Wixams Academy Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements 2026-2027

Overview

The admission number for students joining in Year 12 will be 112.

The admission number of external applicants applying to Wixams Academy for the first time is 40. The closing date for applications will be Friday 30th January 2026. Applications received after 30th January will be considered if places remain available.

Students who have gained access to Level 3 courses but have either a Maths or English language GCSE grade of 3 will re-sit that GCSE as an additional subject. This is to support future progression to Higher Education, apprenticeships, and future careers. Please note, this is not guaranteed and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

a) Students must normally be 16 on 31st August 2026. Applications for students outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; details should be supplied in writing to the Sixth Form Admissions Team (sixthformadmissions@wixamsacademy.co.uk).

b) Minimum Entry Requirements:
   - A Levels - Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics, and a minimum of three other Level 2 qualifications at Grade 5 or above.
   - Individual Subject Criteria will also apply (page 4).

c) All current Year 11 students at Wixams Academy who meet the Minimum Entry Requirements and the Individual Subject Criteria will be given first preference to continue into the Sixth Form. The Headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision in the event of any pupil who has narrowly missed either the Minimum Entry Requirements or Individual Subject Requirements.

d) Any remaining places will be filled by external applicants; final numbers will vary depending on the combination of courses, availability of spaces and the number of internal Year 11 students who decide to continue at Wixams Academy. Applications must be made by the annual closing date in January, and final subject choices must be submitted each year by 1st July.

e) Applicants who do not have any GCSE/iGCSE grades, such as those studying at international schools or schools abroad, will be asked to obtain a Statement of Comparability via ENIC, at their own cost. Alternatively, students will be expected to sit a GCSE or iGCSE in both Mathematics and English Language. Additionally, for students wishing to study any or all of Physics, Biology and/or Chemistry, they will need to sit an internally assessed paper of comparable challenge to the GCSE Combined Science paper(s).

GCSE Results Day

a. Internal students should confirm at the point of collection of their GCSE Results their intention to take up their place at the Sixth Form via Applicaa, at the latest by 11am on GCSE Results Day. If no response is received by this time, the place may be offered to another applicant.

b. External students who have met the entry requirements should update their GCSE results from 'predicted' to 'achieved' on their Applicaa account, including any taken in previous years (along with a confirmatory image) by 11am on GCSE Results Day to indicate their continued interest in taking up a place.

c. Prior to confirmation of the A levels to be taken, an applicant's GCSE results will be checked firstly

against the Minimum Entry Requirements and then against the Individual Subject Criteria for their presubmitted choices. In the case where applications exceed our pupil admission number then the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please see below.

d. External applicants will receive a confirmation email on GCSE Results Day of their enrolment status.
e. Should an internal or external student wish to change their subject choices following enrolment, they should submit a request in writing to sixthformadmissions@wixamsacademy.co.uk. Changes will only be accommodated where space is available.

Oversubscription Criteria for External Students

In the event of over-subscription, places will be allocated to:

a) Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. [1]
b) Children currently on roll at Wixams Academy at the time of admission, providing the course requirements are satisfied.
c) Siblings of children on roll at Wixams Academy at the time of application, providing the course requirements are satisfied. [2]
d) Any other children with those living nearest to the school being given highest priority, providing the course requirements are satisfied.

The entry requirement grades outlined below apply equally to internal and external applicants.

[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 the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

[2] A sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

Appeal Procedure

Admissions decisions are made based on the admissions criteria, and appeals will only be investigated if we believe there has been an error in this regard.

Should you wish to make an appeal, please contact Nathaniel Wilson (Headteacher) nwilson@wixamsacademy.co.uk by 14th September, including any additional evidence for making your appeal.

Reserve List

In addition to the right to appeal, unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the Reserve List. The order of the Reserve List will be determined in accordance withthe over-subscription criteria.

The Reserve List will be maintained until 30th September 2026.

Appendix A – Individual Subject Criteria

Subjects	Additional Entry Requirements
A Level Art, Craft and Design (Fine Art)	GCSE Art at grade 5 or above. Students who have not studied Art for 12 months or more will need to complete a portfolio of tasks which would be independently assessed.
A Level Biology	GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology at grade 6 or above. GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above.
A Level Chemistry	GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Chemistry at grade 6 or above. GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above.
A Level English Literature	GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature at grade 6 or above.
A Level Geography	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Geography.
A Level History	GCSE History or GCSE Geography at 5 or above.
A Level Mathematics	GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above.
A Level Further Mathematics	GCSE Maths at grade 8 or above.
Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity	GCSE PE at grade 5 or above. GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology at grade 5 or above is desirable.
A Level Physics	GCSE Combined Science at grade 6 or GCSE Physics at grade 6 or above. GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above.
A Level Psychology	GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Biology at grade 5 or above.
A Level Business	GCSE Business at grade 5 or above is desirable.
A Level Sociology	No additional requirements.
A Level Spanish	GCSE Spanish at grade 6 or above.
A Level Media Studies	GCSE Media Studies at grade 5 or above is desirable.
A Level Government & Politics	No additional requirements.
Year 12 Enrichment Courses	
All students will choose the Extended Project Qualification OR Duke of Edinburgh Award (Silver/Gold) in Year 12.	No additional requirements for EPQ or DofE.

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