

## Admissions Policy 2026-27

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### Section 1 Secondary School Admission Criteria

Students will be admitted to Wyedean School without reference to ability or aptitude. The school's admission number for entry in September 2026 is 174. All students who have named their school in their EHC plan will be admitted.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Children Looked After:
    - a. A 'child looked after' 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 the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.
    - b. This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
    - c. Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014.
    - d. See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
    - e. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious
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*organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.*

2. Children living in the priority catchment area (parishes of Alvington, Hewelsfield, St.Briavels, Tidenham and Woolaston).
3. Children wishing to join a sibling attending the school and who will continue to do so at the time the applicant child starts the school. For the purposes of this policy, a sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of the parent's / carer's partner. The child must be living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling.
4. Children with any authenticated medical reason for attending the school. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor, which makes a very specific connection between the child's medical needs and the resources / facilities available at Wyedean School.
5. Children who live closest to the school through a straight line measurement on the Ordnance Survey map. The distance will be measured from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address to the door at the ordnance survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

#### **1.1 Tie-break**

The fifth criterion above (distance) will provide our tie-break. If two or more children are living the same distance away from Wyedean, they shall be prioritised by random allocation.

#### **1.2 Appeals procedure**

In the event of over subscription, any parent has the right of appeal for a place for their son or daughter at Wyedean School.

Appeals for a place at the school should be made in writing to the Trustee Support Officer at the school address. An appeal hearing to an independent panel will be set up within 30 school days of receipt of the request.

#### **1.3 Waiting Lists**

A waiting list will be held for each year in which the school is oversubscribed. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's admissions criteria.

#### **1.4 Admissions**

Any applications for a school made outside the normal year of entry to the school must be made directly to the school.

#### **1.5 Fair Access Protocols**

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

## Section 2

### Admissions to Wydean Sixth Form Centre

Wydean Sixth Form Centre has a total capacity of 347 students. Existing students from Year 11 are given priority (subject to achieving the entrance requirements). The remaining spaces to take the school to capacity will be based on the criteria below. Students who wish to apply to Wydean Sixth Form Centre should complete the Centre application form and return it by the closing date. No new admissions will be accepted after the induction period is complete in September of the new academic year.

Our entrance requirements for Sixth Form (2026) will be:

Students who've undertaken GCSEs	In England	In Wales
Studying three or more A-levels.	Five GCSEs at grade 6 or above, including English and Maths*.	Five GCSEs at grade B or above, including English and Maths*.
Studying a mix of A-levels and BTECS	Five GCSEs at grade 4 and above including English and Maths*. Two of which should be grade 6.	Five GCSEs at grade C and above including English and Maths*. Two of which should be grade B.
Studying BTECs only	Five GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including English and Maths*. Plus, a grade 4 in the relevant subject area.	Five GCSEs at grade C and above, including English and Maths*. Plus, a grade C in the relevant subject area.
Studying Level 2 vocational studies	Five GCSEs at grade 3, including English and Maths.	Five GCSEs at grade D, including English and Maths.

- \*May be offered by individual subject areas if Maths or English are not secured, subject to a contract/trial to be agreed with the subject area.
- Some subjects also require specific grades in specific GCSE subjects.

For Level 2 courses, students should complete the application form, and all applicants will be interviewed to discuss an appropriate programme of study.

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will apply:

Children Looked After:

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5. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Students from schools in the Forest of Dean area (Dean Academy, Dene Magna School, Forest High School, Five Acres High School, Newent School).

Students who live closest to the school through a straight-line measurement on the Ordnance Survey map. The distance will be measured from the ordnance survey point of the student's home address to the ordnance survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

**2.1 Tie-break**

The third criterion above (distance) will provide our tie-break. If two or more students are living the same distance away from Wyedean, they shall be prioritised by random allocation.

**2.2 Appeals procedure**

In the event of over subscription, any parent has the right of appeal for a place for their son or daughter at Wyedean School.

Appeals for a place at the school should be made in writing to the Trustees' Support Officer at the school address. An appeal hearing to an independent panel will be set up within 40 school days of receipt of the request.

If you have any comments on the criteria for admissions to Wyedean School for September 2026 please email [principal@wyedeanschool.com](mailto:principal@wyedeanschool.com) or write to Gwennan Jeremiah, Principal, Wyedean School and Sixth Form Centre, Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow, Gloucestershire, NP16 7AA.