



Devonport  
High School  
For Boys

## Year 12 Admission Policy for the academic year 2020/2021

### Introduction

1 As an Academy, Devonport High School for Boys (DHSB) is responsible for the admission of students into the Sixth Form at the school. Any queries regarding Sixth Form admission should be directed to the school.

2 The capacity for Year 12 is 150. The published admission number (PAN) for students from outside DHSB (external students) is 20 which is the minimum number of external students (who have achieved the minimum entry requirements) that will be admitted.

### A Admission to the Sixth Form

1. Admission to the Sixth Form will be from:

- (a) students in Year 11 at DHSB
- (b) external students

2. Confirmation of places for students new to the school will be the day following home student enrolment.

3. Students on roll at DHSB are required to complete the school's transfer form. External students should complete the application form which is available on the school website ([www.dhsb.org](http://www.dhsb.org)).

4. Transfer and application forms should be completed by the last term-time Friday in January preceding the September of admission. Notification will normally be made by the end of May in which the academic year of admission falls.

5. Students will be admitted into Year 12 in September of term one in each school year although there may be some occasions when students transfer during an academic year.

### B Minimum Entry Requirements

In order to follow a full level three curriculum at DHSB, the applicant needs to have achieved an Average Points Score (APS) of **6.0** or higher from their best eight GCSEs and at least a grade 5 in both English and Mathematics. For unreformed GCSEs grades will be converted as follows: A\*=8.5, A=7.0, B=5.5, C=4.0, D=3.0, E=2.0, F=1.5, G=1.0. The minimum entry requirements will apply to both students in Year 11 at DHSB and external students.

An offer of admission is to the Sixth Form and not a guarantee of studying a specific course.

### C Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of external applicants exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children. 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 Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

2. Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

3. Students in receipt of the pupil or service premium at the date of application. Evidence will be required at the time of allocation.

4. Students considered by DHSB to have exceptional social or medical needs. This could be for example:

- a serious medical condition which can be supported by medical evidence
- a significant caring role for the student which can be supported by evidence from Social Services.

Parents/carers or their representative will have to demonstrate that only the preferred school can meet the exceptional medical or social needs of the student. This can be in the form of a testimony from a medical practitioner, social worker or other professional who can support the application on an 'exceptional' basis.

5. Children of a member of staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or  
Children of a member of staff who is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

6. Those achieving the highest score from their best eight GCSEs.

7. Any other student (if it is necessary to distinguish between students then priority will be determined on the basis of distance between home and school). See notes below.

#### **D Appeals**

Where a student is refused the offer of a place in Year 12 both the student and his parent have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk to the Appeal Panel at DHSB ([clerk@dhsb.org](mailto:clerk@dhsb.org) 01752 208787).

#### **E False Information**

Where DHSB has made the offer of a place in Year 12 on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has effectively denied a place in the sixth form to a student with a stronger claim, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

#### **F Late Applications**

Late applications will be considered up to the end of September.

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**Notes**

- a) A student whose education, health and care plan (EHCP) or special educational needs (SEN) statement names the parent's preferred school will be admitted to that school.
- b) If it is necessary to distinguish between students in a particular category, priority will be determined on the basis of distance between home and school measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system – the shorter the distance, the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.
- c) A student's home address is defined as the address at which he is normally resident, or if he lives at more than one address, the address at which he lives for the majority of the time. Where the home address is unclear, the home address will be the address to which the Child Benefit Allowance is payable.