

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIXTH FORM 2012-2013

Calder VI Sixth Form of Calder High School

Policy Document

September 2012

A ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM

- 1 The capacity for Calder VI is 300 across both year groups
- 2 Admission to Calder VI will be from:
 - pupils in Year 11 at Calder High School; and
 - pupils from outside of Calder High School.
- 3 Pupils on roll in Year 11 at Calder High School and those outside of Calder High School will be required to complete an application form.
- 4 The entry requirements for admission to Calder VI will be the same for pupils on roll in Year 11 at the school and external applicants.
- 5 All applicants will be required to take part in an Information, Advice and Guidance Interview prior to admission.
- 6 Pupils will be admitted into Calder VI at the start of the Autumn Term in each school year.
- 7 The admission number for pupils entering Calder VI from outside of Calder High School will be 50.

B MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All those seeking admission to Calder VI must have the minimum of the following criteria for the 3 routes:

Route A is the study of 3 or 4 Level 3 A Level courses and/or BTEC Level 3 Certificates (equivalent to 1 A Level).

The criteria for entry to Route A is a minimum of 5 A*-C grades at GCSE or the equivalent Level 2 qualifications.

Students must also fulfil any additional specific requirements included on the course outlines for individual subjects.

Route B is the study of a Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Year 12 (equivalent to 1 A Level) and a Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Year 13 (equivalent to 2 A Levels), with the opportunity of studying an additional Level 3 A Level or BTEC Certificate course and/or GCSE Mathematics

The criteria for entry to Route B is a minimum of 3 A*-C grades at GCSE or the equivalent Level 2 qualifications, including at least a C grade in GCSE English.

Students must also fulfil any additional specific requirements included on the course outlines for individual subjects.

Route C is the study of the Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Business (equivalent to 2 GCSEs).

The course is also combined with the ICT BTEC First Certificate and, where required, GCSE English and Mathematics.

The criteria for entry to Route C is a minimum of 5 A*-E grades at GCSE or the equivalent Level 2 qualifications.

Route C provides students with the opportunity of attaining the equivalent of the national benchmark figure of 5 A*-C grades at GCSE. Attaining this will allow students to proceed to Level 3 courses. Students will be in school from Tuesday to Friday and have the opportunity to arrange their own work experience on Mondays.

In order to study certain subjects, students will require specific requirements. (See Calder VI Course Booklet and the www.calderdalechoices.co.uk website for details.)

C OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available, then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

- Looked After Children. (A child who is looked after by the Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989)
- applications from students in the Valley Campus family of schools, ie Ryburn Valley, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden High secondary schools; and Halifax High at Wellesley Park school
- applications from students from any other secondary school.

Where the number of applicants exceeds the places available within either of the three oversubscription criteria then normally priority of admission will be determined by the assessed suitability for selected courses as identified at interview

D APPEALS

- 1 Any pupil refused the offer of a place in Calder VI has the right of appeal.
- 2 In the first instance the appeal will be by written submission to the Director of Post-16 Learning
- 3 Subsequently, parents have the right of appeal to the Curriculum and Quality Governors Committee
- 4 Should the Curriculum and Quality Governors Committee recommend refusal of an admission to the sixth form to the Governing Body, the parent has the right to an independent appeal.

E FALSE INFORMATION

Where the Director of Post-16 Learning has made the offer of a place in Calder VI on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which has effectively denied a place in Calder VI to a pupil with a stronger claim, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

F LATE APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERS

- 1 Late applications will be considered up to the end of the second week of the Autumn Term.
- 2 Where an application is received on behalf of a pupil who has moved into the area during the school year, it will be considered in accordance with Sections B and C.
- 3 The oversubscription criteria and the right to an appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.

G TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSION

a Pupils on roll in Year 11 at Calder High School:

2011-12

- Year 10-12 Taster Day July 2010
- Calder VI Open Evening November 2011
- Year 11-12 Taster Day January 2012
- Pupil to complete application form January/February 2012
- Interview with curriculum specialist January/February 2012
- Offer of provisional place in Calder VI March 2012
- Publication of GCSE results August 2012
- Confirmation of place in Calder VI August 2012
- Curriculum and Quality Governors Committee to consider appeals September 2012
- Independent appeals September 2012

b External applicants

2011-12

- Calder VI Open Evening November 2011
- Pupil to complete application form by 20 January 2012
- Interview with curriculum specialist February/March 2012
- Offer of provisional place in Calder VI March 2012
- Publication of GCSE results August 2012
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