

APPENDIX 9 - Kettering Science Academy (Secondary Phase)

Oversubscription Criteria for Year 7

The published admission number for the school for the Year 7 intake is 210.

Note: Brooke Weston Trust has applied to the Education Funding Agency for Kettering Science Academy to be recognised as two separate schools from September 2016. This will require pupils in Year 6 at Kettering Science Academy primary phase to apply for a place in the usual way using the Local Authority common application form. We have added a criterion to the secondary school to show we recognise this school as our prime feeder school.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria (and order).

After the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs or EHC Plan where Kettering Science Academy is named as the appropriate provision, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

All children will be required to undertake a cognitive ability test. Children who take the test will be divided into 9 bands based on the results of the test and places will be allocated to each band in proportion to national averages. Children who take the test will be given priority over children who do not.

Priority to the criteria will be given in the following order:

- a) Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children.
- b) Children on roll at Kettering Science Academy Year 6 primary at the time of application.
- c) Children with a sibling link (**See paragraph 6.3 for definition of 'sibling'**).
- d) Children who live in the villages linked to the Academy - Broughton, Cransley, Mawsley and Pytchley.
- e) Children of staff who have been employed at the named school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the named school is made, and/or staff recruited to fill vacant posts for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. (*Demonstrable skill shortage will only normally apply to qualified teacher positions, where the school has continually been unable to recruit*).
- f) Children who live in the defined area as described below - Within the area bordered by: Barton Road where it meets the River Ise, the A6900 London Road up to the A4300 to include Naseby Road where it borders the River Ise. This includes all roads leading from main roads directly feeding off Deeble Road. (All houses within this defined area).
- g) Other children.

Distance Tiebreaker

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion, priority will be given to those children who live closest to the school, as measured from the centre of their home address to the nearest pupil access point of the school. Although a Distance Tiebreaker applies, given the admissions test, this is only likely to be relevant when:

- A particular band is oversubscribed; and
- Two or more students have exactly the same admissions test score. In such circumstances, priority will go to children that live nearest the main entrance of the school. All applicants taking the test will be placed in one of nine bands based on the results of the ability test. A number of places will be allocated from each band in a proportion that reflects the national ability range.

Children who do not take the ability test will only be considered if there are remaining places available after allocations have been made to those who did.

Waiting List

In addition to the Trust's position on waiting lists (7.1), the following provisions apply to admission to Kettering Science Academy (Secondary).

From the 1st March until the 31st August of the offer year (the academic year preceding the academic year in which students are admitted into Year 7) children's position on the Year 7 waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated, to children on the waiting list from the stanine band that has become vacant and in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If there is no-one on the waiting list from the stanine band that has a vacancy the place will be filled by a child from a neighbouring stanine on an even basis (i.e. if the first child is from a band above then the next will be from the band below). Students who did not take the ability test will only be considered if there are places remaining once empty places have been offered to all those who did.

From the 1st September until the 31st December of the Year of entry in Year 7, all applicants including those who did not sit the ability test will be allocated, in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If there is no-one on the waiting list from the stanine band that has a vacancy the place will be filled by a child from a neighbouring stanine on an even basis (i.e. if the first child is from a band above then the next will be from the band below). Students who did not take the ability test will only be considered if there are places remaining once empty places have been offered to all those who did.

In Year - After the 31st December In Year applications will be determined by using random allocation. Each applicant will be placed in alphabetical order and the list will then be placed via an electronic randomiser process to determine the order of entry. All In Year applications must be made via the Local Authority application form.

www.randomizer.org/form.htm is the website we will use to determine the randomization process. This process will be subject to independent verification.

KSA Post 16 admission criteria

The Academy Trust will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum academic entrance requirements for admission or transfer to the Post 16 provision. All students (ie. transferring and new admissions) will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements for the Sixth Form. (See prospectus available from school).

In addition to the Sixth Form's minimum academic entry requirements, pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements for the courses they wish to take. If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements, they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements.

These academic entry requirements will be published in the Academy's prospectus and on the Local Authority website for Sixth Form criteria.

When the Sixth Form is undersubscribed, all applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements will be admitted.

Kettering Science Academy has capacity for 100 pupils in Year 12, including a total figure of 25 for external applicants. When there are more external applicants that satisfy any academic entry requirements than the number of Post 16 places available and after the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan where Kettering Science Academy is named as the appropriate provision, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

1. Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children.
2. Children with a sibling link (See paragraph 6.3 for definition of 'sibling').
3. Children who live in the villages linked to the Academy: Broughton, Cransley, Mawsley and Pytchley.
4. Children who live in the defined area as described below - Within the area bordered by: Barton Road where it meets the River Ise, the A6900 London Road up to the A4300 to include Naseby Road where it borders the River Ise. . This includes all roads leading from main roads directly feeding off Deeble Road. (All houses within this defined area).
5. Other children.

In the event of a tie break, the distance from the child's home address and the academy will be measured and those living closest to the academy will be given priority. Where it is impossible to separate children on this basis random allocation will be used to determine admission.

www.randomizer.org/form.htm is the website used and this process will be independently verified.

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for external applicants refused admission to Post 16 studies.