



Admissions Policy

2027-28



Sigma Sixth Colchester

Admission Arrangements for 2027/2028 for entry into Year Twelve

All students must be under 17 years of age on 31st August of the calendar year of proposed admission, or be progressing directly from year 11 to year 12. Students from overseas, and other students with exceptional circumstances whose age might fall outside this limit will be considered on an individual basis. The maximum number of students we will admit into Year 12 is 200.

- No student will be admitted to Sigma Sixth unless academic requirements, set out annually in the Sigma Sixth prospectus and website, have been met and there are places available on their chosen courses.
- In the first instance all offers made are conditional, based on the student's predicted GCSE grades
- The curriculum offer will determine the number of places on each course, this may fluctuate from year to year. Sigma Sixth reserves the right not to run a course if there are not enough students or to limit the number of students in any subject class.
- All existing students in Year 11 at Sigma Trust Schools who meet the overall and subject specific entry requirements of the subjects they choose, will be offered a conditional place in the Sixth Form.
- In addition, we will admit further students into year 12 from other schools up to our maximum admissions number.

Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applicants meeting the entry requirements than places available either at Sigma Sixth (200) or on a specific course then the following oversubscription criteria will be used, in strict order, to determine to whom offers will be made:

1. Children in the care of a Local Authority ("Looked after children") and previously looked after children.
2. Pupils where Sigma Sixth has been named on the Education, Health and Care Plan who have met entry requirements.
3. Students from Philip Morant School and College in year 11 at the time of application.
4. Students who are attending Year 11 in other Sigma Trust Schools or Thurstable School at the time of application.
5. Students whose GCSE grades are best suited to their chosen courses (including their choice of sport in the Sports Academy).
6. Students living closest to the school by straight line distance from their home address.

Appeals

If you do not receive an offer of a place, you can appeal against the decision. The appeal form can be found on the school website, under the appeals tab. Once you have submitted your appeal additional evidence to support your appeal can be emailed to admissions@pmsc.school.

If you are unable to submit an appeal online, please contact the Admissions Manager admissions@pmsc.school who will send a paper copy to you. This should then be sent to Admissions Manager, The Philip Morant School & College, Rembrandt Way, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4QS.

Please see www.essex.gov.uk/appeals for more information on how to appeal. Appeals should be lodged within twenty school days of the date of the communication confirming refusal. Appeals will be heard by an independent appeal panel convened by the school.

This policy was determined by the Board of Trustees on 12 February 2026.