



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

## Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2021-22

This document gives details of admissions to Tudor Grange Academy Sixth Form for September 2021.

### **Age of students:**

Students enter the Sixth Form in Year 12 in the September after they reach the age of sixteen and leave at the end of Year 13, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Number of students: The admission number for external students, subject to them meeting the entry requirements, is 30.

The total number of students (both internal and external) in Year 12 is proposed to be 220. Where there are fewer internal students that progress to Year 12, additional external applicants will be admitted up to the overall capacity.

### **Date of application:**

The Academy has set the deadline of Friday 26th February 2021 for the receipt of external applications. Students currently in Year 11 at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will also be asked to complete an application by this date, indicating whether they wish to continue into sixth form and their preferred subjects. This will enable curriculum planning to take place. Applications should be made online via the Academy website (details will be shared at the sixth form open evening in December 2020).

### **Admission requirement:**

The admission requirements for Year 11 Tudor Grange Academy Redditch students, and external students, will be the same.

These are detailed below. Students choosing to study four A levels must achieve a minimum of:

- Six GCSEs at grade 7 or above; and
- GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English (Language or Literature) at grade 6 or above.
- Students choosing to study three A Levels must achieve a minimum of:
  - Six GCSEs at grade 6 or above; and
  - GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English (Language or Literature) at grade 5 or above.

All A Level courses will require students to achieve a minimum of a 6 grade in all examined units of the relevant GCSE course (specific course entry requirements will be detailed on the website). There are also additional entry requirements for a number of specific courses, details of which are set out in the Sixth Form Curriculum





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section of the Academy website. Potential applicants are advised to study the additional requirements for specific subjects or courses.

### Offers for all pathways are outlined below:

Pathway	GCSE average point score	Support	Recommended course of study
Oxbridge/Medics	7.0+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University visits</li> <li>Oxbridge speakers</li> <li>Medical student visits</li> <li>Summer school and masterclasses at the University of Birmingham</li> <li>Guidance in securing internships/work experience</li> <li>Specialist UCAS 'early entry' guidance</li> <li>Wider reading guidance</li> </ul>	4 A-levels (two of which should be in facilitating subjects*)  EPQ programme (compulsory)
Russell Group/Top Universities	6.0+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University visits</li> <li>Summer school and masterclasses at the University of Birmingham</li> <li>Guidance in securing internships/work experience</li> <li>UCAS guidance</li> <li>Wider reading guidance</li> </ul>	3 or 4 A-levels  EPQ programme (optional)
Higher Education	5.0+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trips including the Skills Show at the NEC</li> <li>Guidance in securing internships/work experience</li> <li>UCAS guidance</li> <li>Support with applying for apprenticeships/employment</li> </ul>	3 or 4 subjects (All A-levels or A-level/BTEC combination)
Skilled	4.0+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trips including the Skills Show at the NEC</li> <li>Guidance in securing internships/work experience</li> <li>Support with applying for apprenticeships/employment</li> </ul>	3 or 4 subjects (Combination of BTEC qualifications and A-levels)
Professional	3.2+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trips including the Skills Show at the NEC</li> <li>Guidance in securing internships/work experience</li> <li>Support with applying for apprenticeships/employment or further training</li> </ul>	2 or 3 BTEC subjects  Work experience placements





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In addition to their A levels, students will be expected to broaden their experiences by choosing at least one of the following options:

- Completing the Extended Project Qualification.
- Completing the Core Maths Qualification.
- Opting to undertake a one day per week industry placement.
- Participating in Academy enrichment opportunities.
- Attending mentor sessions to prepare them for university entry tests such as UKCAT, LNAT etc.

### **Offers of places to join the Sixth Form Tudor Grange Academy Redditch**

Year 11 students who submit an application by the published deadline will be offered a conditional place in the Sixth Form, subject to them meeting the entrance requirements. It should be noted that this is an offer of a place, and not a specific course of study.

External applicants who submit an application by the published deadline will be offered a conditional offer of a place in the Sixth Form, subject to them meeting the entrance requirements.

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch reserves the right to withdraw courses that are undersubscribed and similarly to limit numbers of students on courses that are oversubscribed.

### **Late Applicants:**

Applications received after the published deadline will be dated and considered in date order if places are still available. This will be done once all on time applicants have enrolled (usually on the day following GCSE results day), unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Course changes:**

Applicants (internal or external) who have applied on time and wish to make changes to the courses selected on their application form, should do this by contacting the sixth form administration team before 1st July 2021. Changes to courses following GCSE results can only be made on the day after GCSE results have been issued and providing there are spaces available on the courses, these changes will be made. Tudor Grange Redditch reserves the right to make alterations to course offers or take courses off that do not receive required student numbers.

### **Acceptance of places:**





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Acceptance of places by applicants takes place on GCSE results day. Detailed arrangements will be published on the Academy website. Places not accepted on the day, will be assumed to have been declined.

External students must attend in person to accept their place, bringing evidence of their GCSE results. Where external students have not accepted their place by the end of the enrolment day, that place will assumed to have been declined.

### **Oversubscription criteria for the Sixth Form:**

Where external applications exceed the number of places available for external students (i.e. the admission number), and after students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where the Academy is named in the plan are admitted, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in the order of priority set out below.

All applicants will have to meet the academic admission requirements:

- Children looked after by a Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) and previously looked after children (i.e. those who were previously looked after but who immediately following that were adopted or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
- Children closest to the Academy, measured in a straight line from child's home (When calculating distance, this will be measured from the centre of the Academy main gates, (the main entrance) to their permanent home address. On the occasion of parents / carers being separated, and the child spends time at each parent/ carer's address, the address of the main parent / carer (where the child lives for the majority of the school week) will be used. If time is split equally during the school week, then Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will use the address closest to the Academy. Parents / carers may be asked to provide documentary evidence to verify the child's address, such as being registered with his / her doctor.

### **Waiting list**

A waiting list will be maintained until 31st October of the year of admission for those applicants that have not been offered a place. Students will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria regardless of the date on which the application was received. If a place becomes available, these will be offered in accordance with the waiting list.

### **Appeals:**

Where a place has been refused, parents and students have the right to appeal to an Independent Review Panel. Further details of the appeals procedure will be set out on the Academy website.

### **Exceptional circumstances:**





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Students who do not meet the academic admission requirements will not be admitted into the sixth form unless there are sufficient places available and exceptional circumstances apply. TGAR reserves the right to apply exceptional circumstance protocols at its own discretion.

Where spaces are available, the committee will consider offering places in the sixth form for students who do not meet the published academic admissions requirements, but do meet one (or more) of the following criteria:

- a. GCSE results are very close to the published academic admissions requirements (e.g. one grade away or a 4 in Maths or English where chosen subjects are unrelated to Maths or English).
- b. The student is part of a multiple birth and sibling(s) enrol into TGAR sixth form; in these cases the student's academic record would need to show that he / she was capable of A Level study.
- c. The student has a medical condition which has impacted on examination performance.
- d. The student has a history of mental health issues where re-location at Post-16 would be considered severely detrimental to their mental health.
- e. The student has known and extensive safeguarding concerns where re-location at Post-16 would be considered to be severely detrimental.

NB: for criteria c, d and e, the Tudor Grange Admissions committee will take into account whether special consideration was granted at GCSE (this is a post examination adjustment that compensates candidates who were suffering a temporary illness or condition or who were otherwise disadvantaged at the time of the examination). Medical evidence is normally required for criteria c and d.

### Complaints

If you are unhappy with any aspect of our admissions arrangements or the appeal process, you can submit a complaint to the ESFA. Further details can be found on the ESFA's website or you can write to them at the following address:

ESFA Complaints  
Chief Executive's Office  
Cheylesmore House  
Quinton Road  
Coventry  
CV1 2WT

