



The Deanery Church of England High School

This document explains how places were allocated at the school for admission to Year 7 in September 2026.

Admission number (number of places available) – 250

Number of preferences received on time (by the closing date) – 755

How places were allocated

The Deanery Church of England High School is a Voluntary Aided School.

All applications were processed using the 'equal preference' system as explained in the 'Applying for a Year 7 place 2026/27 booklet'.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school. Places offered – 5

Criterion 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Places offered under this criterion – 5

Criterion 2. Children of staff at the school who are employed on a permanent contract and have a) been employed for two or more years or b) been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage, at the time of application.

Places offered under this criterion – 5

Criterion 3. Children who will have a sibling at The Deanery Church of England High School at the time of application, including the sixth form.

Places offered under this criterion – 75

Criterion 4. Children who are regular worshippers at a Christian church, as long as this is confirmed by the church leader (such as the vicar, priest, minister, faith leader) using the supplementary information form.

Places offered under this criterion - 79

Criterion 5. Children who express a preference for a place at the school.

Places offered under this criterion - 81

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Places in criterion 5 were allocated to the 81 pupils living nearest to the school. The last of these places was allocated to a pupil living 1.096 miles from the school.

Applications received after the closing date of 31 October 2025 are deemed to be late and only considered after applications received on time. Changes of preferences received after the closing date are also classed as late applications.

For details of how the waiting list operates and how to appeal, please see the information sheet 'Waiting Lists and Appeals'.