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Marsh Academy Admissions to Post 16

The Marsh Academy is a comprehensive school which caters for boys and girls of all abilities. The Academy provides 180 places for students in each year group from Years 7 to 11. It has a total of 120 places for entry into its Post 16 (Year 12).

Admissions to the Sixth Form

Applications from external students to join the Academy's sixth form are welcomed. Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. Admission to Post 16 will be as a result of applicants obtaining the relevant entry requirements of the specific courses studied, although exceptional circumstances will be considered. Please refer to the current Post Sixteen course guide for more detailed criteria.

Application Process

Selecting Courses

The Post 16 subject offer has been designed to offer the widest range of pathways possible. It allows students to study a range of academic and vocational subjects. Our Post 16 offer is progressive and enables students to take the necessary time to achieve their true potential, whether that be through of the 'springboard' year to bolster level 2 qualifications or a combination of level 2 and three combinations. However, it is important to note that some courses may not run if they are not adequately subscribed to.

When selecting subjects from the option blocks, students can only select a subject from a column as these lessons are taught at the same time. It is advantageous to select first and a second choice of subjects. All offers for courses will be subject to students achieving the grades set out in this course guide booklet. Guidance at the front of this booklet should be used to select the appropriate number of courses. Broadly:

- 6+ GCSEs at grade 5+ can study four Level 3 courses;
- 5+ GCSEs at grade 4+ can study three Level 3 courses;
- 4 +GCSEs at grade 4+ can study two Level 3 courses and two Level 2 courses;
- 3+ GCSE grades at 4+ can study one Level 3 and 3 Level 2 subjects.

Those students who do not meet these thresholds can choose from a suite of Level 2 qualifications.

Internal Candidates

To make an application to the Marsh Academy Post 16, students need to complete the application form and return it to the Student Office no later than 31st January 2021. Students will be interviewed by a member of the Post 16 Leadership Team to ensure that the courses chosen are of an appropriate level and nature and that they are suited to Post 16 study at the Marsh Academy. Advice and guidance will be given to students based on the most recent subject assessment data as a guide to selecting the most appropriate pathway. After this initial guidance meeting has taken place, the Post 16 Leadership Team, will make regular contact with students to monitor progress and subject options.

On GCSE Results Day, students who have applied and been accepted will meet with the Post 16 Leadership Team to ratify course choices.

For internal candidates there is no requirement to additionally apply for a place at the Marsh Academy via the Kent Choices website and application process.



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External Candidates

Students who wish to apply for a place at the Marsh Academy Post16 who are currently a student at another school or college, must apply via the Kent Choices website (www.kentprosectus.co.uk). External applicants must complete the following sections in full for the application to be considered: Personal details, Parental Information, Qualifications – please include predicted grades, Personal Statement and Course Choices.

Applications should be made by 1st May 2021. In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated in line with the oversubscription criteria used at the normal point of entry, as below:

Once the application has been made, we will contact you to discuss your application and invite you for interview. After the interview, conditional offers will be made pending examination results. We ensure that students are kept up to date with events regarding Post 16 during the remainder of the academic year.

On GCSE Results Day, students should contact the Marsh Academy with their GCSE results so that courses can be confirmed. Students will then attend a registration day before term starts in order to process the required documentation.

The PAN for external candidates will be 15 but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal students transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall total figure for the year group which is 120.

Entry into Year 13 for external applicants will depend on the courses required, the availability of a place within that group and the student's results from any modules taken in Year 12. Examination Board compatibility is also required.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Admissions section of the Marsh Academy Website.