



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch Admission Policy for entry to Year 12 in September 2021.

Introduction

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive with 300 students (including 150 in the Sixth Form) serving an area of North West Worcestershire.

The Governing Body is the admissions authority with powers to decide the arrangements for admitting students including the admissions criteria for Tudor Grange Academy Redditch.

The Published Admission Number for external students (that is, students who have not attended Tudor Grange Academy Redditch in Year 11) for entry in Year 12 in September 2020 and subsequent years will be at least 20 unless changed in accordance with statutory procedures.

This is the minimum number of external applicants who will be offered places.

Admission to Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is not dependent on any “voluntary” contribution.



Entry Requirements for the Sixth Form at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Applying for Places

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch welcomes applications from all young people who meet the Sixth Form entry requirements. Students and their parents/carers who are considering applying are warmly invited to visit the school on our Open Evening for Year 11 students and their parents/carers in November of the year prior to intended admission.

All students who are currently on roll at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch in Year 11 are automatically offered places in Year 12 if they achieve the entry requirements for the Sixth Form as detailed in our prospectus for 2020-21. If a Tudor Grange Academy Redditch student does not take up this offer but decides after 1 September that he/she wishes to return to the Sixth Form, he/she will join the waiting list and will only be offered a place if one becomes available under the terms of the published Oversubscription Criteria.

All applicants, including applicants from Tudor Grange Academy Redditch must return the paper form by the following date:

<i>Closing date for all applications: 5th February 2021</i>

Further information on the application process is published in our Sixth Form prospectus and is also available on our website.

Statement of Special Educational Needs

Children for whom a Statement of Special Educational Needs has been agreed naming Tudor Grange Academy Redditch on the statement: where places required by statemented students are known before the Admissions Committee meets, the number of students with statements naming this school will be deducted from the places available to be offered. Such students are automatically offered places at the school and the Headteacher and Governing Body will consider each application for a statemented student individually. A response of concern may be raised prior to the naming of the school on a statement if they consider that provision will be inadequate for the child's needs or if there is evidence that to admit the applicant would have a detrimental impact on the learning of other students.

Late Applications

Applicants who fulfil the entry requirements whose applications are received after the deadline of 5th February 2021 will be treated as lower priority than those applications received on time.

Offers of Places

All applicants who meet the entry criteria detailed in our current prospectus will be offered the opportunity for an information and guidance discussion with a senior member of staff at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch in order to agree the most suitable pathway and courses. Following these discussions, successful applicants will be sent provisional offers of places for the agreed pathway and courses, subject to places being available. If there are more applicants than available places the Governors' Admissions Committee will rank all applications received by the deadline in order of priority as described below under the Oversubscription Criteria.

Any applicants to whom we cannot offer a place will be notified.

The Governors reserve their right to withdraw an offer of a place before the student is admitted to the sixth form where it is found that:

- the offer of a place has been made on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which effectively denied a place to a student with a stronger claim, for example, the use of an inappropriate home address; or
- where an applicant has not responded in writing to the offer within 14 days of the offer being made.

If an application is withdrawn or an offer declined for any reason the Head of Sixth Form should be notified in writing immediately. The Head of Sixth Form should also be advised of any changes to the student's home address.

Waiting Lists

If there are too many applications for available places in the Sixth Form at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch those applicants who have been unsuccessful will be placed on a waiting list if requested in writing. This waiting list is held until 31 December 2021 as considerable student movement is often seen between the publication of GCSE results in August and the end of the autumn term. If places do become available, the waiting list, including late applicants, will be ranked strictly in accordance with the published Oversubscription Criteria and the applicant who ranks highest at that time will be offered a place subject to availability in the agreed pathway and courses.

Appeals

Applicants or their parents/carers who are unsuccessful in gaining a place at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Applicants or parents/carers wishing to do this should contact in writing the Clerk to the Governing Body of Tudor Grange Academy Redditch within fourteen days of receipt of notification.

The Independent Appeal Panel's procedures are in accordance with the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002 and the Schools Appeals Code of Practice. Applicants and their parents/carers may attend the hearing of their appeal and make their case to the panel.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications than places students will be offered provisional places, subject to availability in the agreed pathway and courses, in the following order of priority (for definitions of the words in bold, see the section below on Definitions):

1. Relevant '**Looked After**' and previously '**Looked After**' Children.
2. Students who live in the Tudor Grange Academy Redditch **catchment area**.
3. Students with a **sibling** on roll at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch at the date of application who is likely to remain on roll at the date of admission.
4. Students whose **home** is nearest the school by the shortest straight line distance.

Where there are too many applications from within the first category, applications will be given priority if they meet the conditions of the second category. If any places then still remain, applications will be given priority according to the third category, and so on.

In the event of a tie-break on distance from home then lots will be drawn for any available place. This process will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

Definitions

Relevant Looked After Children

'Looked after' means all those currently in care or accommodated by a Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and children who were previously in care or accommodated by a Local Authority but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Sibling

Applicants who have a sibling on roll at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch at the time of application who would still be on roll at the time of admission may claim a sibling connection. Siblings are defined as brothers or sisters who share at least one birth or legally adoptive parent, or who have birth or legally adoptive parents living at the same home address as partners. In order to claim a sibling connection, applicants must live at the same address as the sibling (see also Home).

The Governing Body of Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will endeavour to treat applicants who are twins or children of other multiple births with consideration when considering their ranking in the event of oversubscription but cannot guarantee that a place can be offered to every child of a multiple birth if insufficient places are available. In the event of applications for more than one sibling of the same birth date, should an offer be made for one place the family must decide which child will accept the place.

Home

Home is defined as the address where the student usually lives at the time of application and which is the address of the parent who receives Child Benefit for the student. Documentary evidence may be required.

Places cannot be offered on the basis of a possible future address. If you move house after the closing date for applications this may be considered as your new address in certain circumstances. However, you must provide acceptable documentary evidence to the Governing Body of Tudor Grange Academy Redditch by 1st March 2021, including evidence that you have exchanged contracts to buy your new home or taken out a new tenancy and either exchanged contracts on the sale of your old home or given up the tenancy of your old home.

In the case of over subscription for all criteria places will be allocated to students who live nearest to the school by the shortest straight line distance. The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points for each property and the Geocode point for the centre of the school.

The Local Authority use a software package called Arcview GIS to determine distance. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an address within this system. (In the event of equi-distance applicants, any place will be allocated by random selection (lottery). Someone totally independent of the Governing Body will supervise this process).

Where home addresses are within the same block of flats or apartments, the number of the flat or apartment will be taken into account, with lower numbers taking priority (eg Flat 1 or 1a takes priority over Flat 2 or 1b).

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