

Nottingham University Academy
of Science and Technology

Admission Arrangements for 2021

Introductory statement

The Nottingham University Academy of Science and Technology (NUAST) is a Technology Academy offering a specialist curriculum at KS3, KS4 and KS5 for students with an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

You can join NUAST in Year 7 or Year 12. Our unique and innovative curriculum is designed to provide our students with the skills and experiences they will need to build at each key stage to go on to secure a place at university or employment and training in a higher apprenticeship.

NUAST participates in Nottingham City Council's Fair Access Protocol.

Admission numbers

Admissions in Year 7

The academy has a pupil admission number (PAN) of 120 for entry in Year 7. The academy will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications.

Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for Year 7 are received, the Academy will offer places at the academy to all those who have applied.

Admissions in Year 12

The academy has a pupil admission number (PAN) of 150 for entry in Year 12. The academy will accordingly admit up to 100 students from the current NUAST Year 11 cohort in the academic year of application. The academy will then accept applications from external students up to the stated student admission number or 150 through the application of the over-subscription criteria outlined in this document.

All Year 12 applicants must fulfil the specified academic criteria required for entry to the sixth-form.

Arrangements for admission to Year 7

The home local authority ("LA") will process applications for Year 7. This means you will need to complete your local LA common application form to apply for a place at this academy by the deadline of 31st October 2021.

Arrangements for admission to the sixth-form

The academy must admit any students with an education health and care plan naming it who meet the entry criteria.

All other students must meet the following academic entry criteria to be eligible for a place:

- Five level 5 GCSE passes or above including a grade 6 in mathematics and a grade 5 in English.
- Students will also be expected to have achieved at least a grade 6 in any subject they wish to study. Students not having a grade 6 in their chosen subjects will be offered alternative subjects (if available) for which they have met the required standard.

Where there are more eligible students than places, the oversubscription criteria below will be applied in order to determine who is admitted.

The Academy will process applications for the sixth form. We will make provisional offers based on predicted grades. We will confirm those offers upon receipt of GCSE results if they satisfy the above academic entry criteria.

Applications for Year 12 places should be sent to NUASt at the following web address: <http://nuast.org.uk/apply.php>

The closing date for applications is the 31st May of the year of application.

Oversubscription criteria

Where there are more applicants than the published admission number for a relevant year group the following oversubscription criteria in this section apply during the normal admissions round for Years 7 and 12 and any in-year applicants to any year group.

Any students wishing to enter the sixth-form will, in addition, be required to have met the academic entry criteria for the sixth-form set out above.

When the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming NUASt, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. 'looked after children' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child

is a child who is (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 in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 or those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted at the time of making an application to the academy. An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the academy at the time the application is received.
3. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been employed at the academy for two or more years.
4. Priority will next be given to children who live in the Catchment Area identified on the map at the end of this document.
5. Other children

Tie-break

If in categories 2-4 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the academy, initially within the Catchment Area, will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the entrance of the academy in a straight line (as the crow flies) using Ordnance Survey Data. For an explanation of how a child's home will be determined refer to the Notes section below.

If there are no further applicants from within the catchment areas referred to at category 4, the child living closest to the academy, outside of the catchment area, will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the academy in a straight line (as the crow flies) using Ordnance Survey Data. For an explanation of how a child's home will be determined refer to the Notes section below.

Random allocation, will be undertaken by an independent solicitor appointed by the NUA Board of Directors. This process will be used as a tie-

break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases using Ordnance Survey Data. For an explanation of how a child's home will be determined refer to the Notes section below.

Late applications Year 7

All applications received by the LA after the 31st October will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time and if the academy is oversubscribed the above oversubscription criteria will be applied to late applicants. If, following consideration of all on time and late applications, a place cannot be offered, parents of late applicants may request that their child is placed on the academy's waiting list (see further below).

The home local authority may be willing to accept applications which are received late but before 5pm on **30 November 2020** for good reason, for example those from:

- a family returning from abroad;
- a lone parent/carer who has been ill for some time;
- a family moving into Nottingham City from another area; or
- other exceptional circumstances.

Details of the exceptional circumstances must be given in writing and attached to the standard common application form. Each case will be treated on its individual merits.

Late applications Year 12

All applications received after the 31st May 2021 will be considered late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time and if the academy is oversubscribed the above oversubscription criteria will be applied to late applicants. If a place cannot be offered, all applications considered late will be added to the academy's waiting list and applicants will be notified that they have been placed on the list.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents/carers may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents/carers should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the head teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent/carer, within the oversubscription criteria outlined in this document.

Waiting lists Year 7

The academy will operate a waiting list for each year group in line with the existing local authority co-ordinated scheme. This waiting list will start on the 1st September of the current academic year should the academy receive more applications for places than there are places available. The waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the academy and it will be open to any parent/carer to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the academy in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol, **must** take precedence over those on a waiting list.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Priority will not be given to children based on the date their application was received or their name was added to the waiting list.

The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Fair Access

This Admission Authority participates in the Nottingham City Fair Access protocol in order to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable academy/school as soon as possible. Consideration will be given to requests from the fair access panel for 'hard to place' students.

If a student is placed through the Fair Access Panel a school/academy can exceed their plan when the year group is full.

Waiting list Year 12

The academy will also keep a list, ranked against the oversubscription criteria, of those applying for entry to year 12 who are not made a provisional offer

on 31st May 2021. Any of those students meeting the academic entry criteria on 31st August 2021 will be considered for a place if any students who were previously offered provisional places, dependent upon meeting the above academic entry criteria, either do not achieve the grades required or do not take up their place.

In year applications

In year applications for all year groups should be made directly to NUASt.

Please contact PA to the Principal, for further information about how to obtain a copy of NUASt's application form for in year applications and applications to the sixth form.

Otherwise all applications for Year 7 places must be made through the home local authority admissions scheme.

admissions@nuast.org

Appeals

All applicants refused a place will be notified of a reason why and will be provided with information about a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel including the deadline for lodging written grounds for an appeal. The independent appeal panel will be constituted and operated in accordance with the Academy Admission Appeals Code.

Appeals should be lodged within 20 academy days of the date of refusal for all the year groups.

Appellants may contact the PA to the Principal, for further information on how to appeal.

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Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at

<http://nuast.org.uk/page.php?p=transfer>

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents/carers with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to academy. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents/carers, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority (i.e. 3 or more nights) of the academy week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Catchment Map

