
Sixth Form Admissions Policy and Procedures for 2025-26 entry

Admission Arrangements

JCoSS expects to have a Year 12 cohort of 180 students in the academic year 2025-26. We hope and expect that the great majority of existing Year 11 JCoSS students will transfer onto suitable courses in Year 12 as a matter of course. In addition, if spaces are available, we will admit up to 30 external students. Should 180 internal students transfer to Year 12, we would be unable to offer a place to any external applicant. If there are more students wanting a particular course than spaces available, we will allocate places for those courses on the basis of average GCSE points score across the best 8 subjects including English and Maths.

Admissions to Year 12 will also rely on availability of spaces in each class, where there will usually be a maximum of 22 students in each class. The process for allocating these places to external applicants is set-out below.

All students, whether currently attending JCoSS or not, will be required to meet the academic admission qualifications set out below.

In accordance with the Admissions Code, places for external candidates are first allocated to students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and whose needs the school has agreed in advance they can meet. Applications for such places must be made through the applicant's Local Authority.

If there are a greater number of external applications than the maximum of 30 available, and which exceeds the 180 places available in Year 12, we will accept those applications in the following order of priority:

1. **Jewish Students.**

For the purposes of admissions, Jewish Students are those who demonstrate, or of whom at least one parent demonstrates, commitment to the practice of the Jewish faith. The Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP) Form sets out the various Forms of faith practice that qualify. Within this category, priority will be given to Jewish students who are looked after or were previously looked after.

2. **Non-Jewish students**

Within this category, priority will be given to students who are looked after or were previously looked-after.

Academic Qualifications Needed to be Considered for a Place

JCoSS offers 2 different pathways through the Sixth Form, with courses to suit different learning styles. Full details are in the Sixth Form Course Guide, alongside which this policy must be read.

The minimum entry qualifications for a student to obtain a place on each pathway are as follows:

- **A Level Pathway:** 6 GCSEs at Grade 6 or higher, and at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths.
- **Vocational Pathway:** 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or higher

A student without at least a Grade 4 in English and/or Maths GCSE will be required to re-sit the qualification(s) during the Sixth Form.

Additional subject-specific minimum entrance requirements apply to individual courses, including a requirement for students to have at least a Grade 6 in subjects they wish to take at A Level (or a related subject). For Maths, students require at least a Grade 7. Further details can be found in the course guide, alongside which this policy must be read.

The Application and Offer Process

Existing JCoSS students are guaranteed priority for a place in the Sixth Form if they meet the minimum academic criteria for entry.

External applicants will receive conditional offers of places on the basis of predicted grades provided directly by their current school, which will include minimum grade requirements, and availability in classes, the maximum size of which is usually 22, with internal candidates given priority.

Places for any applicant on a particular pathway will be conditional upon their meeting the relevant academic criteria set out in the course guide, alongside which this policy must be read. Meetings may be arranged with external prospective JCoSS Sixth Formers.

Existing JCoSS students who have met the required academic criteria outlined above will be allocated places on their chosen courses first. If numbers of external applicants exceed places available (a maximum of 30 if the Year 12 cap of 180 places hasn't been met), places will be confirmed on or after GCSE results day, with places allocated on a basis of:

1. Course availability – classes are usually capped at 22 students per class
2. Course combination availability – not all combinations of courses can be timetabled
3. Average GCSE results - those external applicants with the highest average GCSE points score across the best 8 subjects including English and Maths and according to requirements stipulated for each course in the Sixth Form Course Guide, will be offered a place in the Sixth Form first.

When an existing student or external applicant receives his or her GCSE results, and proof of these has been provided to us in the form of transcripts, we will confirm the offer of a place at JCoSS, provided the applicant in question has satisfied the relevant academic qualifications and only if there is space in the Sixth Form and the usual maximum of 22 students per class has not been reached.

The CRP (Certificate of Religious Practice) Form

All external applicants should complete the CRP Form which can be downloaded from the website. Where evidence is requested for sections A, B or C please make sure this is included with your CRP and application form. Photocopies of official documents are acceptable.

- **Waiting List**

A waiting list (continuing interest list) will be held until the 31st December of the year of admission. Any applicant added to the list will be ranked based on the above oversubscription criteria.

Application Forms from external applicants should be sent to the Sixth Form Admissions Officer at the School to arrive by Friday 24 January 2025.

The deadline for existing JCoSS students is Friday 6 December 2024.

Late applications may be considered: please contact the school.

Please email 6thform@jcss.barnet.sch.uk with any queries.

Appeals

Anyone applying under any of the provisions of this policy who is not offered a place at JCoSS will be advised of the process for appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Notes

1. Looked after children and children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after' **as well as** those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Note: A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976 and section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989. The home local authority is the arbiter of which children qualify for these categories and JCoSS is unable to influence their decision.

2. For the purposes of the admissions policy, a 'parent' includes a person with parental responsibility for a child and/or care of a child in accordance with the Children Act 1989.