

Turton Sixth Form Admissions Policy

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Turton School, Bolton is an 11-18 voluntary aided comprehensive school

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Admissions to Turton Sixth Form – September 2026

External Applications Admissions Number: 100

The Governing Body is responsible for admissions within the requirements of the law. As required by the Education and Inspection Act 2006 and the Education (Admission of Children Looked After) (England) Regulations 2006, Turton Sixth Form gives the highest priority to Children (who are) Looked After.

A Child who is Looked After is a child in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Authority (as defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) at the time of application and allocation. This definition has been extended to include adopted children who were previously in the care of the local education authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

The Governors of Turton School are the Admission Authority of the college. Students already educated at Turton School, during Years 7-11, will automatically be eligible for the Sixth Form so long as they meet the minimum entry requirements.

Applications are welcomed from students who attended other high schools and wish to apply for a place at Turton Sixth Form. To be admitted to Turton Sixth Form, students from other schools must meet the minimum entry requirements.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Y12

To be considered a full-time student, one must complete a programme of study which incorporates a minimum of 624 hours per academic year. This can be made up from studying four subjects, or from studying three subjects combined with a package of tutorial, EPQ and additional qualifications. A course which is being re-sat does not count towards the hours.

The minimum entry requirements are done on a subject basis, and there are no holistic requirements. If a student meets the entry requirements for each of the subjects that they wish to study, and their programme of study meets the minimum of 624 hours, then they have met the minimum entry requirements. No other criteria can or will be applied when offering a candidate a place.

Note: Any interviews which take place before GCSE results day do not constitute an offer of a guaranteed place. However, they are offered on the understanding that there is a commitment to meet the academic requirements of the course. The interviews are used to help inform the candidate of the best subject options, and based on current performance whether they are likely to meet the minimum requirements.

Class size is kept at a maximum of 30 students. If a candidate has chosen a subject which is full, then they may be offered an alternative subject choice. However, Turton is very flexible and tries hard to accommodate all our students' requests for courses.

SUMMARY OF THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENTS FOR A-LEVEL SUBJECTS & BTEC. All students must have a 4+ in English Language and Mathematics or will be required to re-sit. Additionally, students studying three A Levels must have 5 GCSEs at grade 5.

A-LEVEL	PRE-REQUISITES (GCSE)
Art	Art & Design: Grade 5 and /or presentation of a portfolio of work
Art – Graphic Design	Art & Design &/or Graphic Design: Grade 5 and/or presentation of a portfolio of work
Art – Textiles	Art & Design: Grade 5 and/or presentation of a portfolio of work
Art - Photography	Art & Design &/or Graphic Design: Grade 5 and/or presentation of a portfolio of work
Biology	Biology: Grade 6 or Trilogy Science: Grades 6 6.
Business Studies	Business: Grade 5 or English Language: Grade 5 and Maths: Grade 5 if not studies Business GCSE
Chemistry	Chemistry: Grade 6 or Trilogy Science: Grades 6 6.
Computer Science	Computer Science: Grade 5 & Maths: Grade 5
Dance	Dance or PE: Grade 5. English: Grade 5 & also commitment to attend rehearsals.
Drama & Theatre Studies	Drama: Grade 6 or English Grade 5
Economics	English: Grade 5 and Maths: Grade 6 or English Grade 6 and Maths Grade 5
English Language	Minimum of a grade 6 in either English Language or English Literature and a minimum of a grade 5 in the other English GCSE.
English Literature	Minimum of a grade 6 in either English Language or English Literature and a minimum of a grade 5 in the other English GCSE
Environmental Science	Grade 5 in English and a Grade 6 in either Maths or Science
Fashion & Textiles	Technology, Art, Graphics at GCSE Grade 5 or Technical Award at merit.
French	French: Grade 6 & English: Grade 5
Geography	Geography: Grade 5
Government & Politics	English: Grade 5
History	History: Grade 5 (or if not studied at GCSE, English: Grade 6)
Mathematics	Maths: Grade 6
Further Mathematics	Maths: Grade 7. Also Maths must be one of the 4 subjects you have chosen.
Music	Music: Grade 6 & competent (circa grade 5) in at least one instrumental / vocal discipline.
Physical Education	P.E: Grade 6 or if students have not studied PE, Biology: Grade 6 or Trilogy Science 6 6. You must participate in at least one competitive sport.
Physics	Physics: Grade 6 or Trilogy science: Grades 6 6 & also Maths: Grade 6. You must opt for Maths A-Level as one of your A-Level options.
Product Design	Technology, Art, Graphics at GCSE Grade 5 or Technical Award at merit
Psychology	English: Grade 5, Biology: Grade 6 or Trilogy Science: Grades 6 5 & Maths: Grade 5
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Faith and Ethics: Grade 5 and English: Grade 5
Spanish	Spanish: Grade 6 & English: Grade 5
Sociology	English: Grade 5
BTEC	PRE-REQUISITES (GCSE)
Applied Science BTEC	English: Grade 4, Maths: Grade 4 & Science: Grades 5 5
Business BTEC	Minimum of 5 grade 4s's to include either Maths: Grade 4 or English: Grade 4.
Criminology	Minimum of 5 grade 4s's to include English: Grade 4.
Health and Social Care BTEC	Minimum of 5 grade 4s's to include English and Science Grade 4.
Information Technology BTEC	Minimum of 5 grade 4s's to include either Maths: Grade 4 or English: Grade 4.
Media Studies	Minimum of 5 grade 4s's to include English: Grade 4.

Offers of a place

Offers of a place to study at Turton Sixth Form are made following an interview. All offers are conditional on achieving the minimum college entry requirements and any subject specific entry requirements, plus any other specific conditions communicated during the interview process.

Confirmation and details of conditional offers are sent to the applicant.

During the interview students must meet the following criteria:

- The student should demonstrate a strong commitment to further study and the ethos of the College.
- Students can confirm predicted grades (provided school) that are likely to meet the minimum college entry requirements, as well as any additional subject requirements. Students should bring their latest progress report/mock exam results to the interview.

In some cases, we may feel that there are no suitable courses available for the applicant or the applicant will not benefit from our courses and suggest alternative courses elsewhere.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Y13

To be considered a full-time student, one must complete a programme of study which incorporates a minimum of average 624 hours per academic year. This can be made up from studying four subjects, or from studying three subjects combined with a package of tutorial and additional qualifications. A course which is being re-sat does not count towards the hours.

The minimum entry requirement is a pass in three subjects' examinations at the end of Y12. For students who are studying a BTEC, the minimum requirement is completion of the Y12 work, combined with a pass in a Y12 subject examination if taken.

Re-sits

Students who wish to re-sit Y12 must have mitigating circumstances as why this is necessary, usually medical. It must be a programme of study which incorporates the minimum number of hours after an agreement from the Head of Sixth Form and the decision will only be taken after timetabling of classes for Y12 is complete, as priority will be given to new Y12. A student's attendance, punctuality and behaviour records may be taken into consideration in this case.

Oversubscription Criteria

Any student who has a Statement of Special Educational Need, which names the Sixth Form will be admitted to Y12 provided they have met the minimum entry requirements.

If more external students who meet the minimum requirements apply to Turton Sixth Form than the agreed Admissions Number, the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

1. Students in the care of the local education authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 or adopted students who were previously in the care of the local education authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
2. Students who are in receipt of Free School Meals during Year 11.

3. Students who have received Free School Meals during their time in secondary school.
4. All other students

Where there are more students seeking admission than places available, within a stated criterion, the Governors will apply the following tiebreakers in order of priority:

1. The highest total point score for the best eight GCSEs achieved by the student including GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics (9 = 8, 8 = 7, 7 = 6, 6 = 5, 5 = 4, 4 = 3, 3 = 2, 2 = 1).
2. The distance between an applicant's home and school as measured as a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home address to the main entrance of the school. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Council's Geographic Information System.

Waiting Lists

A waiting list will not be held

Late Applications

If an application is received after the deadline (31st March 2026), this will be considered late. Late applications will be considered after the allocation of places and notified after the main allocation date (30th June 2026), unless exceptional circumstances apply, e.g. hospitalisation of a parent or a family has just moved into the area. In such cases, evidence will be required.

Applications received after the normal admissions round

Applications received after the start of the school year will only be considered if places on the requested courses are available and the student meets the academic requirements of the course.

Multiple births or children with birth dates in the same academic year

Application for places is based on meeting the individual requirements of the course. No guarantee of a place is given to students with either the same birth dates or children born in the same academic year from the same family.

Appeals

The student and/or the parents of students, internal or external, who are not offered a place, have the right to appeal against non-admission. In this instance, please contact the Head Teacher.