

Dorset Studio School

Admissions Policy and Arrangements

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Introductory Statement

The Studio School is a centre for educational excellence in a modern, fit for purpose, learning environment. Students will be passionate and committed to the development of the skills and knowledge required for a career in land and environment based industries.

At Year 9 all pupils will follow the National Curriculum and will have the opportunity to undertake GCSEs in English Language; English Literature; Mathematics; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Geography and Philosophy & Ethics. In addition to this, all students will complete Level 2 Diplomas in Animal Care; Land Based Studies and Travel and Tourism.

In Year 12 students will study The Technical Baccalaureate and select one professional pathway from the following sector specific, opportunities:

Travel & Tourism
Environment Conservation
Rural Craft
Farming
Veterinary
Equine

In line with our professional ethos, all students are expected to maintain the highest standards of attendance, behaviour, attitude and appearance.

As part of the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) Citizen Scheme, the Dorset Studio School has signed up to their Community Charter and believe students should be:

- **Caring** - *Be interested in your school and the other students and concerned about their welfare. Look out for others, do not bully.*
- **Considerate** - *Respect others and their property. Take care not to inconvenience or hurt others. Open doors and clear up your litter.*
- **Communicative** - *Be willing to talk and pass on information to other students and teachers. Get your ideas across and open up in class.*
- **Courteous** - *Be polite and demonstrate good manners (Please, thank you, put your hand up).*
- **Co-operative** - *Work with others in a helpful way. Be willing to do things when asked to.*
- **Conscientious** - *Be honest and do the right thing. Get involved in all aspects of school. Get things done and follow through a task.*
- **Confident** - *Be positive and sure, saying I CAN (not I CAN'T). Feel able to talk and listen to*

The deadline for Year 9 applications is 31st October 2015.

Application Process

The Dorset Studio School admissions are made directly to the Dorset County Council Admissions until 31st October 2016.

For entry in September 2017, applications to be made directly to the Studio Schol after the deadline of 31st October 2016.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN for all year groups 9 to 13 is 75 per year group. The Studio School's full capacity is 375 students.

Application Criteria (for each year of entry)

For each year of entry the following criteria will apply:

1. 40% of the PAN will be allocated to applications within the THS catchment area,
2. 60% of the PAN will be allocated to applications from the County of Dorset.
3. If the number of applications for admission is less that the published admission number, applications will be considered from outside of the County of Dorset.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than each of the criteria above, the following order will apply:

1. If there is oversubscription within the THS catchment area all applications will be pooled and a random selection will take place to achieve the 40% PAN
2. The remainder of THS Catchment are applications will be pooled with the County of Dorset applications and a random selection to achieve the 60% PAN
3. If any places remain, all remaining applications will be pooled with the out of County applications to make up the 100% PAN.

Waiting Lists

Where in any year, Dorset Studio School receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31 December of the same year. The waiting list will be maintained by the Studio School and it will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Position on the waiting list and allocation of places will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria outlined above. When a place becomes available, the name at the top of the list will be automatically contacted.

In-year Admissions

Parents should apply directly to the Studio School. If a place becomes available in the relevant year group then a place will be offered to those applying. In the instance of the school being over-subscribed, then the applications will be considered against the over subscription criteria outlined above, with the opportunity for unsuccessful children to be placed on the waiting list. Anyone refused a place will have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Appeals

If you or your child is not offered a place at Dorset Studio School you have the right to appeal. You must write to the Studio School stating that you wish to appeal and the forms will be sent to you directly. To request an appeals form, you should write to:

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Dorset Studio School appeals process is compliant with the School Admission Appeals Code. The Studio School will arrange for an Independent Appeals Panel to consider the reasons for refusal and your reasons for wanting to attend the Studio School.

The panel will consist of three people (two will have education experience and one will be an independent person with no education experience). The panel will consider the case put forward, it must consider the admission arrangements for the Studio School and the reasons why you want to attend this particular school. The panel must exercise its discretion by balancing the weight of arguments.

Dorset Studio School will provide Parents / Carers with the right to attend the Appeals Panel meeting in person, notification of the appeal date will be sent at least fourteen days prior to the hearing.

The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on the both the Studio School and the student/parents.

Repeat Appeals

The Studio School will not consider repeat appeals by the same applicant in the same academic year unless the applicant is able to prove that there have been material changes in their circumstances since the previous admissions appeal. The final decision as to whether the material changes warrant a fresh appeal will be determined by the Studio School Appeals Panel, made up of different members than in the original appeal.

Withdrawal of an offer of a place

Dorset Studio School may withdraw an offer of a place where a parent fails to respond to an offer within a reasonable timescale or the place was offered on the basis of a fraudulent or misleading application.