



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Academic excellence for each person in a Christian community

Admission Criteria - Entry to Sixth Form in September 2026

In addition to the places for students from Archbishop Tenison's, in September 2026 there will be at least 70 places available to Year 12 students from other schools.

Places in the Sixth Form are open to all who have reached the required entry-level standard for each course as stated below.

The Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of AS and A-Levels. Admission to the Sixth Form is as follows:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 6 is required to have a free choice of A-Level courses. We would anticipate that you would achieve a minimum of GCSE grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.
- Students will be expected to achieve at least a grade 6 in the subjects they choose to take and this will be applied rigidly to Mathematics, the Sciences and Modern Foreign Languages.
- To study Computer Science, you need to have achieved a grade 6 in Mathematics.
- You will need a grade 6 in Mathematics to study Mathematics and a grade 7 in Mathematics to study Further Mathematics.
- Vocational – A minimum of 5 grade 4's at GCSE/equivalents are required.

These requirements are fixed for the September 2026 entry and will be applied consistently and fairly in all cases.

If there are more applicants who have met the academic criteria than places available, places will be offered according to the following criteria:

1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children – with supporting evidence from their Local Authority (as defined in Note 1 below)
2. Those who submit their application for a place by the published deadline.
3. In the event of there being more applicants than places available in any of the criteria 1 and 2 listed above, the places will be offered to those who live closest to the school, measuring a straight line from the centre of the child's home address to the designated entrance(s) of the school using a computerised measuring system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority. If a child lives in a shared property such as flats, the geographical references will determine the start point within the property boundaries to be used for distance calculation purposes. Where the distance is identical for two or more applicants, the drawing of lots is used as a final arbiter. This will be independently verified.

Waiting Lists

In the event of oversubscription, the school would operate a waiting list system, and those who are unsuccessful in their application will be offered the opportunity to have their child's name placed on the waiting list. Any additional application received will require the list to be ranked again, in line with the published oversubscription criteria and places will be allocated according to the priorities described above. The waiting list for Sixth Form will be maintained for one term.

Appeals

Parents who are not offered a place for their child at Archbishop Tenison's CE High School Sixth Form have the right to appeal to an independent Appeal Panel. Parents wishing to appeal against the decision of their child not being offered a place should request an Appeal Pack from the Sixth Form Admissions Officer at the school in writing, either by letter or email, stating the child's full name, date of birth and postal address. Should some appeals be unsuccessful, the Governing Body will not consider further applications from those parents within the same academic year unless there have been significant and material changes in their circumstances.

Note 1

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 definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of applying to the school.

A 'Previously Looked After Child' is a child who was looked after immediately prior to being adopted, including Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children (IAPLAC), or who became subject to a child arrangement order under the Children & Families Act 2014, or special guardianship order. The Governors will require written confirmation (e.g. through written confirmation from the Local Authority) that the child is looked after, or previously looked after, and will be so at the time of making an application to the school.