



LADY MARGARET SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2026

These arrangements and the criteria listed below are reviewed annually by the Governing Body and should not be regarded as binding for future years

General Principles

1. An applicant's subject choice preferences will be met where possible.
2. The anticipated Sixth Form intake in 2026 will be 110 girls taking into account both internal and external candidates. The formal admission number for the Sixth Form is 45 and relates only to those being admitted to the school for the first time and is based on an estimate of the minimum number of external candidates likely to be admitted.
3. Students already in the school need not apply formally for places in the Sixth Form, they should complete a subject choice form on Applicaa, and they must meet the entry requirements set out below.
4. Applicants must study at least three subjects to A Level. Details are set out in the Sixth Form Prospectus which is available on the school's website.
5. Applicants refused admission to the Sixth Form are entitled to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

The Timetable

Autumn Term 2025	Open Evening at the school to explain the procedures for completion of the admissions form via Applicaa Admissions+ and the entry requirements
Autumn Term 2025	Submission of admissions form via Applicaa Admissions+ to the School
Spring Term 2026	Applicants discuss their options with a senior member of staff
Spring Term 2026	Provisional, conditional offers of places and subjects
Spring Term 2026	An applicant has 14 days to accept the provisional, conditional offer via Applicaa Admissions+
June 2026	Induction day at the School
August 2026	GCSE results
August 2026	External applicants bring their statement of results to the school together with proof of identity on GCSE results day and Sixth Form enrolment takes place via Applicaa Admissions+

Entry Requirements

6. Please refer to the school's Sixth Form Prospectus 2026 for full details of the entry requirements for the Sixth Form both for applicants already in the school and for external applicants (including without limitation priority applicants with an EHCP, looked after and previously looked after children).
7. The Governors will make provisional offers of places on the basis of predicted grades. However, applicants must achieve or better their predicted grades in order to gain a place. The Governors will make final offers confirming provisional, conditional offers after publication of GCSE results in August 2026. The Governors reserve the right to vary the range of subjects offered at A level and the academic entry criteria (provided that all internal and external applicants for any subject are treated identically) depending upon the level of demand in any year.
8. In the case of external applicants "predicted grade" means the grade predicted by that applicant's school. In the case of applicants already in the school it means the grade predicted by the school.

Over-subscription criteria

9. The available courses are set out in the Sixth Form Prospectus. Every effort is made to accommodate the subject choices of applicants.
10. The school's published admission number of 45 relates only to those being admitted to the school for the first time. The Governors can exceed that admission number if demand for available courses can be met.
11. Where the Governors have not admitted students up to their published admission number, they will not refuse to admit applicants who have met the minimum entry requirements for the school's Sixth Form but whose chosen course (or courses) are full. In these cases, the Governors will offer a place whilst offering alternative course options.
12. Subject to the previous Paragraphs, if demand cannot be met, the Governors will give the highest priority to looked after girls and previously looked after girls who meet the academic entry criteria and second priority to the girls who are already in the school. Ties will be resolved by lot. Lots will be drawn by an independent person or body.

Practical points

13. Governors will not interview applicants or their families for entry to the Sixth Form, although meetings will be held to provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses. These meetings do not form part of the decision process on whether to offer a place.
14. The Sixth Form Prospectus is available on the school's website, along with the Applicaa Admissions+ link to make an application.
15. Girls who would like to apply for a place in the Sixth Form (whether already at Lady Margaret School or at another school) should attend the Sixth Form Open Evening in the Autumn Term of Year 11 at which the procedures for application and the entry requirements will be explained. The Sixth Form Prospectus outlines the courses offered.
16. The girls will be asked to complete an application form via Applicaa Admissions+, giving details of their current studies. The application form asks for details of the subjects they wish to study at A Level. Their current school will then be asked to complete their predicted grades at GCSE via the platform. All applicants (including without limitation priority applicants with an EHCP, looked after

and previously looked after children), must submit a completed application form via Applicaa Admissions+ confirming that the applicant is expected to meet the Sixth Form entry criteria.

17. Attendance at the Open Evening is not compulsory and forms no part of the admissions process but is generally found to be helpful.
18. External applicants who have the appropriate predicted grades will be invited to visit the school during the Spring Term to meet a senior member of staff/Sixth Form Team to discuss the courses they wish to study. The ethos and expectations of the school will be explained at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting is not compulsory and forms no part of the admissions process but is generally found to be helpful.
19. The Governors will then make provisional, conditional offers to the applicants who have the required grades predicted where there are spaces in the courses offered. Sometimes a different combination of subjects from those requested will be offered. Applicants will be given 14 days to accept the offer. Those who accept will then be expected to attend an induction day at the end of June.
20. External applicants (or their parents/carers) must bring their GCSE statement of results to the school on the day on which the results are published in order to ensure that the offer of a place is confirmed. This should also be uploaded to Applicaa Admissions+.
21. The Governors will make final offers if the required results are achieved or bettered and will withdraw provisional offers if the predicted results are not achieved.
22. Plans of parents/carers and girls often change over the summer holidays or after GCSE results are known and some girls do not take up their Sixth Form places in September. Therefore, the Governors will usually consider late applications made during the summer holidays and at the beginning of the Autumn Term if spaces in appropriate courses are available. Girls can be admitted up until the third week of that term.