

Post 16 Admission Arrangements 2026/27

**Bluecoat Aspley Church of England Academy Sixth Form**

Bluecoat Sixth Form operates a sixth form with total capacity of 600 students.

There are **330** places available for Year 12 applicants of which **220** will be available for external applicants. This is the minimum number of places, which will be offered on an annual basis to eligible external applicants. If fewer than the reserved number of places for internal applicants are admitted, additional external students will be admitted until Year 12 meets its capacity of 330.

**Admission Arrangements:**

**Internal Applicants:** A set number of places will be reserved for students from the Bluecoat Aspley Academy, who are already on roll.

**External Applicants:** A minimum of **220** places will be available for external applicants. Within these 220 external places, the following reserved places apply for the named trust member schools:

* **Bluecoat Wollaton Academy:** up to **70** reserved places for applicants applying from Bluecoat Wollaton Academy.
* **Bluecoat Beechdale Academy:** up to **40** reserved places for applicants applying from Bluecoat Beechdale Academy
* **Bluecoat Trent Academy:** up to **110** places reserved for applicants applying from Bluecoat Trent Academy
* **Other Schools / settings:** any remaining places will be reserved for students from other schools outside of Archway Learning Trust.

If fewer than the reserved number of places for internal applicants are taken up, additional external students, including those from trust schools, will be admitted on a pro-rata basis. Any reserved external places for trust schools that are not filled will be offered to students from other schools until the Year 12 capacity of 330 is reached.

**Consideration of applications:**

To determine eligibility for admission, the Academy will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. (Bluecoat Sixth Form will also publish academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment). These criteria will be the same for internal and external applicants and will be published in its prospectus and on its website.

Students failing to meet the entry requirements for their preferred course option will be offered alternative courses if available, providing they meet the course specific entry criteria.

**Entry requirements:**

Entry requirements into the Sixth Form vary according to the level of study students wish to access and are detailed below:

* Level 3 (A level or A level equivalent) – 5 GCSE or equivalent qualifications at grade 4 including grade 4 in English Language and maths. (Please refer to the Sixth Form course guide for further guidance on subject specific entry criteria)
* Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) – 5 GCSE or equivalent qualifications at grade 3 or above including English and maths
* Foundation Learners – for students working between Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2

In the event of over-subscription for external places, the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority, will be used to allocate places:

1. Students who are 1looked after or who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including children who were previously in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Other young people. In the event of over-subscription preference will be given to students who live nearest to the Academy using straight-line measurement\* from the main external entrance door of Bluecoat Aspley Academy Sixth Form Building, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, NG8 5GY.

\*In the event that such a measure is identical to the nearest metre for two or more students and there are insufficient places available for both or all of them, the remaining place/s will be by random allocation using lots drawn by a person independent of the Academy.

**Arrangements for appeal panels:**

Where a student has been refused a place at Bluecoat Sixth Form, they have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. The appeal process will be in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education. The decision of the appeal panel will be made in line with the School Admission Appeals Code and is binding on all parties.

Appeals should be submitted to the Independent Appeal Panel Clerk, c/o Archway Learning Trust, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, NG8 5GY, within 20 school days of the refusal.

**General:**

**Late Applications for a sixth form place:**

Applications will be accepted up to the point of enrolment, but any application received after 1st January 2026, will be considered as a late application.

All late applications that are received after the application deadline date will be dealt with after on-time applications are offered.

**Courses:**

Students are offered a place subject to meeting entry criteria for their preferred courses and their specific course cannot be guaranteed until enrolment day.

Students are enrolled on a first come first served basis.

If students do not meet the entry criteria for the courses they have met, they will be offered a suitable alternative.

**Waiting List:**

If students meet the entry criteria but all spaces on the course are already assigned, students will be added to a waiting list for their preferred course and have the option to enrol onto a suitable alternative.

Changes to students’ courses can be made throughout the first two weeks of term. If spaces become available on a course, students on the waiting list will be offered a place in the order in which students were placed on the waiting list.

**1. Students in Public Care –** A looked after or previously looked after child is:

(a) in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, at the time of making an application to a school.

(b) or a child who has been \*adopted, placed under a \*\*special guardianship order, or subject to a \*\*\*child arrangements order after being in care. This also extends to children who are considered to have been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or accommodated by, a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other care provider whose primary purpose is to benefit society.

\*an adoption order refers to an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12, adoption orders), as well as children adopted under the Adoption and Children’s Act 2002 (see section 46, adoption orders).

\*\*Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a ‘special guardianship order’ as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian (or special guardians).

\*\*\*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.