



The Sweyne Park School

Sixth Form Admissions Criteria

Total Intended Number to Admit: 140 (September 2024)

We have 15 places reserved for external applicants to the Sixth Form. More external applicants may be admitted until we have reached our limit of 140 students. **In previous years, we have not had to turn away any external applicant who has met the entry criteria.**

Admission to the Sixth Form will be subject to the following criteria:

Students must have attained the minimum GCSE Points Score of **38 points** from their **best eight GCSE results**, with at least Grade 5 in English and Grade 5 in Maths **for the A Level route**. A GCSE Points Score of **30 points** will be required to follow the **vocational route**. Students will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the **Combined route** of vocational and A Level qualifications. Please see the table below to help you calculate your points score.

The GCSE Points Score is a points total which counts a student's best 8 GCSE grades including English and Maths. Add your best 8 grades together using the points awarded on the following scale:

| Reformed qualifications (9 to 1) | | Other/vocational Level 2 qualifications | |
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| Grade 9 | 9 pts | Distinction * | 8.5 pts |
| Grade 8 | 8 pts | Distinction | 7 pts |
| Grade 7 | 7 pts | Merit | 5.5 pts |
| Grade 6 | 6 pts | Pass | 4 pts |
| Grade 5 | 5 pts | | |
| etc. | | | |

Please note that certain courses also have individual subject entry requirements. Full details can be found on our subject information sheets, available on our website and from individual departments.

In the event of over-subscription, the following (in addition to the above) will apply:

1. Looked-after children will be given first priority.¹
2. Proximity of the child's home to the school, on the basis of straight-line distance, with those living nearest being accorded the higher priority.
3. For the purposes of Points 1 and 2 above, the school does not distinguish between internal and external applicants.

Applications should be returned to the school by the date indicated on the application form (Mon 18 Dec 2023). Late applications will be considered on an individual basis.

¹ Under the Children Act 1989, a child is legally defined as 'looked after' by a local authority if he or she (a) gets accommodation from the local authority for a continuous period of more than 24 hours, (b) is subject to a care order (to put the child into the care of the local authority), or (c) is subject to a placement order (to put the child up for adoption). (www.gov.uk)