

WRIGHT ROBINSON COLLEGE

ADMISSION POLICY 2019



Overview

Wright Robinson College is a non-selective, co-educational 11 to 16 year old school, situated in East Manchester. Our purpose built premises opened in 2007 and include specialist teaching rooms for Art, Technology and Music. There is also a state of the art Learning Resource Centre, as well as enviable sports facilities, which house a 25m swimming pool, a double sports Hall, dance studio and fitness suite. These excellent facilities enable us to offer a huge range of subjects, as well as an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities.

We are a College that demands and achieves the highest standards in all areas leading to a disciplined, safe, caring and inspiring environment where students achieve their maximum potential. We place great emphasis on the excellent relationships that exist between students and between staff and students. Wright Robinson College believes that students should leave equipped with the best set of exam results they are capable of and the skills and attitude needed to ensure they thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The planned admission number for the College for September 2019 and subsequent years will be 360.

Team Wright Robinson is fully committed to inspiring its students to achieve academic excellence, good character and resilience. This will enable our students to be instrumental in contributing to and shaping British Society in an internationally competitive world.

Admissions Criteria

The Governing Body of Wright Robinson College, as the admission authority, will be responsible for determining who is allocated a place at the College in accordance with the Admission Policy.

For entry into Wright Robinson College, students will undergo an ability assessment to determine their band of ability. Following this assessment students will be allocated to one of 6 ability bands A,B,C,D,E,F. Band A being the highest and Band F the lowest. Students will also have the option to take an optional Aptitude Test, from which 10% of candidates will be allocated places.

Banding will enable Wright Robinson to achieve an intake representative of the ability range of applicants to the school.

Applicants who do not attend for assessment will not be considered further.

Where the College receives more applications than the number of places available; applications for a place at Wright Robinson will be prioritised on the following basis:

- i) In line with current legislation Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children¹ will be given the highest priority for admission;
- ii) 10% of available places will be allocated to the pupils who achieve the highest scores in the Aptitude Test. Where two or more candidates obtain the same score in the aptitude test distance² shall be applied as a tie-break.
- iii) Applicants who have a sibling³ already attending Wright Robinson;
- iv) Banding will be applied to the Year 7 applications to ensure a comprehensive intake. All external applicants will be placed into 1 of 5 ability bands based on the score achieved in the ability test, which will be taken by all applicants. Applicants applying will be placed in ability bands, such that, as far as possible, there are an equal number in each band. Places will then be allocated by random allocation, as far as possible, such that, an equal number from each band are allocated places.

Application Process

Applications forms and guidance notes are available to download from our website or to collect from main reception and are also available from the Local Authority.

The closing date for application forms is: **31st October 2018**

November: Manchester City Council (MCC) will send all applications to Wright Robinson.

December: Wright Robinson will arrange for all applicants to sit the fair banding and aptitude tests.

January: WRC will send the list of Year 7 pupils to be offered places to MCC.

February: MCC applies agreed scheme for own schools, informing other Local Authorities of offers to be made to their residents.

Manchester LA will write to the families of all applicants on **1st March 2019** giving details of the school to which the pupil has been allocated.

Withdrawal of Offer

Parents will be asked to respond directly Wright Robinson College. If they do not respond within deadlines set by the LA's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Parents will also wish to note that any offer of a place will be withdrawn where either the application is subsequently found to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading and results in a child with a stronger claim being denied a place (DCSF Code of Practice 2.12).

Applications for children of multiple births

If one child from a multiple birth (i.e. twins, triplets etc) is given a place at Wright Robinson then all children from that multiple birth will be offered places.

Appeals

Should a parent or carer wish to appeal they should write to the Admissions Officer (Appeals) at Wright Robinson College. Appellants are recommended to lodge their appeal against the refusal of a place by 31st March 2019 to ensure that their appeal is heard in the main batch of appeals.

Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeal Panel. The Admissions Officer will send the appeals to the Clerk to the Appeals who will inform appellants of their rights of appeal and the appeal procedures. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

Waiting Lists

As the Admission Authority waiting lists will be maintained by the Governing Body of the College and the Local Authority will be informed if/when a place has been offered to a student (DCSF Admission Code 2.14). The Waiting List for Year 7 will be held until the end of the Autumn Term.

Fair Access Protocol

In accordance with the requirements of the School Admission Code, the school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within the Protocol require a place at Wright Robinson, the child will be admitted immediately or will move to the top of the waiting list, as determined by the Protocol Management Group.

In-Year Admissions

In-year admissions are requests for places in any year group received by the LA or the School outside the ordinary admissions process for Year 7 (i.e. including applications for Year 7 after the beginning of the autumn term).

Parents/carers will be required to contact the LA when enquiring about an In-Year school place as part of its overall role in co-ordinating admissions. The LA will then ask the College's Governing Body whether a place is available, and the LA will then notify parents/carers of the outcome.

If the application is not successful parents/carers have the right to appeal the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel.

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- ¹ *‘Previously Looked after Children’ are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).*
- ² *“Distance” is defined as the distance from the middle of the College building, in a straight line, to the centre of the child’s home property. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child’s permanent home address to the centre point of the school and using the College’s computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.*
- ³ *“Sibling” means a full brother or sister, and a half brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister and non-blood related children who live with married or cohabiting parents in the same household.*