



JHA Oversubscription Criterion for 6th Form Courses

Introduction

The following will be used where there are more successful applicants (those who have met the academic entry requirements) than places available. This criterion is transparent, objective, relevant and consistent.

The following ranking will be applied:

1. Students who are currently or have previously been 'Looked After Children' (LAC)
2. Students with an EHCP where JHA is the named school
3. JHA internal applicants using academic ranking
4. External applicants using academic ranking
5. Students seeking to repeat Year 12 after already having had one year in the sixth form

Academic Ranking

JHA uses a weighted score system which considers:

- GCSE grade in the same subject
- Average GCSE performance across all subjects

The weighting we use is 75% in the subject GCSE, 25% overall GCSE average points score. This keeps the focus on aptitude for the A Level subject while still rewarding consistent overall achievement. The formula is:

Weighted Score = $0.75 \times (\text{Subject GCSE grade}) + 0.25 \times (\text{Average GCSE grade})$

Example for History A Level applications

Student	History GCSE grade	Average GCSE grade	Weighted Score	LAC/EHCP	JHA student
A	6	6.1	6.03	No	Yes
B	9	7.2	8.55	No	No
C	8	6.5	7.63	Yes	Yes
D	7	6.2	6.80	Yes	Yes
E	9	7.9	8.73	No	Yes

Example ranking order





Rank Order	Student
1	C
2	D
3	E
4	A
5	B

Subjects that are not studied at GCSE

Where a 6th Form course is not studied at GCSE, then the academic ranking will be done solely by the average GCSE grade.

Why this is fair

- Prioritises LAC and/or EHCP students (a legal requirement)
- Prioritises JHA students
- Prioritises excellence in the actual subject (where applicable)
- Students are not excluded solely because of weaker performance in unrelated subjects
- The method avoids subjective teacher preference

Tie-breakers

If students tie for the last place on the course, the following will be used:

1. Higher grade in the subject GCSE (if applicable)
2. Higher average GCSE score
3. Random ballot if still tied

Students who have already completed Year 12

Applicants seeking to repeat Year 12 after previously completing Year 12 at the school will be considered only after all first-time internal and external applicants have been allocated places, subject to course availability.

