



# Admission Arrangements for Penistone Grammar School Post-16 Centre 2026-2027

School Admissions & Access Service

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## Introduction

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) Is the admissions authority for Penistone Grammar School, including Post-16 admissions.
- The Governing body of Penistone Grammar School will implement these admission arrangements and make offers to applicants on behalf of BMBC.
- The maximum capacity for the Post 16 Centre is 150 in each year group.

## (A) Admission to the Post 16 Centre

Admission to the Post 16 Centre will be from:

1. pupils in Year 11 at Penistone Grammar School; and
2. pupils from outside of Penistone Grammar School.

All applicants will be required to complete an application form.

The entry requirements for admission to the Post 16 shall be the same for pupils on roll in Year 11 at the school, and external applicants.

All applicants will be required to take part in a guidance interview prior to admission.

Pupils will be admitted into the Post 16 Centre at the start of the Autumn Term in each school year.

The admission number for pupils entering the Post 16 Centre from outside of Penistone Grammar School will be a minimum of 20.

## (B) Minimum entry requirements

All those seeking admission to the Post 16 Centre must:

1. Have five or more GCSE passes at grade 5 or above (including a Grade 5 or above in English Language and a Grade 5 or above in Mathematics)
2. Have attained a Grade 5 GCSE in subjects which the student wishes to study at A level with the exception of:
  - For Biology A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Biology GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 5 in Mathematics at GCSE.
  - For Chemistry A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Chemistry GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 5 in Mathematics at GCSE.



- For Physics A Level students will require a Grade 6 in Physics GCSE or a 6-6 in the Combined Trilogy Course, as well as a grade 6 in Mathematics at GCSE. Students are also required to take A Level Mathematics alongside this course.
- For Computing A Level students will require a Grade 6 GCSE in Mathematics as well as a Grade 5 in Computer Science GCSE
- For Mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 6 GCSE in Mathematics.
- For Further Mathematics A Level students will require a Grade 8 GCSE in Mathematics, Students are also required to take A Level Mathematics alongside this course.
- For the non-GCSE subjects of Criminology, Psychology and Politics, students must have achieved a Grade 5 in English Language. To study Psychology, students also need a Grade 5 in Mathematics.
- For Business Studies, Economics, Media, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics and Sociology, we recognise that not all students may have had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE. To study these subjects, students either require a Grade 5 in the subject at GCSE or a Grade 5 in English Language. To study Economics, students also need Grade 5 in Mathematics.

All students are expected to demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and be supportive of the school's ethos and vision statement.

Students will be expected to achieve a minimum of a D grade in each subject at the end of Year 12 examinations to automatically progress to Year 13. Attendance, effort and behaviour data will also be taken into consideration.

Should a student not make the requirements for automatic progression, this will trigger a meeting with the student, parent/carer and a member of the Post 16 team. In the meeting we will review progress, behaviour, effort and attendance data for the year and agree next steps. These next steps could include, although are not limited to,

- progression to Year 13 with additional support,
- progression to Year 13 with a learning agreement (and additional support),
- restart of Year 12 (with additional support and learning agreement where necessary)
- leaving PGS to pursue alternative qualifications.

## (C) Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:





The oversubscription criteria and the right of an appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.

## (F) Timetable for admission

Completion of Application	January
Course guidance consultation	March
Initial offer of a place	March/April
Publication of GCSE results	August
School agrees or refuses admission	August
Decision communicated to student/parent	August/September
Independent appeals	September/October