



Joseph Leckie
Academy

Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2021- 2022

Joseph Leckie Academy is part of an inter-LA Co-ordinated Admission Scheme

All dates referred to within this document are in line with this scheme

Walsall Council's online application process will open in September 2020

Closing date for the submission of applications is 31st October 2020

Notification date – 1st March 2021

JOSEPH LECKIE ACADEMY Walstead Road West Walsall, WS5 4PG

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS – 2021-2022

Joseph Leckie Academy is a mixed 11-18 Academy. The Academy's admission policy is in accordance with the guidelines below:

Entry into Year 7 September 2021

Students will be admitted without reference to ability, aptitude, race or religion. The Published Admission Number for academic year 2021- 2022 will be 240.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below:

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children) and previously looked after children

Definition: children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by the local authority and previously looked after children who ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

2. Where a child has an older sibling currently attending the Academy when the application is made and who will be still attending the Academy in Years 8 – 11 in September of the relevant year. Siblings of Sixth Form students DO NOT qualify for a sibling claim.

Definition: a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- Half brother or sister sharing one common parent
- Step brother or sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residency order)

3. Where there are essential medical or social grounds for admitting the child

Definition: relevant medical or social grounds that show that attendance at the Academy is essential and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or social worker. Requests for such consideration will be subject to verification by Governing Body.

4. Children of Staff employed at The Academy

Where a member of staff (**) has been employed at The Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- ** All full time teaching staff
All full time support staff – (defined as those on a 37 hour week and above contract)

The definition does not include contract staff. If service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion.

5. Students from feeder Primary Schools – Delves Junior, Palfrey Junior, Caldmore Primary Academy and Whitehall Junior Community Schools living within 2.25 miles of Joseph Leckie Academy, as measured by a straight line.

In the event of oversubscription from feeder primary schools, pupils living closest to Joseph Leckie Academy will be given priority.

6. Proximity of the child's home to the Academy, with those living nearest being accorded the higher priority, the distance being measured in a straight line

Definition of home address: the home address of the child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only or main residence and is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the Academy, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the Academy receiving the higher priority

Waiting List Policy (Year 7 Intake)

Until 31st August 2021 parents may enquire about their child's position on the waiting list by contacting the Admissions and Pupil Place Planning Team on 01922 652585. From 1st September 2021 the waiting list will be maintained by the Academy and parents should make enquiries by contacting Joseph Leckie Academy Admissions on 01922 721071.

From 1st September 2021, parents wishing their child/ren to be placed on the Waiting List should contact Joseph Leckie Academy Admissions in writing to make their requests.

Siblings

Siblings of Sixth Form students DO NOT qualify for a sibling claim.

In-Year Admissions

Applications for in-year admission (age groups other than the normal year of entry) must be made to Joseph Leckie Academy Admissions – for the attention of the Principal.

Appeals

Parents whose children are refused admission to the Academy have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The necessary form can be obtained from the Academy Web site, or by calling the Academy. All appeal documents should be returned to Mrs S Richards, Joseph Leckie Academy, Walstead Road West, Walsall, WS5 4PG. Please mark ADMISSION – APPEAL.

Appeals in respect of Year 7 intake for September 2021 should be lodged by noon on Friday 9th April 2021.

Entry Requirements for Year 12 – Entry in September 2021

The maximum sixth form capacity for Year 12 external candidates for September 2021, is 30.

Minimum entry requirements for Year 12

Students will be considered for entry into Year 12 based upon their academic attainment and/or individual subject grade criteria and the availability and suitability of courses at Joseph Leckie Academy.

Joseph Leckie Academy's minimum entry requirements for post 16 studies are as follows:

To study A-Level courses, the minimum requirement is five different GCSE's, including Maths and English Language, at Grade 5 or above and preferably with a Grade 6 in the chosen subject.

To study Level 3 courses, the minimum requirement is five different GCSE's, at Grade 4 or above. Where the subject has previously been studied at Level 2, a Grade 4 is a requirement to continue onto Level 3.

GCSE equivalents are not considered as one of the GCSEs.

(There are also course suitability and individual subject availability criteria requirements for some courses, on request)

Students refused a place in Year 12 are entitled to appeal to an independent appeal panel

To progress from Year 12 to Year 13, students must meet the academic selection criteria we set. Students will be notified of these criteria prior to them taking up their places in September of Year 12.

Late Applications (Year 6 – Year 7 transfer)

A late application is an application form received after the published closing date. Late applications will normally be considered for places after applications that were received by the closing date. Late applicants may be less likely to be offered a place at the Academy.

When places are offered, applications received by the closing date and valid late applications (see below) will be considered first.

Late applications received before the notification date (before places are offered):

Applications received by the closing date and valid late applications (see below) will take priority when places are offered.

Valid late applications can only be considered if the application form is received within four weeks of the closing date.

Explanation of valid late applications:

There are limited circumstances when a late application may be categorised as a valid late application and considered together with those applications that were received by the closing date.

Subject to verification by the Director of Children's Services at Walsall Council, a late application may be considered as a valid late application where:

- The family were unable to complete an application form before the closing date because they moved into the Borough of Walsall after the issue of application forms.

OR

- The family were unable to comply with the admissions timetable because of exceptional circumstances which prevented the application arriving on time – the circumstances must be given in writing and attached to the application form.

Applications received after the Notification Date (after places are offered):

Where the Academy is over-subscribed, an application for a place which is received after places have been offered will be added to the Academy's waiting list in admission criteria order.