



Aston Community Education Trust

Post-16 Admissions Arrangements for Entry to School 2026/27

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Aston Academy is a member of Aston Community Education Trust (ACET) which is its own admissions authority.

The Admissions Arrangements refer only to entry to Aston Academy Post 16 in September 2026.

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated in Year 12 is 128, due to the space available in the academy.

The academy accepts external applications for entry to Year 12. (External applicants are students who did not attend Aston Academy in Years 7-11).

The academy has a Published Admission Number for external applications of 20. (This is the determined number of places available for external students who meet the entry requirements). Where there are likely to be more places available for external students due to places being unfilled by existing students, the academy will make this clear to applicants at the time of application.

In the event that there are more applications than places available for external applicants the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

1. Applications from students who are looked after children (or previously looked after child) will be given the highest priority if entry criteria are met.
2. Applications from students who have an older sibling (see notes) who is expected to still be on roll in Year 13 on 1st September 2026.
3. Applications from students who, on the specified closing date for Post 16 admissions, live nearest to the academy measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane, (commonly known as the measurement “as the crow flies”).

Eligibility for Application

Applicants must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31st **August 2026**. Applications for students outside this age group will be considered alongside individual circumstances. Both internal and external students are eligible to apply to study at Aston Academy Post 16.

A student will be offered a place at Aston Academy Post 16 subject to the following conditions:

1. The student has met the minimum entry requirement of five GCSE 5 grades, including a Grade 5 in English Language and Grade 6 for Mathematics for A Level subjects, and Grade 4 in English and Mathematics for three General Applied Subjects.
2. The student has met the subject-specific entry requirements for each course
3. The student has demonstrated a commitment to learning.
4. The student has a good attendance / behaviour record.

How to Apply for a Post 16 Place

The application process is the same for both external and internal applicants. All external applicants who meet the entry requirements will be offered a place at Aston Academy Post 16, and no preference is given to students from any particular secondary academy.

Applications to study at Aston Academy Post 16 may be submitted by 31st December. To apply, students must submit an electronic application via the Aston Academy Post 16 website. Paper applications are available upon request.

All application forms must be submitted by the **31st of January 2026**. Late applications can be submitted but may not be considered. Once an electronic application has been submitted, students will be invited to attend an interview at Aston Academy Post 16. Interviews will begin in February for entry in the following September. Repeated failure to attend a scheduled interview will be considered as withdrawal of an application.

Interviews are conducted to discuss options and courses and do not form part of the decision process on whether to offer a place. Applicants will be assessed on their estimated/predicted GCSE grades.

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If a student fails to meet the criteria above, their application will be rejected or deferred and reviewed later. If a deferred student repeatedly fails to satisfy the criteria above, then their application will be rejected.

Applications from students who are looked after children (or previously looked after child) will be given the highest priority if entry criteria are met, following the Academy Admissions Code 2021. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and supporting evidence (e.g. from social care).

All students will be expected to register and provide evidence of their GCSE grades by the 6th of September 2026. We will not accept any applications for entry after the 3rd of September 2026.

Any student who has registered with another Post-16 provider who wishes to transfer their study to Aston Academy Post 16 must gain confirmation from the provider in writing that they are no longer on roll before the 22nd of September 2026. We will not register students until this confirmation is received.

The deadline for Year 12 students to change option choices is the 26th of September 2026.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs please contact your SEND caseworker or Local Authority for further information regarding the transition to Post 16. Young people have the right to request that Aston Academy Post 16 is named in their EHC plan if, after consultation with Aston Academy Post 16, the young person's age, ability, aptitude and SEND are compatible with the resources available.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

In addition to the minimum entry requirement of five GCSE 5 grades, students must meet the minimum entry requirements for the course they wish to study:

A Levels:

1. For Biology, a minimum of 2 grade 6s in Combined GCSE Science or all three separate GCSE Sciences. Minimum grade 5 in GCSE Maths.
2. For Chemistry, a minimum of 2 grade 6s in Combined GCSE Science or all three separate GCSE Sciences. Minimum grade 5 in GCSE Maths.
3. For English Language, a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
4. For English Literature, a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature and a grade 5 in English Language.
5. For Further Maths, students need to be studying A-Level Maths and have a minimum grade 7 in GCSE Maths.
6. For Geography, a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE Geography if previously studied.
7. For History, a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE History if previously studied.
8. For Mathematics, a minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
9. For Physical Education, a minimum of 2 grade 4s in GCSE maths and English. You must be actively participating in sport at a competitive level for a team other than an academy one.
10. For Physics, a minimum of 2 grade 6s in Combined GCSE Science or all three separate GCSE sciences. Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths. The study of Maths beyond GCSE is strongly recommended and ideally compliments this course.
11. For Psychology, a minimum of grade 5s in maths, English and Science
12. For Sociology, a minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language and/or GCSE English Literature. There is no requirement to have studied Sociology before.

Applied Qualifications:

1. For Health and Social Care, grade 4 in maths and English.
2. For Science, a minimum of 2 grade 4s in GCSE Combined Science and ideally a minimum grade in GCSE Maths.
3. For Sport, experience of GCSE PE or BTEC Sport would be a good advantage to students taking the course but are not essential.

Students who do not achieve a grade 4 in their Maths and/or English GCSE will be required to re-sit these as a condition of their offer. Further entry tests will be taken in each subject throughout September, these

will be used to assess a student's suitability for a course. If we feel that a student has chosen a course that they are unlikely to succeed in, they'll be asked to reconsider their options.

Notes

- a) Information on the catchment area for the academy can be obtained by contacting the Academy Organisation Team on (01709) 254831 or on the Local Authority website at: RMBC Mapping (Rotherham.gov.uk)
- b) A 'relevant looked after child' is a child that is looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time an application for admission to an academy is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time when he/she is admitted to the academy.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order). All references to previously looked after children in the Code mean such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the Admission Authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

- c) Places will be allocated based on your residential address. Therefore, you must notify the Admissions Authority in writing if you change address. You may be asked to provide proof of residence (e.g. utility/council tax bill). Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residency at the property concerned. The Admissions Authority reserves the right to request an affidavit where there is uncertainty regarding a child's ordinary place of residence.
- d) For a child to be considered a sibling, one of the following conditions must exist: (you may be asked to provide proof e.g., Birth Certificate and proof of residence)
 - brother/sister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - stepbrother/stepsister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - half-brother/half-sister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - brother/sister who do not live at the same residence but, who share the same parents.
 - child of the parent/carer's partner to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - adopted brother/sister permanently resident at the same address
 - foster brother/sister resident at the same address

Appeals

You have the right to appeal should you be unsuccessful. Please contact the academy.

Re-Entry for Repeated Years

Readmission to Aston Academy Post 16 after Year 13 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

If a student wishes to return to Aston Academy Post 16 after Year 13, they must submit a formal request to the principal and the senior leader responsible for of Post-16. Returning Post 16 students must adhere to all principles and expectations outlined in Academy Behaviour Policy.

USEFUL CONTACTS

ADMISSIONS – ASTON ACADEMY

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Swallownest
Sheffield
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0114 287 2171

ADMISSIONS TEAM

Children and Young People's Services
Riverside House
Main Street
Rotherham
S65 1AE

Contact an Admissions Officer on (01709) 823777 or email: admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk



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