Oaks Park High School Admissions for admissions on or after 1st September 2019
All students are welcome to apply for the Sixth Form at Oaks Park High School. Applications must be made using the official application form, which must be completed online, on the school website between the dates specified.

Oaks Park High School has a total capacity in its Sixth Form for 360 students. We are heavily oversubscribed every year, so the following will apply for admission to the sixth form.

Oaks Park Sixth Form plans to admit 200 students to Year 12 in the academic year commencing September 2019. This will however depend on the exact number of Year 11 students from Oaks Park High School who wish to enter the Sixth Form (maximum possible number of Year 11 students from Oaks Park High School is 180). The Admission Number for Year 12 is 20 external students, i.e. the school plans to admit upto 200 into Year 12, of which up to 20 will be from schools other than Oaks Park. Applicants are asked to note that the exact number admitted may turn out to be greater or less than 200. Since the spread of student numbers across all courses on offer is not always uniform - i.e. some subjects attract a greater number of applicants than others and therefore fill up quicker - it is not always possible to meet students' preferred subject choices even when the applicant's predicted grades suggest they will meet the school's academic criteria for entrance.

The exact number of students admitted to Year 12 in September 2019 will thus depend on the school's ability to accommodate the actual subject choices of the students who apply. Applicants are asked to note that an offer of a place in the Sixth Form does not mean that actual admission to the Sixth Form is thereby guaranteed; actual admission to the Sixth Form is almost always contingent on the applicant meeting the full entrance criteria of the school and for all the subjects for which s/he has applied.

Admission to the Sixth Form is managed by the school in accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) School Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions.

All students must meet the Sixth Form minimum entry requirements AND the minimum course requirements.

**Minimum entry requirements are as follows:**
Reforms to level 3 courses took place in 2016, the reforms have increased the level of challenge in both A Level and BTEC courses. Our minimum entry criteria has taken this into consideration and curriculum leaders have also provided expertises to enable students to access these courses and make good progress during their time in the 6th form. These have been put into pathways to ensure learners are enrolled on a curriculum that they are suitably qualified for and provide a sustainable curriculum for further higher level study.

**Pathway 1 Applicants (4 A Levels)**
We expect Pathway 1 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 7-9, with a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria.

**Pathway 2 Applicants (3 A Levels)**
We expect Pathway 2 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 5-9, with a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria.

**Pathway 3 Applicants (3 BTEC Level 3 courses)**
We expect Pathway 3 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9, with a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria.
To study 2 or more Sciences (Chemistry/Biology/Physics) you must have Grade 7s in those subjects and combined science pupils will need Grade 7-7.

In addition, the minimum course requirements for each subject must be met as specified on the Sixth Form Website. This can be found here. Please be aware that due to current government changes to the GCSE grading system the entry requirements stated above are subject to change.

**Oversubscription Criteria for admission to Oaks Park High School Sixth Form.**

Where the number of eligible external applicants for Oaks Park High School Sixth Form exceeds the places available then admission will be considered according to the following:

1. Looked after children or children previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence order or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions (see section 22(1) of The Children’s Act 1989).

2. Students with Statements of Special Educational Needs where Oaks Park High School Sixth Form is named on the Statement and where the school can best meet the needs of the student.

3. Internal year 12 students completing one year courses.

4. Internal year 11 students

5. External year 11 students

6. External year 12 students wishing to retake year 12.

Where there are more external applicants than places available, priority will be given to students who wish to study courses that have not been filled. Should a tie break be required, applicants living nearest to Oaks Park High School will be given preference. This will be based on the shortest measured walking distance from the student’s home to the school’s main entrance in Oaks Lane.

Places on oversubscribed courses will be allocated in priority order to those students (both internal and external) with the highest points score in their eight best GCSEs which must include English Language and maths.

Pupils meeting the minimum academic entry requirements to whom we are unable to offer places on their chosen courses will be offered alternatives where possible.

**Appeals:**

In the event of a place not being offered at Oaks Park High School, the applicant has the right of appeal under accordance with the School’s Standard and Framework Act 1998. Full details as to how to appeal and the relevant deadline for submitting an appeal with be provided with the letter confirming the refusal.
Late applications:
Applications received after the closing date will be processed under this policy, but only after those that were submitted on time.

Inaccurate or Fraudulent Applications:
It should be noted that all offers are made on condition that the information received by the Governing Body is entirely accurate. If at any stage this is proved to be otherwise, the offer of a place may be withdrawn. In the case of a fraudulent application, the local authority has the power to prosecute.