



The Swayne Park School

Sixth Form Admissions Criteria

Total Intended Number to Admit: 140 (September 2026)

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:

A minimum GCSE Points Score of **30 points** from a students' **best eight GCSE results** will be required to follow the **vocational route**.

A minimum GCSE Points Score of **38 points** from a students' **best eight GCSE results** is required to follow a **three A Level curriculum**.

A minimum GCSE Points Score of **50 points** from a students' **best 8 GCSE results** is required to follow a **four A Level curriculum**.

Students will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the **Combined route** of vocational and A Level qualifications if they have met the minimum entry requirement of 30 points.

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	
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 all courses also have individual subject entry requirements. Full details can be found on our Sixth Form Admissions page on the school website in the Subject Entry Requirements Overview document.

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. For the purposes of Points 1 and 2 above, the school does not distinguish between internal and external applicants.

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)