



PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL

Determined Admission Arrangements Notice 2017/18

In accordance with Regulation 17 of the School Admissions Regulations 2012, admission arrangements must be formally determined by the responsible admission authority.

The Governing Body of Phoenix High School hereby formally determines the admission arrangements for the academic year of entry 2017/18. No changes were made to the admission arrangements from the previous year with the exception of statutory dates.

- [Download Phoenix High School's admission arrangements 2017/18](#)

In accordance with Regulation 21 of the Regulations and Section 88 of the SSFA 1998, any person or body who considered that any maintained school or Academy's arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Schools Adjudicator.

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Admissions Criteria Academic Year 2017/18

Phoenix High School is a non-denominational, all-ability Foundation School and is for boys and girls aged 11-19. Phoenix High School is a specialist science college.

Hammersmith & Fulham residents can apply online at www.lbhf.gov.uk/eadmissions

Any child with a Health and Care Plan (EHC) (Statement of Special Educational Need or Education) that names this school must, by law, be admitted, without reference to the oversubscription criteria.

Entry Assessment Test

All students who are applying for a place at Phoenix High School for Year 7 will be required to take a fair banding test. The purpose of this non-verbal reasoning test is for the school to achieve a genuine spread of ability. The results of the test will place the students into one of five ability bands for the year group. Fair banding is only applicable for students applying at the Secondary Transfer stage. It is not used for in-year applicants.

Accordingly, in 2017 the intake into Year 7 will be divided, in the first instance, as follows: 30 students allocated to each of the five bands.

Prospective students will sit the test at Phoenix High School on **Saturday 3rd December 2016**.

Data derived from the banding tests is for internal school purposes only. Students who miss the banding test will be considered after all banded applicants have been offered a place. If required, a reserve banding test will be held in May 2017.

Admissions Criteria

The decision to admit children to this school is made by the school's governing body in accordance with its admissions policy for the school. The school is part of the pan-London admissions scheme which requires all parents to complete a common application form. Phoenix High School must be listed as one of the preferences on the local authority's form.

In accordance with the school's published admission number, the school will admit 150 pupils in

September 2017.

Once a Band has reached capacity, any applicants over and above the 20% will be split across any un-allocated places in the other Bands.

In the event that there are still more preferences expressed than places available, priority will be given in accordance with published oversubscription criteria in the following order:

1. Children in Public Care, also known as Looked after Children in care of the local authority and children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
2. Young people who the Governors and Principal accept have a professionally supported exceptional social, educational or welfare need for a place at Phoenix High School. Parents/carers must supply details of any such special factors at the time of the original application. Such applications will not be considered without professional support, such as a letter or report from a doctor, consultant or social worker which must be no more than six months old. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.
3. To brothers and sisters of children already on the roll of the school who will still be in the school at the time the applicant is admitted. This includes half-brothers or half-sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or stepsisters or the children of the partner of the parent or carer provided that they live at the same address as the applicant.

If in any of the categories 1, 2 or 3 there are more applicants than there are places available, priority will be given to applicants who live nearest the school on the basis described in 4 below. If there are two or more applicants in categories 1, 2 or 3 who live at exactly the same distance from the school, the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation.

4. To children who live nearest the school. Nearness to the school will be calculated using a straight line (as the crow flies) measurement from the child's home address point.

Waiting Lists

If the school is oversubscribed, parents will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list at the local authority and should vacancies arise within the academic year, be offered places in accordance with the published admissions policy.

Appeal arrangements

If you are refused a place at this school, you have the right in law to appeal against the decision to an independent panel. Parents should contact the school admissions section for more information on the appeal arrangements.

Objections to the Schools Adjudicator

In accordance with Regulation 21 of the Regulations and Section 88 of the SSFA 1998, any person or body who considered that any maintained school or Academy's arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Schools Adjudicator. The following types of objections cannot be brought:

- a) objections that seek to remove selective arrangements at a maintained school (which are permitted under Section 105 to 109 of the SSFA 1988) or a selective Academy;
- b) objections about own authority admission's decision to increase or keep the same PAN;
- c) objections about a decision by the admission authority of a voluntary-controlled or community to school to increase or keep the same PAN, unless the objection is brought by the governing body of the school;
- d) objections in respect of an agreed variation from the Code in relation to admission arrangements for an Academy;
- e) objections to arrangements which raise the same or substantially the same matters as the adjudicator has decided on for that school in the last 2 years; and
- f) anonymous objections.

Objections should be sent to the Secretary, the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Bishopsgate House, Feethams, Darlington DL1 5QE or emailed to osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk Objections must be submitted by 15th May 2016.

Further information can be located on the OSA website:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator