

Djanogly City Academy Post 16 Admissions Policy 2023 - 2024

Statutory Framework

The Djanogly Learning Trust (DLT) is the admission authority for Djanogly City Academy, with the administration and implementation of the policy being delegated to the local governing body (LGB). Djanogly City Academy is required to act in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021 and the School Admissions Appeal Code 2012, which is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academy-admissions>

General Principles

At Djanogly City Academy we offer a range of high quality academic qualifications which enable scholars to progress to university and into the most competitive job and training opportunities. We are offering academic options and in order to be admitted to Post 16, scholars must meet certain minimum entry requirements.

Our policy is also to ensure that all scholars accepted into Post 16 are placed on appropriate courses in which they are likely to succeed. For this reason, we ask all scholars to attend a meeting with a member of the Post 16 team to discuss the most suitable courses of study based on their expected GCSE results.

Scholars in Year 11 at Djanogly City Academy will be encouraged to apply for Post 16. We will also accept applications from students wishing to transfer to Djanogly City Academy from another school. In all cases, the same admissions criteria will apply.

Admission Number

We have a published admission number (PAN) of 120.

GCSE mathematics and English

Applicants who have not attained grade 4 or better in English (language or literature) and/or mathematics at GCSE will be required to re-take the course in Post 16 up until the point at which a grade 4 or better is attained. These are the only Level 2 options available to Post-16 scholars at Djanogly City Academy.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of Post 16 being oversubscribed after the admission of

- (i) Any applicant with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the academy and who meet the academic entry criteria

and

- (ii) Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) who meet the academic entry criteria:

The following criteria will be applied in order when offering places:

1. Scholars in Year 11 at Djanogly City Academy who meet the entry requirements stated below
2. Students from other schools or colleges who meet the entry requirements stated below and live within the Academy's catchment area
3. Other students.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the criteria listed above, preference will be given to applicants who live closest to the academy, as measured by Google Maps and address postcodes.

Basic Entry Requirements for Djanogly City Academy Post 16

Condition 1: All applicants must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4.

Condition 2: In addition, all applicants must achieve at least a grade 5 in the subjects that they wish to study at A-level.

N.B. All offers are subject to a suitable report from the most recent previous education provider, including good attendance and punctuality rates; and all offers are subject to successful interview with a member of the Post 16 team.

Offers

Offers are based on the predicted grades given by the applicant's current school and subject to any timetabling or resource constraints resulting in a high level of oversubscription for the subjects the applicant has chosen to study.

Where subjects are oversubscribed by applicants who have all achieved the two conditions above, priority will be given to those applicants who have achieved the highest grades.

Exceptional Circumstances

It is important that appropriate provision is made for applicants in exceptional circumstances. For some applicants, reasonable discretion may be exercised for an individual young person who could benefit from the programme offered by Post 16 but, because of his/her exceptional circumstances, has not met the minimum entry criteria. These circumstances may include applicants with English as a second language, where the current school can demonstrate that the applicant would benefit from attending Post 16, but may not meet the minimum entry criteria. Any placement in this category would require careful discussion and the views of the school and any potential prejudice to the provision of efficient education and/or the efficient use of resources as a result of the placement would always be considered before a decision is made. The incidence of such cases is expected to be low.

We are aware that exceptional circumstances do sometimes affect applicant's grades. As such it may be that we make an offer to an applicant who does not achieve, or is not expected to achieve the minimum entry criteria or individual subject criteria.

Right to Appeal

If an application is refused there is a statutory right of appeal, first to the Governors Appeal Panel and then to the school's Independent Appeals Panel. Further details of the appeal procedure will be provided with the letter explaining why an application has been refused. Appeals may be lodged by either the parent/carer or the applicant.

Post 16 Admissions Calendar

The deadline for applications is 31st January. Applications after this date will still be considered although some course combinations may not be possible.

Applicants are required to make a formal application via the school website. All applicants will be required to attend a meeting to discuss their options.

The timetable below gives a general idea of the time-frame for events, specific dates will either be available on the school website or communicated directly in correspondence.

31st January	Deadline for applications
From February	Course choice meetings held
From March	Offer letters sent to applicants
Late April	Deadline for acceptance of the offer to be received by the academy.