

BARKING ABBEY SCHOOL

Post 16 Admissions Policy Statement

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Governing Body Approval

Signed	Title
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BARKING ABBEY SCHOOL POLICY STATEMENT ON POST-16 ADMISSIONS

PURPOSE:

To define the policy for admission of students into the Sixth Form at Barking Abbey School, Barking, Essex, IG11 9AG

STATEMENT OF INTENT

- Barking Abbey has a curriculum that prepares our students for the best University courses both in the UK and internationally.
- The school is fully committed to the Apprenticeship programme: in 2020 we had more Apprenticeships than any State School in the country.
- Barking Abbey is a School of Character. Using the BEST habits, Barking Abbey is focused on developing rounded and responsible individuals ready to positively contribute to society.
- We offer an exciting speaker programme and a range of extra-curricular opportunities that allow you to explore different subjects, degrees, career paths and other interests.
- Barking Abbey provides outstanding pastoral support and care for all our Sixth Form students.
- Our highly successful Sports Academy provides our students with outstanding coaching and support whilst ensuring academic excellence. Students are fully supported in their applications for United States scholarships and other pathways.

1 CRITERIA FOR ACCESS TO LEVEL 3 COURSES

1.1 For all A Level courses, students need to have achieved a minimum grade of 5 in English Language or Maths. For BTEC Level 3 courses, students need to have achieved a minimum grade of 4 in both English Language and Maths. Each course may have additional individual requirements, which can be found on the school website: Entry-Requirements.pdf (barkingabbeyschool.co.uk)

- 1.2 Our school motto is "Give and Expect the Best". Therefore we expect the highest standards of behaviour, attendance and punctuality in order to join our oversubscribed Sixth Form. Students must be willing to:
 - Attend all classes on time.
 - Submit all homework, coursework, mocks and assignments promptly and to the best of their ability.
 - Show commitment to studies inside and outside of the classroom actively engaging in lessons.
 - Respect fellow students and members of staff.
 - Respect Safeguarding and the need for security by wearing a lanyard and ID at all times on School premises.
 - Comply with our Acceptable Use of ICT Policy.

Pupils need to have demonstrated these high standards at their secondary school.

- 1.3 Students who apply to Barking Abbey Sixth Form will be given an outline of subject specific requirements at GCSE in order to enrol. This will be contained within the application pack.
- 1.4 Evidence of Exam results need to be produced on Enrolment.
- 1.5 Students are offered a place but are not guaranteed a specific programme of study.

2 COURSE PROFILES AVAILABLE

- 2.1 3 A Levels or equivalent in BTEC Level 3 is the most common profile.
- 2.2 No student will be allowed to enrol on a 2 A Level or equivalent course.
- 2.3 A small number of high achieving students may study 4 A Level subjects in Year 12.

3 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS:

- 3.1 The deadline date for each year will be published on the website: www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk
- 3.2 In the case of late applications, students will be automatically placed on a waiting list. At this stage access to courses is subject to availability of places on the relevant course.
- 3.3 All external applicants will be expected to provide a school reference and current predicted grades with their application.
- 3.4 Applicants will be informed at enrolment of courses that are full, or unable to run due to low numbers.

4 CRITERIA FOR ACCESS TO BARKING ABBEY'S SPORT ACADEMIES

- 4.1 All students need to be aged 16 on the 1st September to be considered for a place on the academy as a year 12 student.
- 4.2 All students will need to be successful in the relevant academy trials. The decision of the academy coaches is final.
- 4.3 Students will only be allowed onto the Academy programme if they achieve the relevant GCSE grades that allow them access onto the academic courses applied for.

5 LEARNING GATEWAY

- 5.1 At Barking Abbey, we want to ensure the best outcomes for every student. At the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, rigorous assessments will be set in every subject.
- 5.2 Meetings will be held with students who, from analysis of these assessments, along with other data, appear to be studying the wrong subjects or course.
- 5.3 At this point, any student who is not following "The B.A. Way" in terms of attitudes to learning, attendance, punctuality and behaviour, may be asked to leave the Sixth Form.

6 APPEALS PROCESS

- 6.1 Any student refused a place in the Sixth Form has the right of appeal.
- 6.2 If a student wishes to appeal against an admissions decision, they will need to put their case in writing to the Head of Sixth Form.
- 6.3 If applicants are unhappy with their first appeal they may further appeal to the Head Teacher of the school.
- 5.4 A final appeal may be made to the local authority whose decision will be final.