

The Ellesmere Port C of E College



Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2026-27

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Sixth Form Admissions

Applications for admission to the Sixth Form which is part of The Frank Field Education Trust are dealt with by the school in line with the relevant published admissions arrangements.

Students in Year 11 at The Ellesmere Port Church of England College are welcome to apply for Sixth Form and new applicants from other schools/colleges. The entry requirements for admission to the Sixth Form shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at the school and external applicants.

The maximum admission number for the admission of external candidates is 25. This number relates to the admission of external candidates only and is based on an estimate of the maximum number of external candidates likely to be admitted, although it would be acceptable to exceed this if demand for available courses can be met.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Admission to Level 3 Courses (A levels, BTEC and equivalent)

- Students must have attained passes of numerical grade 4 or higher in five separate courses at GCSE or BTEC equivalent, including English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 6 and above to study A-Levels in maths, physics, chemistry and biology
- Grade 5 and above for all other A-level subjects
- Grade 5 in Maths to study Psychology

Applying for a place in Sixth Form

An application form, which is available from the school, must be completed and submitted no later than the application deadline of the 6th February 2026.

Applicants are advised to contact the school for further information. Evidence of relevant attainment must be provided at enrolment to validate an application.

The closing date for applications is the 6th February 2026.

Guidance discussions will be held with all students who have expressed an interest (there are no formal interviews). Conditional offers of places for on-time applications (subject to GCSE results) will be made no later than 1st May 2026. Courses will be confirmed after GCSE results day. Confirmation will be subject to the student meeting the minimum Sixth Form and course entrance criteria conditions, and the composition of option groups. This information is available in the Sixth Form course guide.

The Oversubscription Criteria below explain admission to school year September 2026. Should the number of applications exceed the criteria below, places will be allocated according to these criteria with priority given to those living nearest to the school.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where eligible applications from new applicants exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following priority order: -

- A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order as defined in the Admissions Code 2021.
- All new applicants who fulfil the entry requirements.
- Students living nearest to the school. Distances will be measured in a straight line from the centrally plotted Basic Land and Property Unit point (BLPU) of the child's home address to the centrally plotted BLPU point of the school as defined by Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG)