

High Tunstall College of Science



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Admissions Policy 2025-2026

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Statement of intent

High Tunstall College of Science became a Foundation School with effect from 23rd April 2008 and the Governing Body is responsible for all admissions to the college. The criteria set out follow general guidelines of Hartlepool Admission Authority and take into account the statutory duties and recommendations of the School Admissions Code.

Whilst High Tunstall College of Science is its own Admission Authority it works in consultation with the Local Authority and recognises that all admissions must comply with the published co-ordinated arrangements. The admissions policy will be applied on an equal preference basis.

The Governing Body intends to admit up to 270 students to Year 7 in September 2025.

1.0 Legal framework

- DfE Statutory guidance; Schools Admissions Code 2021
- DfE Schools Admissions Appeal Code 2022

2.0 Admission arrangements

In the first instance, places will be awarded to those students with an Education, Health and Care Plan where High Tunstall is named as the most appropriate educational setting.

3.0 Oversubscription

In the event of the College being oversubscribed in 2025/26, the remaining places will be in accordance with the following priority criteria which have been agreed by the Governing Body:

Criteria 1 Those students who are looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those students 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. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.

Criteria 2 Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the College and who will continue to do so and will be attending the College in September 2025; Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:

- a. Have one or both natural parents in common ^{*1}
- b. Are related by a parent's marriage ^{*1}
- c. Are adopted or are fostered
- d. Their parents are married/co-habiting and children permanently live together in the same household, including step-siblings
- e. Are children of the same household who permanently live at the same address.

^{*1} Note: This includes siblings who live at different addresses under an agreed permanent arrangement between the parents as defined by the LA.

Criteria 3 Those children who attend Eldon Grove Academy, St Peter's Elwick C of E Primary School, Hart Primary School, Jesmond Gardens Primary School (see note on page 4*), Lynnfield Primary School (see note on page 4*), Riff House Primary School, Throston Primary School (see note on page 4*) and West Park Primary School – High Tunstall's identified partner primary schools. Places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- a. those children who attend a partner primary school **and live within** the admission zone of that primary school;
- b. those children who attend a partner primary school **but live outside** the admission zone of that primary school;
- c. those children who **do not** attend a partner primary **but live within** the admission zone of a partner primary school.

Criteria 4 Children of staff*² in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. Where the member of staff has been employed by the College for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the College is made; and/or
- b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

*² Note: Staff are direct college employees with a permanent contract.

Criteria 5: Those children who are distinguished from the majority of other applicants whether on medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances and who would suffer significant hardship if they were unable to attend the College.

Criteria 6 Those children who live closest to the College as determined by a 'straight line' distance measurement; from the address point of the child's home to the address point of the College, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the college receiving the higher priority. The address points are linked to the Local Land and Property Gazetteer.

Should it prove necessary to distinguish between children in any other criteria, priority will be given to those who live closest to the College.

If parents are not successful in obtaining a place for their child at High Tunstall College of Science, they have a statutory right of appeal. Full information on the appeals procedure is available from the Local Authority's School Admissions Team on Telephone 01429 523768.

Parents who wish their child to transfer to High Tunstall College of Science from another school at any time other than the beginning of the first year of secondary education (Year 7) should contact the School Admissions Team at the Local Authority on 01429 523768. Should it be necessary to decide between more than one student in such circumstances, the order of priorities published above will apply.

Please refer to the Local Authority's published admissions booklet and Education in Hartlepool for definitions in relation to the above admissions criteria.

4.0 Additional Notes on Identified Partner Primary Schools

- Lynnfield Primary School will be partnered with both Dyke House Sports and Technology College and High Tunstall College of Science
- Throston Primary School will be partnered with both St Hild's Church of England VA School and High Tunstall College of Science.
- Jesmond Gardens Primary School will be partnered with Dyke House Sports and Technology College and, in part, High Tunstall College of Science (certain streets only are partnered with High Tunstall College of Science*).

* Jesmond Gardens Primary School Admission Zone Addresses that are linked to High Tunstall College of Science			
Birchill Gardens	Grange Road (even no's 104-164)	North Drive	Thornhill Place
Brafferton Street		Oval Grange	Topcliffe Street
Briarhill Gardens	Granville Avenue	Roseberry Mews	Tunstall Avenue
Bright Street	Granville Place	Roseberry Road	Tunstall Grove
Broomhill Gardens	Harcourt Street	Ryehill Gardens	Welldeck Gardens
Byron Street	Hart Avenue	Serpentine Road	Welldeck Road
Cobden Street	Hart Lane	(odd no's 1-35)	Wilson Street
Cundall Road	(odd no's 117-225a)	South Drive	Wooler Road
Duke Street	(even no's 78-136)	Stephen Street	(odd no's 1-27)
(even no's 2-44)	Low Throston House	Suggitt Street	Oval Grange Cottages
Elm Grove	Mulgrave Road	The Crescent	Zetland Road
Elmwood Place	(even no's 4-38)	Thornhill Gardens	
Elmwood Road	Netherby Gate	(odd no's 1-83)	