Mossbourne Sixth Form



Admission Arrangements for 2026-2027

This policy will be administered fairly and impartially in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021.

The Mossbourne Sixth Form has capacity for 400 students, across two year groups. The admission number for entry to Year 12 is 200. Students are eligible to apply from Mossbourne Community Academy and Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy as well as from other schools. The number of external applicants admitted in 2025 was 190.

Minimum GCSE Entry requirements:

For all applicants the minimum academic requirements must be met. Students must have already have met these requirements or be predicted to meet them. School references will be sought for this purpose.

Applicants will have gained 7 GCSEs at Grade 5 (or equivalent), including English Language and maths. In addition, the minimum course requirements for each subject must be met, as specified in the **Mossbourne Sixth Form Subject Guide** which can be found on the website: www.mossbourne.org

Application Process

The deadline for applications is 15th January of the calendar year of admission. Late applicants will only be considered if space remains in the Mossbourne Sixth Form. Students making late applications should be aware that spaces may only be available on a limited number of courses.

Applicants who meet, or who are predicted to meet, the minimum entry requirements will be offered a consultation meeting before confirming their options.

Students must notify the academy of their grades on results day to allow places to be confirmed.

Conditional Offers

Applicants who meet, or are predicted to meet, the minimum course and entry requirements will be notified of conditional offers by the second Friday of the summer term of the year of application. Applicants not offered a conditional place will also be notified on this date.

Allocating places on oversubscribed courses once results are known

The Governors will allocate places on oversubscribed courses in the following order:

- To a looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, child arrangement or special guardianship order including those children who appear (to the Academy Trust) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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. For Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children (IAPLAC), the Academy Trust will follow the guidance issued by the Department for Education on IAPLAC.
- To students with the highest average points score (APS) in their GSCEs, which must include English Language and maths

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Tie Breaker in the case of two applicants scoring the same APS

- Internal and external candidates- priority is given to internal candidates
- Two or more internal candidates- places are awarded via an externally verified lottery
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Appeals

In the event of a place not being offered at the Mossbourne Sixth Form, the applicant has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. Appeals will be heard during September.

Waiting list

Any vacancies that occur from 15 March of the year of application (including on results day to students not meeting the conditions of their offer) will be offered to students on the waiting list which will be ranked in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria.

Entry to Year 13

Entry to Year 13 is not automatic, and is assessed on the basis of the successful completion of Year 12.

Admission of Students Educated out of Year group

The Mossbourne Sixth Form will adhere to the School Admissions Code with regard to the admission of students educated out of year group.

Applicants with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Applicants with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are admitted through a different process will be offered a place where the Mossbourne Sixth Form, after consultation with the Local Authority, has been named on the EHCP as the appropriate post-16 provision. Applicants will need to meet the minimum entry and subject-specific academic requirements.