



At John Kyrle High School ("JKHS") we pride ourselves that our sixth form is open, inclusive and high achieving.

Our retention rate (the percentage of students who start and finish their courses with us) is 98%, above the national average.

Our achievement is outstanding, with 60% of A Level grades being A*, A or B for the past five years.

Virtually all of our students pass their courses (average pass rate is above 99.75% for the past five years).

That we achieve these outcomes and retention with our open and inclusive admissions is testament to the strength of the sixth form here at JKHS.

To access our sixth form, our base admission requirements are at least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 (or equivalent) including English (language or literature) and maths.

Some A-level courses individually recommend a grade 6 in the relevant GCSE(s). For example, a grade 6 in GCSE maths is recommended for the A level courses in maths and psychology while a grade 6 in each of GCSE maths and GCSE science is recommended for the A level science courses.

Our sixth form prospectus, which can be found [here](#) or obtained from the JKHS reception, includes further details of those A level courses where a GCSE grade 6 is recommended. However, a grade 5 in the relevant GCSE subject(s) is still acceptable for the A level courses referred to.

The total number of places available in the sixth form is 300. Although our Published Admission Number (PAN) for external applicants into Year 12 is 60, we are willing to exceed this if there is demand for places and space on courses. Current JKHS year 11 students and applicants from other schools will have to meet the base admission requirements to be eligible to enter/progress to the sixth form. If we are oversubscribed by eligible external applicants, we will apply the oversubscription criteria to determine who is admitted.

We will admit children with either a Statement of Special Education Needs or an Educational, Health & Care Plan which names John Kyrle High School.

In accordance with our oversubscription criteria, we will give highest priority to applications from looked after children and children who were looked after in England, but ceased to be due to being adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order

In line with proposed changes to the School Admissions Code 2021, JKHS will also give equal highest priority to children who appear (to JKHS) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. JKHS will use non-statutory guidance from the government on defining and admitting children who were previously looked after outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of adoption when it is published.

Priority will then be given to applications from children who meet the criteria below, in the order referred to.

1. Children with siblings attending JKHS at the time of the application. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live permanently as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers, stepsisters, foster brothers and foster sisters.
2. Children of current JKHS staff (teaching or non-teaching) where: the member of staff has been employed at JKHS for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made; and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
3. Children eligible for the pupil premium or the service premium. Pupil premium is the additional funding paid annually to schools for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children. Service premium is the additional funding paid annually to schools for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Forces personnel
4. Other children.

Where the school is oversubscribed, and it is necessary to apply a tie-break to determine who is admitted, distance from home to school will be used with the child living closest to the school having priority for admission. Distance will be measured by the shortest available walking route using a road and/or made up footpath from the front door of the child's address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the local authority's computerised digital map measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event that the sixth form is oversubscribed and the number of applicants exceeds the spaces available on courses at JKHS, those applicants not allocated a place will be placed on a waiting list, which list shall be maintained until 31 December, with their applications ranked on the waiting list in accordance with the above oversubscription criteria.

Applications from looked after children and previously looked after children (both defined above and including those children who appear (to JKHS) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted) and those allocated a place at JKHS in accordance with the Herefordshire Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over those applicants on the waiting list.

Parents and carers seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, may do so by writing to the Head of Sixth Form requesting such a place as long as the child falls within the age range of 11-18, this being the age range for which JKHS is funded. Such an application will need to evidence that the child has met, or could (were it not for the circumstances) have met, the base admission requirements referred to above and include the views of the child, the parent(s) and/or carer(s) including (as appropriate) information about: the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, the child's medical history if relevant and the views of a medical professional; whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. This information and the views of the Headteacher at JKHS will be taken into account when deciding whether the child is to be admitted. When informing the parent(s) and/or carer(s)

whether the child is to be admitted, JKHS will set out clearly the reasons for the decision. Any application made in the above circumstances will be given the same priority as other applications notwithstanding that the application is made for the child outside of their normal age group.

Applications to the JKHS sixth form may be made at any time after the sixth form open evening in November.

The application process is as follows:

November: Sixth form open evening. Applications open the following day

December: Acknowledgement of application letters sent

February: Provisional offer letters sent

Easter: Applications close at end of spring term. Late applications will be accepted but those applying later must be aware that courses may have limited or no space for applicants applying very late in the school year.

July: Sixth form induction days

August GCSE results day: students confirm their places and courses

Application forms may be obtained from the school website and should be returned to the Head of Sixth Form either by post or to admin@jkhs.org.uk.

Please note that these arrangements only apply to entry to the sixth form at JKHS. For all other admissions, although JKHS is the admissions authority, we delegate this to Herefordshire Council, who conduct admissions arrangements following the county protocol. All non-sixth form applications should be directed to the Council. In this regard, please see:

[Secondary school admissions – Herefordshire Council](#)

