



University Collegiate School
The Stoller Building, Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5AG
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Principal: Ms. N. Glynn
Age range: 11-19
Admission Number: September 2023 – 120



Admission Criteria for 2023-24

The UCS, as part QUEST, aims to deliver educational excellence via a structured and supportive ethos. Learning at our schools combines a life skills curriculum with academic expertise and the unique opportunity of specialist support from the University of Bolton and industry professionals. Innovative technology enhances the student experience as we prepare them for life, learning and work.

Admission Criteria

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have an education health and care plan which names the school:

1. **Children in public care and previously looked after children.**

This includes any “looked after child”, “previously looked after children” and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. “Looked after” means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.’

This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear to the Trust Board of Directors to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.

2. Children with exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence from a medical specialist or social worker of the child’s needs and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted with the application, a child’s medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Siblings of children attending the UCS at the time the application is received.
4. Children who are attending QUEST Primary Schools at the time the application is received.
5. Children who live nearest to the University Collegiate School. The distance will be measured in a straight line using geographical information provided by Bolton Local Authority.

Tiebreak

If any of the above categories require a tiebreak to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the UCS will be given priority for admission. The distance will be measured in a straight line using geographical information provided by Bolton Local Authority.

If a number of addresses have the same geographical property reference (such as a block of flats), or if there are a number of applicants living the same distance away from the UCS, random allocation by Bolton Local Authority will then be used to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

If we offer the last place available at a school to one of twins (or triplets, or so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.