

Admissions Policy - 2024 / 2025

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Admission Criteria 2024 – 2025

1. Children in Public Care

Villiers has oversubscription criteria for each relevant year group, and highest priority is given to looked after children. These are children who are in public care as defined in Section 22 of the 1989 Children Act including foster children and previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

2. Sibling who will still be attending School at the time of admission

The word sibling refers to all blood, half, foster, step and adoptive siblings (not cousins) who live at the same home and in the same family unit on a permanent basis or for the majority of time in any calendar year. A sibling relationship does not apply when the older child(ren) will leave before the younger one starts school. A sibling connection does not apply for children whose older siblings will/may be attending the 6th form in years 12 and 13.

3. Exceptional Medical or Social Circumstances for the first preferred school

The medical circumstances must relate to the child, and parents will be expected to provide supporting evidence from a consultant who is monitoring the child's condition (not a General Practitioner [GP]) in relation to medical circumstances, or a social worker (or other appropriate professionally qualified person) in relation to social circumstances. All supporting evidence showing why education should be at the first preferred school must be submitted at the time of application. Priority under this criterion can only be given for the first preference school.

The Admissions Panel will consider all claimed exceptional medical or social circumstances in line with admissions criteria and inform parents of their decision.

4. Distance from the child's permanent home address to the preferred school

The distance from home to Villiers High School is measured by a straight line from a point in the property determined by Ordinance Survey to the nearest gated entrance which is used by pupils to enter the school grounds. The measuring system is an integral part of the admissions software produced by Tribal Technology Ltd. It uses Ordinance Survey maps and is accurate to 1 metre.

Any combination of two or more criteria gives higher priority than one criterion. For example, a sibling and agreed medical/social circumstances would give priority over a sibling connection. If two or more children have equal priority under the criteria, the criterion of distance set out in point 4 above will be applied.

TIE BREAK

In the event that the distances are equal the Local Authority's Admission System will offer the place by random allocation.

TWINS, TRIPLETS OR OTHER CHILDREN FROM MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Villiers does not give priority under its admission criteria for twins, triplets or other children from multiple births however, the Local Authority will endeavour wherever possible not to separate the children.

CHILDREN OF NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF

After the published offer date, where there is a demonstrable skills shortage for a vacant post (independent evidence is required), the admission authority will place the children of the new appointee for the post in question at the top of the waiting list for places at the school.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM OF VILLIERS HIGH SCHOOL

All students must meet the entry requirements for their chosen course of study as published in the Sixth Form prospectus.

Students must meet the individual subject criteria as published in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

Places for Year 12 will be awarded to students in the following order of priority:

- Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
- Qualified students who were on roll at Villiers High School at the end of the academic year immediately preceding the proposed date of entry into Villiers High School's Sixth Form.
- Qualified students who have a sibling attending Villiers High School in Year 7-11 in the year of the proposed date of entry into the Sixth Form.
- Qualified students who were on roll at Villiers High School at the end of the academic year immediately preceding the proposed date of entry into the Sixth Form.
- Qualified students from any other school.
- The distance from the student's permanent home address to the school with those living nearest the school being given the higher priority*.

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