



Admissions for September 2026

1 Policy

1. King Edward VI College is dedicated to establishing an inclusive and dynamic learning community wherein young individuals with high aspirations can achieve their full potential as they progress towards fulfilling their future personal and academic aspirations.
2. Demand for places is high and the College seeks to administer its admissions process in a fair, transparent way which ensures both equality of opportunity and continued excellence.
3. In assessing the suitability of applicants, the College will make judgements not only on the basis of evidence of academic ability, but also the contribution the individual may make toward the College and wider community. However, whilst successful candidates may have a wide range of different GCSE grades, the minimum entry requirement is for at **least six GCSE subjects at grade 5 or above**.
4. In addition, many subjects have additional minimum entry requirements. These are detailed on the College website and also on the electronic application form.
5. Throughout the admissions process, the College seeks to offer applicants and their parents/guardians high quality, impartial advice and guidance designed to assist them in making well informed decisions about their study choices and future careers.
6. The College will make every effort to offer prompt responses and ensure that applicants are kept fully informed about the progress of their application.

2 Procedure

1. Information about the College is made available via the College website, Open Events and by staff visiting schools who extend an invitation.
2. All applications are made online through the application portal, which will be available via the College website from late September 2025.
3. The expectation is the vast majority of applicants will be Year 11 school pupils who are aged 16 on 31 August. However, the College will also consider applications from students who are aged 17 on that date.
4. All applications received between September 2025 and 28 February 2026 will receive equal consideration.
5. Applications received between 1 March 2026 and September 2026 will be reviewed, provided there is available space in the requested programme of study.
6. Before the decision-making process can proceed, applicants must complete and submit the online application form in its entirety.

7. The college does not accept students at other times such as in year transfers, or students moving from Year 12 at a different provider to Year 13 at King Edward's.
8. A proportion of applicants may be declined an offer on the basis of the information provided in their application.
9. Decisions regarding an application will be based on information provided on the application form. The college no longer interviews applicants.
10. The Admissions Team responds to all applications as soon as possible. However, at peak times there may be a delay between the application being submitted and a decision being communicated to the applicant. Wherever possible, a decision will be communicated to the applicant within ten working days.
11. Email and communication via the applicant portal will be the primary means of communication between the applicant and the College.
12. Where a student has yet to receive formal qualifications, any offer made will be conditional upon the applicant meeting College entry requirements following publication of results.

3 Extraordinary admission at the discretion of the Principal

1. The College acknowledges that a number of prospective students may encounter life circumstances in the period preceding the completion of Year 11, which may prevent them from reaching their full academic potential.
2. In such cases, where there is reasonable evidence to suggest that applicant could be successful at A Level, but the College's minimum entry criteria may not be met (1.3), the Principal may choose to make an extraordinary offer.
3. Applicants seeking such dispensation should initially contact the Admissions Team.

4 The Appeals Process

Applicants who are not made a conditional offer to study at the college may appeal to the Principal. Details of the appeals procedure can be found on the College website.

5 Making an application after the publication of GCSE results (Clearing)

1. After the publication of GCSE results in August, the College may have a limited number of places available. Regardless of whether they have previously been refused a place, any young person who achieves GCSE results that they believe suitably qualifies them to study can request consideration for a place at the college. Those interested in securing a place through clearing should email admissions@kedst.ac.uk clearly indicating the subjects they wish to study, their actual GCSE results and a contact telephone number.
2. Applications received following the publication of GCSE results will be considered on the basis of the availability of places and the evidence supplied in the application. Any application declined after GCSE results will not have recourse to the appeals process.

6 Equality Impact Assessment

The College's equality, diversity and inclusion policy has been taken into account when considering this policy.

Date of review	Date agreed	JCC	Governors	Review date	Comments
June 2025	June 2025	N/A	11 June 2025	June 2026	

Appeals Procedure for September 2026 Admissions

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Each year King Edward VI College receives over 4000 applications for around 1400 available places. Therefore, the college administers its admission system with a view to equitably assessing applicants and offering the available places to those who are most likely to succeed at A Level.
- 1.2 This formal appeals procedure enables applicants and parents/guardians to appeal in writing against the college's decision to not offer a place, if they feel that this assessment has been undertaken unfairly, inaccurately or has failed to take into consideration some other aspect of the individual or their application.

2. Procedure

- 2.1 Appeals should be submitted in writing and sent to the Executive Office Manager to arrive at the college no later than Wednesday 8 April 2026.
- 2.2 The documentation submitted will need to set out clearly the reasons for the appeal and the appellant should also submit any other documentary evidence they feel is relevant with the form.
- 2.3 The Principal will consider any appeal made by either the applicant or his/her parents/guardians, guardians or carers provided that the appeal is made within the guidelines set out above.
- 2.4 The subsequent decisions made by the Principal are final.
- 2.5 The college will normally inform all applicants of the decisions by letter within a week of the Appeals Committee meeting.

3. Criteria for admission

- 3.1 The college seeks to operate an inclusive recruitment process for able young people with ambition and potential who can benefit most from a curriculum that strives to challenge students to achieve excellence. The full college policy regarding admissions can be viewed on the college website.
- 3.2 Although the minimum criterion for beginning a programme of studies at the college is typically at least 6 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, there will be a number of applicants whose predicted grades are above the minimum requirement and who will not be offered a place. In these cases, there are likely to be other aspects of the application that lead us to believe that it is inadvisable for them to embark upon an A level course.
- 3.3 Where applicants are refused a place at King Edward's on the grounds of information regarding their expected performance at GCSE, we encourage such applicants to contact us once GCSE results have been published if the grades they achieved were better than they suggested they would be, as places may still be available.