

Waiting lists and appeals – Year 7 entry – September 2026

General information

As advised in the Admissions Guidance document (in the Downloads section below), every year there are many more applicants than we have places for.

All places were offered via the coordinated admission scheme, operated by the local authorities, and allocated in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Application of the oversubscription criteria for Dixons City and Dixons Kings academies

For Dixons City and Dixons Kings academies, a supplementary form (SIF) needs to be completed by the deadline to enter children for the assessment.

Admitting children of all abilities

The assessment is **not** a traditional entrance exam which children either pass or fail. Instead, places at these Academies are offered to children of all abilities and are fair-banded. This means that the number of places offered in each ability band reflects the number of children applying in each band. The breakdown for each stanine band can be seen on the table overleaf.

Oversubscription criteria

Dixons City Academy does not consider the distance of a home address, so places were not allocated based on where a child lives in relation to the Academy but by applying the oversubscription criteria which includes random allocation.

At Dixons Kings Academy, 55% of places are allocated to children living in BD7 and 45% of places are allocated to children from other the postcode areas listed in the Admissions Policy. The Academy does not consider the distance of a home address, so places were not allocated based on where a child lives in relation to the Academy but by applying the oversubscription criteria which includes random allocation.

No places were allocated based on the primary school a child attends, their gender, their ethnicity, their background, or their home address.

For full details of the oversubscription criteria, please refer to the Admissions & Appeals Policy which can be found in the Downloads section on the following webpages:

Dixons City Academy <https://www.dixonsca.com/admissions/admission-policy>
Dixons Kings Academy <https://www.dixonska.com/admissions/admission-policy>

Application of the oversubscription criteria for Dixons Allerton, Dixons McMillan, and Dixons Trinity Academies

For Dixons Allerton, Dixons McMillan, & Dixons Trinity Academies, places were allocated by oversubscription criteria. This means that after children from the named primary schools have been given places, any remaining places are offered to those who live closest to the Academy.

For full details of the oversubscription criteria, please refer to the Admissions & Appeals Policy which can be found in the Downloads section on the following webpages:

Dixons Allerton Academy <https://www.dixonsaa.com/admissions/secondary-admissions>
Dixons Trinity Academy <https://www.dixonsta.com/admissions/admission-policy>
Dixons McMillan Academy <https://www.dixonsma.com/admissions/admissions>

Late forms

If a supplementary form (SIF) or common application form (CAF) was submitted late, the application was considered after those applications submitted by the deadline, unless exceptional circumstances and evidence was provided for why the application was late.

Allocated places

If a place was not allocated at a Dixons Academy, or the Dixons Academy you were allocated was not your 1st preference (choice), this was because your application did not qualify as high as other applications on the list. For example, for Dixons City or Dixons Kings, the random number allocated to your application was further down the list than the random number allocated to other applications; for Dixons Allerton, Dixons McMillan, and Dixons Trinity your home address is further from the Academy than other applicants on the list.

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Breakdown of places by stanine band (fair banding)

	Dixons City				Dixons Kings			
	Applied	%	Places	%	Applied	%	Places	%
Stanine 1	49	5.41%	10	5.56%	53	6.34%	10	6.25%
Stanine 2	74	8.33%	15	8.33%	64	7.66%	12	7.50%
Stanine 3	95	10.70%	19	10.56%	74	8.85%	14	8.75%
Stanine 4	120	13.51%	24	13.33%	122	14.59%	23	14.38%
Stanine 5	159	17.91%	32	17.78%	141	16.87%	27	16.88%
Stanine 6	158	17.79%	32	17.78%	149	17.82%	29	18.13%
Stanine 7	106	11.94%	22	12.22%	90	10.77%	17	10.63%
Stanine 8	76	8.56%	15	8.33%	97	11.60%	19	11.88%
Stanine 9	52	5.86%	11	6.11%	46	5.50%	9	5.63%
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Direct applications	889	100.00%	180	100.00%	836	100.00%	163	100.00%
CAF only / late SIF	471				435			
Total preferences	1359				1271			

* Indicates the number of additional places which have been allocated outside of the banding arrangements. The School Admissions Code states that children with EHCPs and looked-after children, for whom the academy has been named, must be admitted. In order to comply with the Code, additional places have been allocated above the published admission number (PAN) to those children who have not sat the fair-banding assessment.

Note

The number of places offered is rounded up or down to give a whole number of children from admission. For example, 9.72 places will be rounded up to 10 places, whereas 19.25 places will be rounded down to 19 places. Consequently, the percentage of places will be slightly higher or lower than the percentage

of applicants in an ability band.

Number of preferences for academies that do not use fair-banding

Dixons Allerton		Dixons McMillan		Dixons Trinity	
Applied	Places	Applied	Places	Applied	Places
616	245	964	134	1201	134

A full breakdown of allocations by oversubscription criteria can be found on the Admissions page of the academies' websites.

Waiting lists

Anyone who is not offered a place at a Dixons Academy they applied for, will automatically have their details kept on a reserve / waiting list until the end of December 2026. It is not necessary to contact the academies to ask to remain on the waiting list, but you are advised to return the waiting list form to the local authority so that they are aware of your wish to remain on the waiting list for these academies and any other schools you applied for.

If you wish to keep your child's details on the waiting list after December, you will need to make a new application in January 2027. Should you wish to make a specific enquiry about the waiting list, please contact the Admissions Office at the Academy.



Appeals – Frequently asked questions and statistics

If you are dissatisfied with the admission decision, you have the right to make a representation to the Appeals Panel, which is independent of the Academies. You may find the following information helpful in respect of appeals:

Before any appeal takes place, the year group will be full. No places are 'reserved' for children whose appeals are upheld.

As well as considering the reasons a parent gives why the child should be admitted, the panel also consider if the application was made correctly and on time, if the admission arrangements complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, whether those arrangements were correctly and impartially applied to that application, and the Academy's case for why it cannot admit any more children.

Any upheld appeal will result in the year group being over the published admission number (PAN). The academy will make a case that admitting another child could be detrimental (harmful) due to the health and safety implications and the impact on the teaching and learning of all or some of the pupils in the year group.

You will need to demonstrate to the appeal panel that your reasons for wanting your child to attend that academy and the detriment (harm) that will be caused by them not attending, is stronger than the academy's case.

The following page shows the figures for the appeals for the last three years, both for entry at the start of Year 7 and for in-year appeals.

How and when should I appeal

Please see the information provided on the appeals page of the academy's website.

What should I put in my appeal?

It is important to put on the form *all* your reasons for wanting a place at that Academy. It is *your* responsibility to provide any supporting documentation, such as letters from a hospital consultant / paediatrician, a support worker, or any other organisation.

If you cannot submit all your documents with your appeal form, you must make sure you submit these at least 5 days before your appeal hearing. If you submit additional documents after this or on the day itself, the panel may be unable to consider them, or they may defer your appeal to another date. The panel cannot consider documents submitted after the appeal hearing has taken place.

If my appeal is refused, can I appeal again?

If you are unsuccessful in your appeal, a second appeal will only be considered for the same academic year if there has been a significant change in your circumstances, because of which a new application has been accepted.

Please note

You cannot appeal for an academy if you did not list it on your local authority's online system / common application form (CAF).

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Appeals lodged and outcome	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
Dixons Allerton Academy (secondary phase)			
2025 – Year 7 entry	3	0	3
2024 – Year 7 entry	13	2	11
2023 – Year 7 entry	14	1	13
In-Year 2024-25	12	1	11
In-Year 2023-24	10	3	7
In-Year 2022-23	5	0	5
Dixons City Academy			
2025 – Year 7 entry	79	4	75
2024 – Year 7 entry	96	2	94
2023 – Year 7 entry	82	1	81
In-Year 2024-25	26	0	0
In-Year 2023-24	44	4	40
In-Year 2022-23	15	1	14
Dixons Kings Academy			
2025 – Year 7 entry	101	3	98
2024 – Year 7 entry	101	4	97
2023 – Year 7 entry	78	1	77
In-Year 2024-25	16	2	14
In-Year 2023-24	45	3	42
In-Year 2022-23	15	2	13
Dixons McMillan Academy			
2025 – Year 7 entry	45	1	44
2024 – Year 7 entry	78	0	78
2023 – Year 7 entry	63	1	62
In-Year 2024-25	23	1	22
In-Year 2023-24	40	0	0
In-Year 2022-23	17	0	17
Dixons Trinity Academy			
2025 – Year 7 entry	43	0	43
2024 – Year 7 entry	79	0	79
2023 – Year 7 entry	67	0	67
In-Year 2024-25	21	0	21
In-Year 2023-24	44	2	42
In-Year 2022-23	18	0	18

Key:

Lodged: number of appeals made

Upheld: appeals found in favour of the appellant

Rejected: appeals found in favour of the Academy