

Ryde Academy Admissions Arrangements for Academic Year 2014/15.

These arrangements are established in accordance with Annex 1 of the Academy's Supplemental Funding Agreement.

Academies Enterprise Trust is the Admissions Authority for the Academy.

Admission number

Ryde Academy has an agreed Published Admission Number (PAN) of 210 students for entry in Year 7. The Academy will accordingly admit at least 210 students in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 210 or fewer apply.

Admission Criteria

If the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the Statement. Priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children; and Previously Looked After Children;
2. Where the child siblings currently attend the Academy at the closing date for applications, with a reasonable expectation that the older child will still be at the Academy at the time the younger child is admitted. (The final year for this purpose will be Year 13 or Year 11 if the sibling is not staying on at Ryde Academy Sixth Form); A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. This includes brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters. In addition, biological siblings who attend Ryde Academy will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.
3. Where the child attends one of the following partner primary schools:
Haylands, Dover park, Greenmount, Binstead, St Mary's, Nettlestone and Oakfield.
4. Children of families eligible for the Pupil Premium
5. On the basis of proximity to the Academy using straight line measurement from the Academy to the child's home. This principle will also be used as a tie breaker when the planned admission number is reached within one of the earlier criteria. In the event of a tie breaker situation occurs for the distance criteria, name will be drawn out of a hat.
6. Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above criteria (other than Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children).

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance to the LEA Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme.

Parents of children who are not offered a place have the right to appeal to an Independent Admission Appeals Panel. Details of procedures can be obtained from the Academy.

The admission arrangements for entry into the Sixth Form can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus which is available from the Academy.

Tie breaker

If there are more applicants than remaining places within any of the above criteria the home to school distance will be used as a tiebreaker with those living closer being offered places first.

Sixth Form

The Academy has capacity for 250 students in the sixth form, with 125 places in year 12. It will not admit external applicants unless it is undersubscribed by students progressing from its own year 11. Both internal and external students wishing to enter the sixth form will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements. When the sixth form is undersubscribed all applicants meeting the minimum Academic entry requirements will be admitted.

When there are more external applicants that satisfy the minimum academic entry requirements and after the admission of students with statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named on the statement, the following criteria applies:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
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 (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously looked after child is a child who was adopted or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.
2. Admission of students whose siblings currently live at the same address and attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. The term 'sibling' means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousins. The academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.
3. Children for whom a particular school/academy is appropriate on exceptional medical grounds. Such applications will be considered under this criterion only if they are supported by an attached written statement from a doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the child's medical need and the school requested.
4. Children who live the nearest distance from the Academy using straight line measurement from the centre of the academy to the centre of the building of the child's permanent home. The child's permanent address is where he or she normally lives and sleeps and from where they go to school. Proof of residence can be requested at any time throughout the admissions process. If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn and the application cancelled.
5. Children of families eligible for the Pupil Premium

Operation of waiting lists

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the coordinated admission scheme, the academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the final term of the school year. This will be maintained by the academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Places from the waiting list will be offered in the priority order set out above, not in order of the date applications are made.

Appeals

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Admissions Authority to refuse their child a place in the academy may apply in writing to the AET Board of Directors at the following address:

Academies Enterprise Trust Board of Directors
Kilnfield House,
Hockley,
Essex,
SS5 4HS

Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.