

SAMUEL WARD ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

Proposed Sixth Form Admissions Criteria 2011

Internal students

The school welcomes applications for entry to Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College from those of the School's Sixth Form students who have attended the school in Year 11 during 2010-2011 and wish to transfer to the Sixth Form in September 2011.

External students

The school also accepts applications for entry to the sixth form from external candidates who attended another school in year 11 during 2010-2011. The Planned Admission Number for Year 12 is **50** – this figure refers only to year 12 students being admitted to the school for the first time, and not to the students transferring who currently attend Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College.

Late Applications

Students applying to join the Sixth Form after the deadline for applications should note that admission will be subject to availability of places on chosen courses and achieving the specific entry requirements for the courses.

Provided places remain available and entry requirements are met, applicants seeking a place after the start of the academic year will be invited in to discuss suitability of joining the courses at their requested time of entry.

Entry requirements for both internal and external students

Entry to the Sixth Form is subject to a student having achieved the entry requirements for the course they wish to pursue and demonstrated an aptitude to study. Students should refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus for further details on individual subject; individual subjects may be limited in the number of students they are able to accommodate.

The method for application is by completing an application available from the school. The school, rather than the Local Authority, co-ordinates sixth form admissions.

Oversubscription Criteria

Students who have a statement of special educational needs naming Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College will be admitted as required by law.

If the School's Sixth Form is oversubscribed, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which applicants will be admitted:

1. Children in care (looked after children).
2. Children who live in the defined area and will have a sibling attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
3. Other children who live in the defined area.
4. Children who live outside the defined area, but will have a sibling attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the

sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.

5. Other children who live outside the defined area.

Oversubscription: Distance Tiebreaker

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the above criteria than remaining places available, distance between the applicant's residence and the school will be used as a tie breaker, with those living nearest being given priority. Distance from the school is measured from the main entrance to the front door of the applicant's residence in a straight line using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from the school's main entrance to the front door of the overall building containing the applicant's residence.

Oversubscription Criteria: Definitions

"Defined Area"

The defined area for Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College is included on the map with this letter.

"Residence"

In all cases proof of residence will be required. Acceptable proof of residence is a current Council Tax bill and a copy of the Child Benefit statement which confirms the child lives at the normal home address.

"Sibling"

A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

Checking Information

The school reserves the right to make its own enquiries to verify any information supplied by the applicant. If subsequently the school finds that a place has been offered in reliance on information that was materially incorrect or misleading (e.g. the parental address or the applicant's date of birth) and the place would not have been offered if the information had been correct, the Governing Body may withdraw the offer, even if the applicant has already started at the school.

Right of Appeal

When an application is unsuccessful there is an automatic right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College will not hold a waiting list for the Sixth Form.

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