting a student to an A level course, teachers should keep in mind that value added will ultimately provide a more meaningful measure of departmental performance than raw grades. Above all, each student should be treated as an individual with his/her own needs and aspirations.

By September 10th 2004 all Year 13 students should have their places in their AS level classes reviewed, to allow those students having difficulty, the chance, to pursue another chosen subject.

Any student whose previous record indicates that high standards have not been consistently met regarding commitment to the aims and ethos of the school, conduct, application to study, attendance or punctuality will be asked, together with their parents, to attend an interview in late June 2004.