

NORTH BRISTOL POST 16 CENTRE



POST 16 ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2010

North Bristol Post 16 Centre is jointly operated by Cotham School and Redland Green School. It is part of a partnership of North Bristol schools, which also includes Fairfield, Henbury, and Monks Park. Students who are on the roll of any of these schools have an automatic right to progress into the Centre provided they meet the minimum academic entry requirements.

The Governors of the Post 16 Committee have delegated authority to operate the admissions arrangements to the Centre on behalf of Bristol Local Authority under the School Admissions Regulations 2008 and subject to the School Admissions Code. This Code and related information is available at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode/>.

NUMBER OF PLACES

- 1 The Centre operates a co-educational sixth form for a maximum of 850 students in Years 12 and 13.
- 2 The admission number for the sixth form is 450 minus those students eligible to transfer from Year 11 in the partner schools.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 3 The Centre will admit any statemented pupils whose statement names the Centre and whom the Centre has agreed to accept.
- 4 Both internal and external students wishing to enter the sixth form will be required to meet the minimum academic entry requirements for entry, published by the Centre. Details of these requirements are published in the Prospectus.

ADMISSION TO COURSES

- 5 In addition to the minimum academic entry requirements for the sixth form, applicants will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying.

Note: Admission to Performing Arts Courses for students without Dance, Music or Drama GCSEs, may involve auditions.

- 6 If either internal students who have expressed an interest or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements, but meet the minimum academic entry requirements, they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements.
- 7 Whilst every effort is made, admission to the Centre does not guarantee entry to the courses as offered in the prospectus.
- 8 Entry to courses is subject to sufficient student numbers, relevant staffing and the availability of specialist accommodation that is cost effective.
- 9 Changes to courses following discussion with students will only be permitted if there is room in the intended class and that altering the course does not involve unreasonable disruption to the learning experiences of other students.

PROCESS OF APPLICATION/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- 10 External applications must be made by the deadline of 15 January 2010 for admission in September 2010.
- 11 Details relating to the prior attainment requirements for external applicants will be required on a supplementary application form.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

- 12 If oversubscribed with students eligible to progress from Year 11 in the partner schools, the Centre will not admit any external applicants.
- 13 After the admission of stated pupils in accordance with paragraph 3, where more external applications are received than there are places available, and where applicants satisfy any academic entry requirements, priority will be given as follows:
 - i) Children in care
 - ii) Applicants living closest to the nearest partner school, measured in a straight line from their home address by the Local Authority's GIS system.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEALS

- 14 There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for all unsuccessful applicants and this should be done in writing to:
Chair of the Post 16 Committee, Charnwood House, 30, Cotham Park, Cotham, Bristol. BS6 6BU