

# ADMISSIONS

In line with the School Admissions Code of Practice on School Admissions, The Queen Katherine School issues the following information relating to admission arrangements for September 2025.

The Queen Katherine School is a successful and well subscribed Academy, serving both the town of Kendal and a large surrounding rural area. Students achieve highly at GCSE and Advanced level.

The school has set a Published Admission Number of 241 for September 2025 for Year 7.

Admission arrangements will follow those of Cumbria Local Authority in so far as use of the Cumbria Local Authority application form, preference arrangements and application deadlines are concerned. For September 2025 transfers, information for parents regarding the application process can be found at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions) The deadline for applications is 31 October 2024.

Admission criteria, which will be applied to all applications for a place at The Queen Katherine School if applications exceed the Published Admission number, are:

## **First**

Children looked after and who were previously looked after but have ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order.

## **Second**

Children whose sibling attends The Queen Katherine School (this includes step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address). The sibling must be attending school in September 2025 when the Year 7 child is due to start.

## **Third**

Children living in the Kendal catchment area. This includes any school situated in Kendal or the immediate surrounding area such as St Mark's, Natland or St Oswald's, Burneside.

## **Fourth**

Children of current employees of The Queen Katherine School under the following circumstances: a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for more than two years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage.

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### **Fifth**

Children from outside the Kendal catchment area such as St Martin and Mary's School, Windermere.

### **Priority**

If the school reaches its planned admission limit within any of these criteria then, for those in that criteria, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, that distance being measured in a straight line on a map from the front entrance of the middle block to the child's home address.

In addition, the Admissions Authority for The Queen Katherine School will maintain a waiting list for the reallocation of any Year 7 places that become available after 25 March 2025 and up to the end of December 2025. Vacancies will be allocated using the over-subscription criteria. The length of time on the waiting list is not a factor.

An applicant who is refused a place at The Queen Katherine School has the right to appeal against this decision.

After allocation, any admissions appeal should be addressed to the Clerk to the Governors, c/o The Queen Katherine School.

### **Special Needs**

The Queen Katherine School is designated as a school with strategic facilities to cater for children with special needs, a child holds an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) which names The Queen Katherine School. An exception will also be made where a child is currently being assessed and has been identified as having physical/medical difficulties and it is considered that attendance at The Queen Katherine School is necessary to meet those needs. Admission in these circumstances would be subject to the maximum limit of 8 at any one time (and to the limit of 2 in any one Year Group).

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## **Sixth Form Admissions**

Students entering Year 12 in September are required to meet entry requirements for their chosen pathway. To study A levels, students should achieve 5 GCSE grade 5s or above including English and Mathematics and meet subject entry requirements. To study on the BTEC pathway, students should achieve 4 GCSE grade 4s or above including English or Mathematics and meet subject entry requirements. To study on the combined pathway, students should achieve 4 GCSE grade 4s or above including English and Mathematics and meet subject entry requirements. We also request references for students applying to the Sixth Form from other schools which will be taken into consideration when offering places to study at QKS.

For further information and information on admissions other than in Year 7, please contact Mrs Helen Bates, Office Supervisor, The Queen Katherine School, Appleby Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 6PJ.