

LISMORE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



Post 16 Policy For Students

2020 – 2021

“Caring and Learning Together”

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A General Admissions Criteria

Any student who wishes to return to Year 13 study must have a satisfactory attendance, application to study and behaviour record. In the case of Lismore students, the Head of Year 12 and Key Stage 4 Manager will be consulted on these criteria. For external students the Principals of the previous schools will be asked to provide a reference for each student seeking a place in Lismore. This reference will relate to the pupil's attendance, application to study and behaviour record in their previous school. Any student wishing to enrol must have a satisfactory attendance record from their previous school.

The progress of students in Year 13 will be monitored and reviewed after each tracking assessment and any student who is clearly not coping with the demands of A Level study may be asked to leave. The Principal's and Board of Governors' decision will be final in relation to these matters.

Depending on GCSE results, students may choose from the following Pathways at Key Stage 5:

Pathways	Minimum Requirements	Subject Choices Available
Pathway 1 Advanced	6 GCSEs (Grades A*-C) including 48 points in top 6 subjects * A* = 8, A = 7, B = 6 etc	4 A Levels General and/or Vocational Subjects
Pathway 2 Academic	6 GCSEs (Grades A*-C)	3 A Levels General and/or Vocational Subjects
Pathway 3 Vocational	5 GCSEs (Grades A* to C)	2 or 3 Vocational Subjects (Level 3 Equivalent) Repeat GCSE English and/or Maths as required

**See GCE Course Requirements for Subject Specific Criteria

Note 1: Points are calculated as follows: A* = 9 points; A = 8 points; B = 7 points; C* = 6 points, C = 5 points; D = 4 points; E = 3 points; F = 2 points; G = 1 point.

When places in subjects are over-subscribed, preference will be given to Lismore students and those who selected this subject in their initial preliminary survey.

B Subject Specific Criteria

To be accepted to study a particular subject, a student must meet the essential requirement for that subject (see Post 16 Prospectus), unless the Head of Department is prepared to waive these criteria.

C Over-Subscribed Subjects

Where possible pupils will be allocated to their first three preference subjects. However, the following criteria will be used to keep class sizes to their maximum of 20 (unless a subject teacher is willing to accept additional students).

1. Where a GCSE in a subject is a requirement, the GCSE grade will be used to rank pupils in order with A* being the most advantageous grade.
2. Where a GCSE in a subject is not a requirement or in cases where over-subscription is still evident after the above has been applied then the total points scored in best 7 subjects will be applied. (See previous page for scoring points.)

D Enrolment Procedures for Lismore Students

1. A student will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will check that the student meets the subject criteria and signs the student up for chosen subjects.
2. The Senior Leadership Team will carry out an audit to determine numbers in classes and where necessary apply C above.
3. In the light of information from D2 above, students may be contacted to make alternative subject choices and C above will be carried out if necessary.

E Enrolment Procedures for Non-Lismore Students

1. Students will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss viable subjects and provisionally accepted to Lismore.
2. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact the previous school to obtain a reference as to the suitability of the student to study in Lismore.
3. Students will be contacted by the Senior Leadership Team and offered or refused a place in Lismore.
4. In the case of over-subscribed subjects at this point, C above will be applied to all non-Lismore students.
5. In the light of information from E4 above, students may be contacted to make alternative subject choices and C above will be carried out if necessary.

F Examination Entry Costs

1. Each student will be given the opportunity to sit each external examination/coursework entry once with no cost to the student.
2. Each student will pay for any repeat unit at AS and at A2.
3. Any student who does not turn up for an examination for which he/she has been entered may be required to reimburse Lismore for this fee.
(Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration and the Board of Governors' / Principal's decision will be final.)

G Year 13 Curriculum Enrichment Programme / School Events / Work Placement

1. Participation in the Year 13 Curriculum Enrichment Programme is a compulsory element of the Year 13 curriculum in Lismore. All pupils will be required to choose one of the options available and to attend all classes for this course.
2. The Year 13 work placement programme, offered in June 2020, must be completed by all pupils. Please note, it is the responsibility of each pupil to organise their own placement and to submit the necessary paperwork.
3. All Year 13 pupils will be required to attend the following compulsory events
 - Prize giving – 21st December 2020 - Date to be confirmed
 - Year 13 Careers Event – Date to be confirmed

H Withdrawal from Individual Subjects

1. Before a student is considered for permission to drop a subject, a meeting will take place with the student, parent/guardian, and Vice-Principal in attendance.
2. A student will only be permitted to drop a subject in very exceptional circumstances and each case will be judged on its own merit by the Principal and the Board of Governors.

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Return to Year 14

1. To return to Lismore after AS examinations, students will need to have achieved at least a grade E in each of their A/S subjects. (Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration and the Principal's and the Board of Governors' decision will be final).
2. Students with the minimum of a Grade E in two or more subjects will be interviewed by the Principal on return. Return will be conditional on the student agreeing to an action plan for improvement, and fulfilling the requirements of that action plan which will be reviewed at Halloween. The action plan will be drawn up and reviewed by the Head of Year.
3. Only in exceptional circumstances will a student be allowed to repeat Year 13 or Year 14. This will be at the discretion of the Principal and the Board of Governors.