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Introduction

Magna Learning Partnership is the admission authority and responsible for the admission arrangements of Salisbury 6th Form College (S6C). This policy is reviewed annually.

S6C will determine the number of places available in year 12 each year based on the safe classroom and building capacity.

Applications are completed online via the S6C website and must be completed and submitted by 31 January 2027. Applicants may be invited to attend S6C to discuss options and the academic requirements for a particular course. Further details on how to apply are available on the S6C website.

Admission to S6C does not guarantee study of a particular course. An offer of a place will be conditional on the applicant meeting the minimum entry requirements and the requirements of the specific courses selected.

Applicants must normally be 16-18 on or before 31 August 2027 and eligible for 16-19 education funding to be offered a place, details of which can be found here;
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-funding-guidance
S6C does not offer adult education for any applicant over the age of 18.

Entry Requirements

At S6C, you can follow three advanced level pathways:

1: Academic Pathway – three/four A levels.

2: Mixed Pathway – you can combine both Vocational and Academic pathways at the college, but students will need to complete 1080 guided learning hours (equivalent to 3 A-levels).

3: Vocational Pathway – students can study a purely Vocational pathway at the college, but they will need to complete 1080 guided learning hours (equivalent to 3 A-levels).

Applicants can elect to take one of our 1 year courses in combination with the pathways above. Core Maths, EPQ and Sustainability are examples of these courses.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Our entry requirements are set to give applicants a clear guide on the level of understanding, knowledge and skills they need to have achieved in order to be successful and gain the desired outcome at S6C.

We require all applicants to have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above, including at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language plus at least a grade 4 in Maths. Level 2 vocational qualifications at a Merit or above will be treated as equivalent to a GCSE at grade 4 or above.

Please note that, in addition to the minimum entry requirements, individual courses have specific grade requirements for entry which are available on the website and in the S6C prospectus.

Where an applicant has achieved 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above, but has not achieved the required standard in one of the required Maths or English GCSEs, the overall portfolio of passes will be assessed by the admissions team and an offer of a retake class may be possible for one subject. It is highly unlikely that S6C will offer a place to an applicant who has not achieved the required standard in both Maths and English. The absence of a grade 4 at English Language will significantly restrict the study programme options available at level 3.

International qualifications will be accepted by the Head of College if they are deemed to be of equivalent level to 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above. International applicants may be asked to sit an entrance assessment to establish the suitability of the courses selected if deemed necessary by the Head of College.

The Head of College may offer a place at his/her discretion in extenuating circumstances, where the applicant has not achieved 5 GCSEs at level 4 or above or has not achieved the entry requirements for a specific course.

S6C is unable to hold places for applicants who do not meet the entry criteria for the College or for a specific course, even if a request for a re-mark from an exam board is under way.

Oversubscription Criteria

S6C is usually able to offer all applicants a programme who apply **before the deadline** and have met all the entry requirements. In the event that S6C, or a particular course, is over-subscribed, spaces will be allocated in the following order;

1. Applicants aged 16 - 18 with an Education Health and Care Plan
2. Looked After Children or Previously Looked After Children
3. Applicants who applied before the deadline of 31st January
4. All other applicants

Tie Breaker

If there are not enough places to satisfy all the applications under any one criterion, priority will be given to those living nearest S6C. S6C will adopt the measurement system of Wiltshire Local Authority to determine the distance from S6C to the home address. Where two or more applicants live an equal distance from S6C and it is not possible to differentiate between them, priority will be determined by random allocation through the drawing of lots.

Holding Places

S6C cannot hold places for applicants who do not accept their offer and do not submit an enrolment form on GCSE results day. S6C will not process an enrolment form where notification is received through the 6th form applications system that an applicant is already enrolled at an alternative 6th Form provider.

Information Collected at Application

The ethos of S6C is 'it's all about you' and to support this, the following information is collected at application but **does not** influence the offer of places at the college:

Information	Reason for Collection
Special Educational Needs	To aid in transition support and planning and to make reasonable adjustment at pre-admission events.
Medical/Disability Information	To ensure applicant safety and reasonable adjustment at pre-admission events and to aid in transition planning and support.
Parental Contacts	For applicant safety reasons for pre-admission events and to keep parents updated on the progress of their child's application (with applicant's consent.)
Applicant's Aspirations	To ensure suitable course guidance is given at interview
Whether S6C is the applicant's first choice	To enable time-tabling and resource planning
Interview Questions/ Responses	The interview is a vital part of transition to help the applicants, many of whom are anxious at such a big step. It is an informal chat to ensure the applicant has chosen the right courses and to give them a chance to visit S6C, meet teachers and ask questions.

Late Applications

S6C will accept late applications (submitted after the deadline of 31st January 2027) but enrolment of late applications will only be started once those who are in groups 1 - 3 in the oversubscription criteria, who have met entry requirements and submitted an enrolment form on results day, have been enrolled.

Appeals for Sixth Form Admissions

Where an applicant wishes to appeal the admission decision, this should be raised with the Admissions Officer in the first instance on admissions@s6c.mlp.college

If the issue is not resolved, a formal request to review can be made within 10 days to the Director of Education for MLP via email at jcurtis@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk. The applicant can be accompanied to any appeal meeting by their parent/guardian. **The Director of Education's decision will be final.**

Further Information

If you have any questions in relation to these admission arrangements please contact the S6C office by emailing admissions@s6c.mlp.college