

Admissions Criteria: 2021/22 Academic Year

The Urswick School has an agreed admission number of 180 students for the academic year 2021/22, subject to the completion of building works. Students will not be admitted outside of their chronological Year group.

All children applying for a place at The Urswick School will be required to take the Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT) arranged by Hackney Learning Trust. Children will be placed in one of four bands based on their CAT score. The boundaries of each band reflect the national range of abilities and are as follows:

Band	CAT Score
Band A	Above 110
Band B	101-110
Band C	90-100
Band D	Below 90

Where possible, the same number of children will be admitted into each of the four bands to ensure a balanced intake that reflects the full ability range. Children with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) and looked after children who do not take the tests will be allocated an appropriate band on the basis of an alternative assessment (for example, KS2 Teacher Assessments in English and Maths).

Having received a band allocation on the basis of their CAT score, children will be awarded places within each band using the oversubscription criteria.

Procedures where The Urswick School is oversubscribed

Where the number of applicants for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of children with an EHCP where The Urswick School is named on the EHCP, places will be allocated to applicants in the following priority order:

- a. Looked after children and children who have been adopted (or made subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after;
- b. Children subject to a Child Protection Plan;
- c. Children who are the subject of an Education Supervision Order which names The Urswick School;
- d. Children whom the Governors and Headteacher accept have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at The Urswick School. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a medical consultant, senior social worker or other appropriate professional. In each case there must be clear connection between the child's needs and The Urswick School, and an explanation of the difficulties which would be caused if the child were to attend another school;
- e. Admission under a. to d. will be considered irrespective of any religious affiliation.

Balance of Foundation and Community Places

The Governors will designate 50% of the remaining annual intake as Foundation Places (Church), with the remainder classified as Community Places (Open). Vacant places in one category will be taken by oversubscription from the other. In the event that either or both of the categories of Foundation and Community places are oversubscribed, then the remaining places will be allocated using the oversubscribed criteria and procedures.

Foundation Places

1. Children who regularly attend [a](#) Church of England church;
2. Children who regularly attend other Christian churches or chapels, or other Christian denominations as defined by 'Churches together in Britain and Ireland' or members of the Evangelical Alliance or Afro-Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

In the case of oversubscription within Foundation Places, priority will be given to:

1. Children with siblings at the school at the time of admission or previously. A 'sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/ carer's partner.

2. Children living nearest to the main entrance of the school measured in a straight line. For the purpose of calculating distances, addresses will be identified using geographical references determined by the information provided by the borough council in which they live. In the case of more than one child having the same distance, a decision will be made by drawing lots.

Community Places

1. Children who regularly attend^[2] other World Faith organisations.

2. Children with siblings at the school at the time of admissions. A 'sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/ carer's partner. In every case the child should be living in the same family unit, at the same address;

3. Children living nearest to the main entrance of the school measure in a straight line. For the purpose of calculating distances, addresses will be identified using geographical references determined by the information provided by the borough council in which they live. In the event of parental responsibility for a child being equally shared between separated parents living at different addresses, the home address will be considered to be that of the parent/carer who receives the relevant Child Benefit Allowance. In the case of more than one child having the same distance a decision will be made by drawing lots.

In-Year Admissions

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the Governors will communicate their offer of a place to the family. If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked by the governing body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria without reference to banding.

If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the governing body in the order of the oversubscription criteria (as detailed above) and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year. When a place becomes available the governing body will decide who is at the top of the list so that the parent/carer can be informed that the School is making an offer.

^[1] 'Regular attendance' at church will mean attendance for at least a year, at least once per month. This must be ratified using the Supplementary Information Form signed by a vicar, minister, pastor or religious leader. The only exception will be those families who have moved into the area within the previous year and can provide a signature from a vicar, minister, pastor or religious leader to confirm that they attended a church regularly in their previous place of residence.

^[2] 'Regular attendance' will mean attendance for at least a year, at least once per month. This must be ratified using the Supplementary Information Form signed by a religious leader. The only exception will be those families who have moved into the area within the previous year and can provide a signature from a religious leader to confirm that they attended a place of worship regularly in their previous place of residence.

Admission Criteria 6th Form Academy: 2021/22 Academic year

The Urswick Sixth Form Academy has capacity for 150 students across two Year groups. Consideration will be given first to current Urswick Year 11 students who meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen route. Applications from students who have not previously attended The Urswick School will be considered if within the overall capacity of the Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form will offer both academic and vocational modes of study. All students must meet the minimum entry requirements for their chosen route. In cases where the minimum entry requirements are not met, applicants must demonstrate exceptional evidence for further consideration.

CURRENT URSWICK STUDENTS

The new intake arrangements do not apply to students already attending The Urswick School. Current Year 11 students need not complete external application forms. The school will, instead, inform current Year 11 students of the Sixth Form entry criteria. The entry criteria will apply when students complete internal course preference and application forms.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

Eligible current Urswick students will be allocated places in the Sixth Form before external applicants are considered. Where the number of external applicants for admission is greater than the published admissions number, external applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of children with Education, Health and Care Plans where The Urswick School Sixth Form Academy is named on the Education, Health and Care Plan, places will be allocated to applicants in the following priority order:

- a. Looked after applicants and applicants who have been adopted (or made subject to Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Orders) immediately following having been looked after. Applicants will be allocated places in the Sixth Form if they meet the minimum criteria and course requirements;
- b. Applicants subject to a Child Protection Plan;
- c. Applicants who are the subject of an Education Supervision Order which names The Urswick School Sixth Form Academy;
- d. Applicants whom the Governors and Headteacher accept have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at The Urswick School Sixth Form Academy. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a medical consultant, senior social worker or other appropriate professional. In each case there must be clear connection between the applicant's needs and The Urswick School Sixth Form Academy, and an explanation of the difficulties which would be caused if the applicant were to attend another school or post-16 institution;
- e. Admission under a. to d. will be considered irrespective of any religious affiliation.

BALANCE OF FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY PLACES

The Governors will designate 50% of the remaining annual intake as Foundation Places (Church), with the remainder classified as Community Places (Open). Vacant places in one category will be taken by oversubscription from the other. In the event that either or both of the categories of Foundation and Community places are oversubscribed, then the remaining places will be allocated using the oversubscribed criteria and procedures.

FOUNDATION PLACES

1. Children who regularly attend a Church of England church ^[1];
2. Children who regularly attend other Christian churches or chapels, or other Christian denominations as defined by 'Churches together in Britain and Ireland' or members of the Evangelical Alliance or Afro-Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

^[1] 'Regular attendance' at church will mean attendance for at least a year, at least once per month. This must be ratified using the Supplementary Information Form signed by a vicar, minister, pastor or religious leader. The only exception will be those families who have moved into the area within the previous year and can provide a signature from a vicar, minister, pastor or religious leader to confirm that they attended a church regularly in their previous place of residence.

IN THE CASE OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION WITHIN FOUNDATION PLACES, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO:

1. Applicants with siblings at the school at the time of admission. A 'sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/ carer's partner. In every case the child should be living in the same family unit, at the same address.
2. Applicants living nearest to the main entrance of the school measured in a straight line. For the purpose of calculating distances, addresses will be identified using geographical references determined by the information provided by the borough council in which they live. In the case of more than one applicant having the same distance, a decision will be made by drawing lots.

COMMUNITY PLACES

1. Applicants who regularly attend ^[2] other World Faith organisations.
2. Applicants with siblings at the school at the time of admissions. A 'sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/ carer's partner. In every case the child should be living in the same family unit, at the same address;
3. Applicants living nearest to the main entrance of the school measure in a straight line. For the purpose of calculating distances, addresses will be identified using geographical references determined by the information provided by the borough council in which they live. In the case of more than one child having the same distance, a decision will be made by drawing lots.

APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applications is the **last school day in May of the year of admission**. Late applications will only be considered if a space remains in the Sixth Form. No applications will be considered after the second week of the September term in each academic year. Applicants should be aware that spaces may only be available on a limited number of courses.

To apply, an application form must be downloaded from the Sixth Form area of The Urswick School's website. The form must be properly completed and returned to The Urswick School either by post or email (to admin@theurwickschool.co.uk). Please note that an application will not be considered complete until an accompanying reference form has also been completed and returned.

Applicants, both internal and external, will be offered a meeting with a senior member of staff before deciding their options. If applications are successful, conditional offers will be made before the end of the Summer Term during Year 11 for entry the next academic year.

The Governing Body will allocate places on oversubscribed courses in priority order, to those applicants (both internal and external) with the highest point score through the appropriate entry route as set out below. Applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements who have not been offered places on their chosen course will be offered alternatives where possible. Where there is oversubscription to any course, the overall criteria for admission will apply.

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS - Please see the Sixth Form area of the school's website (www.theurwickschool.co.uk) for individual subject entry requirements for academic year 2018-19.

APPEALS - In the event of a place not being offered, the applicant has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. Appeals will be heard within 6 weeks of receipt.

TRAVEL - Sixth Form students do not have access to staff car parking facilities. In line with Hackney's sustainable mode of travel strategy (see <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/es-cycling-and-walking-to-school-sustainable-modes-travel.htm#.VkRs1bfhCUk> for more details), we encourage Sixth Form students to walk or cycle to school. We have excellent facilities for secure bicycle storage at the school. The school is also very close to public transport links.

ENQUIRIES - Any enquiries in respect of Sixth Form admissions should be directed to The Urswick School, Paragon Road, Hackney, E9 6NR (telephone 020 8985 2430).

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