

# HUGH CHRISTIE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

## ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY IN 2017



Please note that within these criteria the term parent is used to refer to parents or legal guardians.

Boys and girls will be admitted without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of admissions for Year 7 commencing September 2017 will be 165.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria children with a statement of special educational need which names the college will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit.

### **1. Looked After Children / Children in Local Authority Care**

A child under the age of 18 years for who the Local Authority (LA) provides accommodation by agreement with their parent (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is subject to a care order under Part 1V of the act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989).

### **2. Sibling / Current Family Association**

A brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the LA will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN

### **3. Medical / Health and Special Access Reasons**

Medical / Health and Special Access Reasons will be applied in accordance with the Hugh Christie Technology College's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Hugh Christie Technology College. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social need means there is a demonstrable and significant need for

their child to attend Hugh Christie Technology College. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and Hugh Christie Technology College.

Hugh Christie has a Specialised Resource Base designed to meet the needs of children diagnosed with high functioning Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The school will prioritise the allocation of up to ten places in each year group to children with an Education Health Plan with this diagnosis. In the event that more than ten children with this diagnosis apply, over subscription criteria 1, 2 and 4 will apply in that order.

#### **4. Distance / Nearness of children's home to college**

The distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the college measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a central point within the child's home to a similarly defined point within the college as specified by Ordnance Survey. The college uses measurements provided by the LA and further information on how distances are calculated is available in the Admissions Booklets provided by the LA. A map of the locality is held at the college for consultation should it be required.

A block of flats has a single address point of reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the college. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the college the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

#### **Child's home address**

The distance between the child's permanent home address and Hugh Christie Technology College is measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined within the grounds of Hugh Christie Technology College as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for Hugh Christie Technology College, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

A child's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence (not an address at which the child may sometimes stay or sleep) and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased or rented to them under a lease or written rental agreement. Where partners live apart but share responsibility for the child, and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of week days.

In the event of a tie breaker situation the nearness of an applicant's home to college will be the decider. If in the unlikely event more than one applicant has the exact same distance from home to college (as measured by the local authority), then a random selection will be applied.

## **General**

After a place has been offered the college reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

1. when a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time or
2. when a parent has failed to notify the college of important changes to the application information; or
3. the admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

The college will establish arrangements for an Independent Appeals panel to sit to consider appeals against non-admission. Details of the arrangements for admissions and appeals will be published each year.

Admissions to the college will be based on the above criteria. Initially admissions in any year will be dealt with by an admissions panel consisting of Governors and teachers who will agree the ranked order of pupils in accordance with the above criteria. Parents will have a right to appeal against refusal in accordance with the School Admissions Appeals Code.

### **Late or casual admissions to Years 7 to 11**

Applications for places should be made directly to the Admissions Officer at Hugh Christie Technology College. The PAN for all year groups is 165.

In the event places are not available, applicants will be placed on a waiting list held by the college and ordered according to the oversubscription criteria 1 to 4 above.

### **Admissions for post 16 education**

All students wishing to transfer from Year 11 to Year 12 are required to complete an application form available from the college.

Priority will be given to existing students transferring from Year 11. The PAN for external candidates (including those from overseas) will be 25 but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal students transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall total figure for the year group which is 165.