

Oversubscription and Waiting Lists - FAQs

We know that choosing your courses and securing a place at college is important. We want applicants and their families to understand how we plan course places, what happens if a course is oversubscribed and how to give themselves the best chance of securing their preferred courses.

In most years, waiting lists mainly affect students who apply late or who are not in Year 11. However, places on individual courses cannot be guaranteed, even for students who apply on time and meet the entry requirements.

How can I give myself the best chance of a place?

Apply on time. This is the most important step. Under our Admissions Policy, Year 11 applicants who apply by the published February deadline are prioritised ahead of late applicants and applicants who are not in Year 11.

What if I am placed on a waiting list?

Being placed on a waiting list does not mean you will not be offered a place. When demand exceeds the number of places we have planned, we look for opportunities to increase capacity. Places may also become available when other students change their courses or do not take up their places.

We will do our best to accommodate students on their chosen courses, particularly those who applied on time and meet the entry requirements. We cannot, however, guarantee that a place will become available on every oversubscribed course.

How are we planning ahead for your enrolment?

We plan staffing and course capacity using the choices students confirm at interview and the proportion of offer holders who have enrolled in previous years.

While we cannot predict final demand precisely or guarantee that waiting lists will not be required, we will continue to review capacity and respond to demand wherever reasonably possible.

Where can I find more information?

[Admissions Policy 2026-27](#)