

## STATEMENT – INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

### 1. Definition

International admissions relate to those students who live outside the European Union (EU) and related areas (European Economic Area (EEA) and other designated territories and who wish to study at the college.

In 2008, the relationship between the prospective international applicant and the college was formalised to the extent that the college now sponsors (for visa purposes) such students and is responsible for them during their stay in the UK.

International applicants tend to be derived from the agent network which the college supports by way of a commission arrangement.

In some circumstances, applicants who do not meet the residence requirements for subsidised education (3 years in the EU) or those whose residency in the EU has solely been for the purpose of private education may also be treated as international applicants.

The provision offered by the college to international students includes:

- a) Infill into current programmes such as A Levels for those with an appropriate English language level;
- b) A special A Level Preparation programme for those whose English is weak;
- c) Distance Learning courses;
- d) Foundation Degree courses
- e) English language courses

### 2. Application Deadline

There are no application deadlines set for international applications, however, the visa process requires a significant period thus most applications are received and processed during the spring terms in each year.

All applicants will receive an acknowledgement of their application and be interviewed where appropriate.

### 3. Offer of a place

There are three types of possible offer for international admissions:

- a) Conditional – where the applicant has demonstrated by way of the application form and/or interview that they may satisfy the equivalent college entry criteria and would benefit from the course but need to achieve the entry qualification or English language accreditation;
- b) Unconditional – where the applicant has demonstrated by way of the application form and/or interview that they satisfy the equivalent college entry criteria and would benefit from the course and who have paid a deposit ;
- c) Reject – where the applicant fails to provide evidence that they have the necessary entry qualifications or would benefit from the course or who have failed to obtain a visa.

## 4. Responsibility for Admissions

Responsibility for admissions decisions lies with the Deputy Principal who delegates authority to the Heads of Teaching Teams. Admissions administration is delegated to the Head of Admissions & Marketing.

## 5. Appeal against Admissions Decision

There is no appeal against admissions decisions

## 6. Fees

All higher education applicants must pay fees as appropriate. There are no fee waivers.

## 7. English Language Levels

The English language entry levels for the college are set out in the table below.

Council of Europe's Common European Framework for languages	ALTE levels	ESOL National Curriculum levels	Old names for the levels	Cambridge Main suite Exams	IELTS
C2 - Mastery	Level 5	Level 3	Advanced	Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	IELTS 7.0
C1 - Effective Operational Proficiency	Level 4	Level 2 Recommended level for FT Level 3 programme of study	Higher Intermediate	Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	IELTS 6.5
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B2 – Vantage	Level 3	Level 1 Recommended level for FT Level 2 programme of study	Intermediate	First Certificate in English(FCE)	IELTS 5.0
B1 – Threshold	Level 2	Entry level 3	Pre-Intermediate	Preliminary English Test (PET)	
A2 – Waystage	Level 1	Entry level 2	Elementary	Key English Test (KET)	
A1 – Breakthrough		Entry level 1	Beginners		