THE KING JOHN SIXTH FORM

2027-2028 ADMISSIONS POLICY

Application to The King John Sixth Form will be by published application form to The King John School Admissions Officer.

We aim to offer a range of academic and vocational qualifications to our sixth form students and many of these require minimum grades at GCSE. Our policy is to ensure that the students accepted into The Sixth Form can be placed on appropriate courses where they are likely to succeed. Students are invited to attend the open evening in the autumn term and are required to attend an induction experience in June/ July.

All King John students in Year 11 will be encouraged to apply for the sixth form. We also accept external applications from students wishing to transfer from another institution. Students are asked to select provisional course preferences. This is not a firm commitment and they will be able to reconsider their options after the GCSE results are published and in light of the Sixth Form timetable.

We require all students from outside King John to make a formal application for September 2027 by 1 December 2026. King John Students will be required to make a formal application by 9 November 2026 Every King John student will be required to attend a guidance meeting.

The schools Published Admission Number (PAN) applies to Year 12. The PAN for the year commencing 1st September 2027 is 225.

Admission to The Sixth Form will be determined by the Local Governing Body in accordance with the following criteria in the order set out below.

All students, including those already enrolled at The King John School, must meet the criteria below:

(i) that the student has attained the specific academic requirements for entry to the courses, which are published on the school website. This includes criteria for the relevant pathway;

Acceptance onto a particular subject depends on there being a vacancy in that subject. Group sizes will normally be capped at 25 but may vary depending on the nature of the subject and availability of resources;

Should either the admissions limit or maximum group size be reached then admission will be determined in accordance with the following additional criteria in the order set out below:

The governors will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline.

(ii) that criteria (i) has been met

(iii) then that looked-after children* are first to be admitted

(iv) then who have attended a school in Zenith Multi Academy Trust are to be admitted

(v) finally, students from outside the Zenith Multi Academy Trust will be admitted.

Should the admissions limit be exceeded in any previous criterion, then the criterion will be applied in that category:

1. Those performing best in their GCSEs, based on “Attainment 8” GCSE Points Scores (vocational courses equivalent to more than one GCSE grade will count as a maximum of one grade).

2. In the case of tied scores, preference will be given to the applicant living nearest to the school. The distance between the child’s permanent home address and the main

entrance of the Sixth Form on Shipwrights Drive will be measured by the shortest walking distance along recognised roads and footpaths.

With regard to the efficient use of resources, learning provision and capacity in the local area, the school reserves the right to exceed its capacity of 60 external students where a particular high performing subject has places in the particular class/or subject area and when the individual student can demonstrate their aptitude/ability in this subject area.

Unsuccessful applicants for Year 12 are entitled to appeal to an Independent School Appeal Panel, as specified in the School Admissions Appeals Code. Please see the school website for more information

ADMISSIONS OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP

It is expected that children will normally be educated within their chronological age year group. However, parents or carers can make a request to the school in writing for a place outside of their normal age group. This will need to include, where relevant, any supporting evidence. The Local Governing Body will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned in line with the School Admissions Code. This will take into account the views of the Headteacher. The Local Governing Body will write to the parent or carer with the outcome including the reasons for the decision. If the request is refused, details of how to complain to the school will be given.

*****Looked after children and previously looked after children

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children and Families Act 2014). (c) those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and be in state care as a result of being adopted

Notes

Fees

Fees do not apply for any student who will be aged 19 at the end of their chosen course, has been resident in the UK or any EU country for the last 3 years, or for a student who has refugee status.

For those students who are required to pay fees, the current fee level is £5,050 for the year which is payable in full in advance.

Former Students

A student ceases to be a King John student on accepting and attending any course at another institution. Students who were in Year 11 at The King John School who wish to join the Sixth Form **must do so by** 15 September following their GCSE results being received. After the 15 September, **in-year transfers will be considered according to the published admissions criteria and upon formal application** by the student. All students must have attained the specific academic requirements for entry to the courses.

Repeating a year

The King John Sixth Form does not normally allow students to repeat a year but exceptional circumstances will be taken into account and places may be offered on an individual basis where it is deemed to be in the interests of the student. Consideration will be given to the ability of the Sixth Form to meet the needs of the student including existing class sizes. For the purposes of admission to year 12 students repeating the year would be treated as a late applicant.

Overseas Students

The King John Sixth Form welcomes the increased diversity gained by offering places to overseas students. Overseas students will be subject to the same admissions criteria as other students and offered the same curriculum. As for all students who meet the admissions criteria, the overseas students will be required to attend a pre-course meeting to discuss academic suitability and options. To provide support for students who have taken alternative examinations (e.g. not GCSE) it may be necessary to undertake a short English language assessment. Students may also be asked to demonstrate the comparability of their qualifications via a UK NARIC certificate (or similar), obtained at the candidate's expense. This will enable an appropriate offer to be made and the appropriate support to be put in place to meet student need should it be required.

Withdrawal of Courses

The King John Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw a course. For example, if there are insufficient numbers of students or any other unforeseen circumstances.

Entry into Year 13

For external applicants will depend on the courses required, the availability of a place within that group and the student's results from any modules taken in Year 12. Examination Board compatibility is also required.

Students who have completed Year 12 at The King John Sixth Form can only enter Year 13 if they have fulfilled the appropriate course requirements.

Withdrawal of offers

Students may have their place at the Sixth Form withdrawn if it comes to light at any point that they have provided inaccurate information in their application. This would include, in particular, misstatement of grades or failure to disclose matters that may affect the safety of students at the school.

The King John Sixth Form reserves the right to refuse admission to the Sixth Form on the basis that they cannot adequately safeguard a student or manage the risk they pose to others.