

## **NORTH BRISTOL POST 16 CENTRE ADMISSIONS - FAQ**

### **What is the Post 16 centre?**

The North Bristol Post 16 Centre is one Centre based at two separate communities. This allows us to offer you more subjects and also increases the possibility of avoiding subject clashes and enables us to offer you courses that you really would like to study.

### **Can I choose where to be based at to study my subjects?**

When you apply, you can decide where you would like to be based but not where your subjects will be taught. We will do our best to meet your choice of learning community, however it will also depend on where most of your courses are taught.

### **What are the implications of choosing a learning community?**

Whether you are based at Cotham or Redland Green, you will be able to use all the facilities at both learning communities. Your tutor will be based at your home learning community and you will attend morning registration every day, except when your period 1 lesson is timetabled at the other learning community. Any other support you may need (Student Services, Academic Mentor, etc) will also be based at your home learning community.

### **What is the catchment area?**

We do not have a specific catchment area. Students from our partner schools (Cotham, Redland Green, Fairfield, Orchard, Henbury and Oasis Brightstowe) have priority over external applications; however we are still able to accommodate many external applicants. In order to be considered, it is extremely important that applications are received within the deadline as we can be oversubscribed very quickly. Please refer to our Admissions Statement - for full details <http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/About-us/Admissions-Statement/>

In the event of there being insufficient places for external applicants, the tiebreaker would be the closest applicant measured by straight line distance between the student's home address and the campus to which they have applied (ie either Cotham School or Redland Green School), carried out by the Local Authority's computerised mapping system.

### **How many subjects can I take, and how many should I include on my application?**

The majority of students will take three subjects and a minority will take four subjects. A typical programme of study will comprise of three A levels plus the Extended Project Qualification or Pre U Global Perspectives. There will be the opportunity for some well qualified applicants to take additional AS's in a selection of subjects. These elements make up the core of our study programme, together with enrichment and tutorial support.

We realise that many of you will not have finalised your subjects by the time of applying. Depending on how clear you are about your choices, you are advised to enter between three and four A level subjects on your application in your priority order at the time of applying. The subjects and their order can be adjusted later if required.

### **What happens once I have applied?**

When we receive your application form, we will send you an acknowledgement letter. You will be contacted again in due course (during the early part of the New Year) with an appointment to attend an application discussion meeting. A senior member of staff will provide advice and review your subject options in light of future aspirations. An offer letter

will be sent to you thereafter, subject to you meeting our entry requirements. Towards the end of June you will be invited to attend a transition day when you will attend taster sessions of your chosen subjects.

### **What happens with late applications?**

We accept late applications and we do not see our reserve list as of secondary consideration. However late applicants may be limited with regard to their subject choices. Late applicants will also be invited to an application discussion meeting, but this will be later in the school year. With all our late applicants, we also advise that they apply to another Post 16 provider in case we are unable to offer their chosen programme of study.

### **Applications from overseas**

Any student who is not studying for GCSE / IGCSE / Middle Years Intermediate Baccalaureate will need to get a Statement of Comparability from UK NARIC (National Recognition Information Centre for the UK). This states what an overseas qualification equates to in the UK and will tell us whether they have the right level of qualifications to study at the Centre.

### **Request to change subject allocation to different learning community**

When you submit an application into the centre, you can decide which learning community you will be based at. However it is not possible to choose where you will study a chosen subject; this is subject to timetable allocation and equality of group size across both learning communities so as to ensure a positive learning experience.

### **Request to change learning community**

If you have the majority of your option choices at one learning community over another, we will require you to change your learning community. You still have the use of all the facilities at the Centre and the activities that are on offer.

### **Missing transition day**

Unfortunately there are no alternatives to transition day.

### **What happens if I am on holiday during enrolment?**

To enrol at the NBP16C you need to come in person. Unfortunately a third party is not able to enrol on your behalf. If you are away for the two enrolment days (GCSE results day and the following day) you will need to contact us as soon as you can. You must be enrolled before coming for induction in September.