

## **THE ARNEWOOD ACADEMY**

### **ADMISSIONS POLICY – SIXTH FORM**

#### **1.0 Section 1 – General Principles**

- 1.1 The Arnewood School is an 11-19 mixed Academy and the only Government funded secondary school in the town of New Milton. We are a specialist Technology College as well as an Academy but do not have any requirement for aptitude from prospective students. The main principle of admission to The Arnewood School Sixth form is to maintain the character as a provider of Advanced level courses at Level 2 and 3 for students living in Hampshire and beyond who meet the general academic entry requirements for the school and the courses upon which the students wish to enrol. Students who attended The Arnewood School as 11-16 students have priority within the admissions policy. There is no requirement to apply through a Local Authority.
- 1.2 There is no guarantee that an applicant who meets the requirements of any course will automatically be offered a place on his/her preferred choices. The Admissions Committee of the governing body will consider all applications and places allocated adhering strictly to the order and the criteria of this policy. The deadline for applications will be the beginning of January and provisional places will usually be offered by the end of the Spring term. Places are confirmed by the Director of Post-16 Learning at The Arnewood School.

#### **2.0 Entry into Year 13**

- 2.1 Entry for external applicants into the Upper Sixth will depend on compatibility as determined by the examination board, the courses required, the availability of a place within the groups and the applicant's results from internal or external AS level examinations (modular and terminal), taken in the Lower Sixth. We shall require evidence that the applicant, if offered a place, has the necessary entry requirement for the course.
- 2.2 There is no guarantee of a place for applicants living within or outside the school's admission area or attending The Arnewood School.
- 2.3 We have a separate policy for admission to The Arnewood School at age 11+.
- 2.4 Students will be admitted at the age of 16+ without reference to race or disability. The admission number for September 2015 and subsequent years will be 180 students but likely to be many more with a view to the national policy for raising the participation age. Group sizes in practical subjects (Science, Physical Education, Photography, Art, Theatre Studies and Technology) will be limited for reasons of health and safety where necessary.
- 2.5 Applications should be sent to the Director of Post-16 Learning and all deadlines should be met by applicants. Parents applying on behalf of children who are educated at home or in a fee-paying school are also required to complete the school's application form.

#### **3.0 Entry into Year 12**

- 3.1 Entry to the Sixth form is by a combination of student aptitude for appropriate and particular courses, with a requirement of at least 5 good GCSE grades at grades 5 or higher for 4 A/S level study or Level 3 equivalent.

#### **4.0 Definitions and Details**

- 4.1 We have very strong curriculum links and teaching and support staff in common with the 11-16 section of The Arnewood School. The governors and senior management team are responsible for the 11-19 educational institution, which encompasses both the 11-16 section of the school and the

Sixth Form. Therefore applications from students at the school will have priority provided that the applicant meets the entry requirements.

#### 4.2 Sibling

4.2.1 By sibling we mean:

- Children living at the same address who have one or both natural parents in common
- We do not include ‘cousins’ within our definition of sibling

#### 4.3 Parent

4.3.1 By parent we mean parent, guardian, foster parent, adoptive parent or carer.

#### 4.4 Home Address

4.4.1 Where a child lives part of the week with one parent and part with another member of the family the ‘home address’ will be considered to be the residence where the child spends at least three nights of the school week each week.

### **5.0 Essential medical needs**

5.1 The evidence required is a letter from a registered health professional which states that admission to The Arnewood School Sixth Form is important and giving the reason, e.g. a disability, lack of mobility, inability to travel by public transport, etc.

### **6.0 In-Year admissions**

6.1 The Admissions Authority of the School will deal with admissions to the Sixth Form during the academic year and those, which are submitted later than the deadlines given above. Admission may be restricted by group size for practical subjects.

### **7.0 Information from parents and students**

7.1 If parents or students give information in order to secure a place, which subsequently proves to be false, the governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place. Proof of GCSE results will be required from applicants who did not attend The Arnewood School in Year 11.

### **8.0 Unsuccessful applications**

8.1 The parents of students and/or the students themselves whose applications are unsuccessful will have the right to appeal to an independent admissions appeal committee. Parents who wish to exercise this right should do so in writing within 15 school days of receiving the letter indicating that a place has not been offered. The letter should be addressed to the clerk to the school’s governing body and sent to The Arnewood School, Gore Road, New Milton, BH25 6RS.

8.2 Parents will also be asked whether they wish their child’s/children’s names to be kept on a waiting list, so that a place can be offered if a vacancy arises. Such offers will adhere to this policy.

### **9.0 Admission Criteria**

8.1 In all categories students must meet the academic entry requirements for the course(s) requested.

8.2 Category 1 – students in public care will be admitted as the top priority.

## **10.0 Over-subscription**

- 10.1 If there is over-subscription in categories 2, 3 or 4 the students living close to the school will be given higher priority. The calculation will be made using a straight line from the student's home address and that of the school to calculate the distance.
- 10.2 Category 2 – students on roll in Year 11 at The Arnewood School
- 10.3 Category 3 – students who have special medical needs supported by written information from a registered health professional, which make it important that they attend The Arnewood School Sixth Form.
- 10.4 Category 4 – students who have siblings attending The Arnewood School at the time of the application with a reasonable expectation that they will still be on roll at the start of the new academic year.
- 10.5 Category 5 – Students thereafter based on the proximity of the student's home address to the school with those students living nearer the school being given higher priority. The distance will be determined by using a straight line from the student's home address and that of the school to calculate the distance.