

Frequently Asked Questions and Queries- October 2021

If my child attends a event at FHS like ‘Magic Morning’, will that guarantee a place in FHS Year 7 or at least increase their chances of getting a place in FHS?

All transition events including Magic Morning do not increase or improve your chances of getting a place in FHS. These events give students an opportunity to get to know the school, much like an open evening or open morning.

How many students will you be taking next year?

Our admission number is 216 for 2022. We expect to admit this number but it is subject to change due to factors such as appeals or requests from the Local Authority to increase our intake.

My child goes to X primary school. Will that guarantee or increase the chances of my child getting a place?

No. The primary school you attend doesn’t feature in our admissions code. Please refer to the Bristol City Council criteria as detailed below.

How many people from your waiting list were given a place in Year 7 so far this year?

We issue in-year places throughout the year if there are any movements of students. So, there is no definitive number or timeframe. For instance, if a student and their family were to leave Bristol and a place became available in Year 7. It would be offered to the next student on our waiting list.

What is your catchment area? I live at X address will I get a place?

The catchment area is outlined on the council website. On the Bristol Council website you can input your postcode and it will tell you what school catchments are within your postcode.

<https://maps.bristol.gov.uk/myplace/?layer=Secondary%20schools>

<https://bcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1fe0937af5534246876efa6d64e78722>

Is FHS a specialist school?

FHS is not a specialist school, many schools were specialist schools in the past and some still have specialism in a particular area. FHS offers a broad curriculum but does not specialise in any particular area.

Admission Timelines

Q. When is the Final date for applications?

A. The final date for applications via BCC is the 31st October 2021.

Q. When will my know if my child has a place at FHS?

A. Offers of a school place will be sent to parents/carers on the 1st March 2022.

Q. When do I need to accept my offer of a place?

A. Offers of a school place must be accepted by 15th March 2022.

All information is available on the Bristol Council website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/3666641/Fairfield+High+School+2020+2021.pdf/415fc93c-24f1-403d-2ee1-bd4af2204dfa>

FHS Oversubscription Criteria

Children with Special Education Needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan - All children whose Education, Health Care Plan names a school must be admitted.

1. Looked After Children or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Students living in the catchment area. Priority will be given to siblings.
3. Children of Excalibur employees employed at the academy on a permanent, minimum 40% Full Time Equivalent contract with the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made or who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. All other applications. Priority will be given to siblings.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to Admissions can be found on the Fairfield High School website:

www.fairfield.excalibur.org.uk/information/admissions/