

Applying for a place at Kenton School for September 2019 (Admissions Policy and Arrangements)

How Do I Apply for a Place at Kenton School?

Applications for Y7 for September 2019

All applications for a place at Kenton School (for Y7) should be made through the local authority application process using the common application form provided on their website <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/school-admissions> or the equivalent in your own local authority (if you live outside Newcastle); this ensures that all applicants can select their alternative options at the same time. Parents wishing to apply for a place at Kenton School should complete and return the form by the required date.

Applications for Y12 (Sixth Form) for September 2019

Students and their families should make Y12 Sixth Form applications directly to Kenton School as soon as possible or by 31 January 2019. Any applications received after that date will be considered, but after those that were in on time. Successful applicants (and unsuccessful if any) will be contacted in writing by the end of February 2019.

Students or their families who wish to apply or to discuss making an application Kenton School can do so in any of the following ways:

Either: Telephone 0191 2142200 for a personal discussion with the Head of Sixth Form;

Or: Visit the Kenton School website at www.kenton.newcastle.sch.uk, where you can download a prospectus, download the application form and read further details and/or request an appointment to discuss the matter with the Head of Sixth Form.

Or: Visit Kenton School reception and pick up a Prospectus and/or make an application using one of our computers and/or make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Head of Sixth Form;

Or: Write to:

Mr Stephen Ord
Head of Sixth Form
Kenton School
Drayton Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3RU

How Many Places are there at Kenton School?

Published Admission Number (PAN)

In September 2019 the points of entry to Kenton School will be Year 7 and Year 12. The number is 342 places for students in Year 7, and 300 places for students in Year 12, of which 250 places are reserved for Kenton School students and 50 places for external students.

Will My Son or Daughter Get a Place at Kenton School?

Y7

Where fewer applications than the published admission number(s) are received, Kenton School will offer places to all those who have applied.

Y12

Students wishing to enter year 12 will be accepted onto specific courses of study which may have minimum entry requirements published in the Prospectus. If applicants fail to meet these minimum course requirements they will be given the option of pursuing alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum requirements. The minimum course entry requirement to follow a Level 3 programme is 5A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths. Where students have these qualifications except English or Maths (or both) they may begin the programme but must also take Level 2 courses in these qualifications. If there are fewer applications than the published admission number, Kenton School will offer places to all those who apply. If there are more external applicants that satisfy the entry requirements than the number of Y12 places available, the oversubscription criteria will apply.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

All students who have a statement of Special Educational Needs, which names Kenton School on the statement, will have automatic entitlement to a place at the School and will be admitted before all other applicants.

Oversubscription Criteria for Kenton School

Where there are more applications for admission than places available, the following oversubscription criteria in the order shown will be used to determine which students will be allocated places. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, where the school is named in the statement, will be admitted to that school.

Places will be offered to applicants ranked highest using the criteria set out below:

1. Looked After Children in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. *Children attending a designated 'feeder' school. The current feeder link schools for Kenton School (Y7) are:
Cheviot Primary School, Farne Primary School, Hilton Primary Academy, Kenton Bar Primary School, Kingston Park Primary School, Mountfield Primary School, North Fawdon Primary School, Stocksfield Avenue Primary School, Thomas Walling Primary Academy, Wyndham Primary School.
3. *Children not attending a designated 'feeder' school who have a brother or sister (a sibling) who will be attending the school at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent or carer's partner where the children live at the same address. The sibling link does not apply to students in the Sixth Form.

- Children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line distance from a single fixed central point at the school to a point in the centre of the home address of the child, using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and British National Grid Easting and Northing co-ordinates.

***NOTE**

For Y12 (Sixth Form) places Criterion 2 above does not apply (because there are separate PANs for internal and external applicants). Therefore also the reference to designated feeder schools in Criterion 3 should be ignored for Y12 applicants.

Tie-Break

In the event that more than one child has an equal right to an available place, the school will use random allocation as a tie-break.

Parental Responsibility

Parents who share responsibility for the care of their child are expected to reach agreement to a school placement between them. In the event of a dispute the school will accept the application from the parent who receives, or is eligible for, the payment of the child benefit.

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date of the admissions window (31 October for year 10 and 31 January for year 12) may only be considered after those applicants who have applied on time and if places have not been allocated. A late application will not affect the right of appeal or the right to be placed on the waiting list. Following the admissions closing date any late applicants will be allocated a place in the order in which the applications are received, if the School has places available.

Waiting Lists

Where in any year Kenton School receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31 December of the same year. The waiting list will be maintained by Kenton School and it will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Position on the waiting list and allocation of places will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria outlined above. When a place becomes available, the name at the top of the list will be automatically contacted.

Appeals

If your child is not offered a place at Kenton School you have the right to appeal. You must write to the School stating that you wish to appeal and the forms will be sent to you directly. To request an appeals form, you should write to:

Kenton School
Drayton Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3RU

Kenton School appeals process is compliant with the School Admission Appeals Code. Kenton School will arrange for an Independent Appeals Panel to consider the reasons for refusal and your reasons for wanting to attend Kenton School.

The panel will consist of three people (two will have education experience and one will be an independent person with no education experience). The panel will consider the case put forward. It must consider the admission arrangements for Kenton School and the reasons why you want to attend this particular school. The panel must exercise its discretion by balancing the weight of arguments.

Kenton School will provide Parents / Carers with the right to attend the Appeals Panel meeting in person, notification of the appeal date will be sent at least fourteen days prior to the hearing.

The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on both Kenton School and the student/parents.

Withdrawal of an offer of a place

Kenton School may withdraw an offer of a place where a parent fails to respond to an offer within a reasonable timescale (normally fourteen days from receipt of the offer) or the place was offered on the basis of a fraudulent or misleading application.