

FEATHERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Admissions Policy 2022/23



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Course Admission & Criteria - Internal Students

Internal students are actively supported and encouraged to apply to the sixth form. Access to courses will be based on the admissions criteria set out in the Sixth Form Handbook. They will receive advice and guidance through their Heads of Year based on their mock results and which pathway is most appropriate. **All students must apply online.** Conditional offers will be sent to students based on their **mock GCSE grades and the admissions criteria** at that time. These are subject to change in accordance to their ACTUAL summer results. Access to levels of courses will be based on the following:

- Actual GCSE grades
- Admissions criteria
- Individual student data
- Advice and guidance of the sixth form team

Courses will be deemed full when the maximum class size of 20 for practical based subjects and 22 for classroom based, is reached. The school will look at all students on an individual basis and whether they are suitable for the courses chosen. It will be up to the discretion of the sixth form team as to which courses students are able to follow. Course options could be subject to change during the autumn term if students are making less than the expected progress or struggling at the level they have been awarded.

Students Causing Concern

Where a student's prior effort, punctuality or attendance is a cause for concern, their placement on courses will be on a probationary basis and subject to a written agreement where specified targets must be met. Targets will be reviewed by the Head of Year on a fortnightly with a formal review at the end of each half term. Failure to meet the targets will result in the student being deemed to have failed his or her probationary period.

Course Admission & Criteria - External Students

External students will be admitted onto courses subject to the following:

- Fulfilling all admissions criteria which apply to internal students
- Original certificates of relevant qualifications being shown
- A good reference from their previous educational institution
- Subject to spaces being available on the course. The school will look at all students on an individual basis and whether they are suitable for the courses chosen
- Students may be interviewed with their parents to ensure they are fully informed of the expectation and ethos of the sixth form. At this interview they must produce:
 1. Their UP number from the previous school
 2. A reference from their previous school detailing attendance, punctuality (students can obtain an FHS pro-forma to help them gain a reference)
 3. All examination results with certificates as evidence of the results - the administration team will contact the previous school to obtain full school history and records
 4. Failure to produce references will delay applications and jeopardise placement

Within the first week of term, all students will participate in induction workshops on the safeguarding, expectations and behaviour of Featherstone High School sixth form students. Failure to attend, will result in the place being withdrawn.

Students from Overseas

Students will be requested to show their birth certificate, current passport, documentation of residency and all relevant qualifications in line with the admissions course criteria. The school will look at all students on an individual basis and whether they are suitable for the courses chosen.

It will be up to the discretion of the sixth form team as to which courses students are able to follow. This could be subject to change during the autumn term if students are not making the expected progress.

All students **MUST** have relevant Exam Board slips to confirm their qualifications and photocopies will be taken by the school. Students who fail to produce the appropriate documentation will not be offered a place within Featherstone High Sixth Form.

A Level Course Criterion

All students **MUST** have relevant Exam Board slips to confirm their qualifications and photocopies will be taken by the school. Students who fail to produce the appropriate documentation will not be offered a place within Featherstone High Sixth Form. In order to access A level courses, students will need to have attained a minimum of 5 GCSEs 9-4 (including English Language & Maths) or above grade and 6's in the courses that they wish to study and have an APS of 4.5. In certain subjects like Maths and Sciences, A level applications must be endorsed by the Head of Department. In addition, students would need to attain a minimum score of 5.0 points on entry.

In subjects not taken at GCSE an associated GCSE will be taken into account. For example: 6 in Maths for Economics, 6 in History, Geography or English Language/Literature for Government & Politics. BTEC grades would only be accepted as one grade within the 5x 9-4 grades and for Sciences a 6 must be obtained in the trilogy or triple science subject.

In Maths and Science A level courses, an assessment will be undertaken prior to the start of the courses. The assessment will be based on GCSE material only. Students will be assessed and those deemed have not met the required standard of 50% will have their pathway adapted. This may mean they will be re-coursed to another A level subject or a BTEC level 3 course.

BTEC Level 3 Certificate Course Criterion

Students will be requested to show their birth certificate, current passport and all relevant qualifications. The school will look at all students on an individual basis and whether they are suitable for the courses chosen. It will be up to the discretion of the sixth form team as to which courses students are able to follow. This could be subject to change during the autumn term if students are not making the expected progress.

All students **MUST** have relevant Exam Board slips to confirm their qualifications and photocopies will be taken by the school. Students who fail to produce the appropriate documentation will not be offered a place within Featherstone High Sixth Form. In order to access BTEC level 3 certificate courses, students will need to attain a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9-3. This can include BTEC courses previously followed and in addition, they must have at least a 3 grade in English Language and Maths; for the Applied Science and Sports level 3 courses a GCSE grade 3 in Science is also required. Options at this level will be to retake GCSE English and / or Maths if they have a 3 grade.

Extended Project Qualification Course Criterion

The extended project qualification is equivalent of an AS grade. Students choose an area that they would like to research and they work alongside a supervisor to develop a plan for their research, write up their project and the present their findings to an audience. Increasingly students are being expected to have this qualification alongside their A levels for the top universities. This qualification shows students are passionate about the subjects or an area assimilated to their subjects and can work independently.

Student will be able to access the course by meet the following criteria and will be based individually

- Aspiring to Oxbridge / RG universities
- Meeting GCSE grades of 9-7s
- Attendance above 95%
- Not on Academic mentoring list or underachieving

The Extended Project Qualification will be offered depending on staffing availability.

Priority

Current Year 11 students will take priority into the Sixth Form. All students must enroll on GCSE results day to confirm their place. After this time, external students offered a place will be admitted to courses. All students must enroll on the Sixth form and places will not be reserved.

PROGRESSION WITHIN SIXTH FORM

A Level

In order to continue into Year 13 students will need to have attained a minimum of 3 E's in their end of year 12 exams and in addition the following will be considered in each case:

- Attendance 95%
- Effort
- Quality of class and home work
- Ability to meet deadlines

Normal requirements to progress into Year 13 are 3 E grades. Special consideration will be given to students who fail this requirement and ONLY in EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. In these cases, students will be required to attend an interview with the Director of Sixth Form. Students who do not pass 3 A Level grades (A-E) may be re-coursed to Year 12. This may be on to a new A level course or BTEC Level 3 and is at the discretion of the Director of Sixth Form.

BTEC Level 3

In order to continue into Year 13 students will need to be working towards their minimum target grade in their BTEC level 3 coursework and passed all external exams to a pass level alongside the following criteria:

- Attendance 95%
- Effort
- Quality of class and home work
- Ability to meet deadlines

Students must also ensure they have passed any exams or external assessments taken in Year 12.