

Admissions Policy

Suffolk One Admission Policy and over-subscription criteria: 2013-2014

Suffolk One is a learning centre for 16-19 year olds in South West Ipswich and South Suffolk.

The Suffolk South West Ipswich and South Suffolk Partnership of Schools (SWISS) consists of Beacon Hill, The Bridge and Thomas Wolsey Special schools, Chantry, Claydon, East Bergholt, Hadleigh, Holbrook and Stoke High Schools, Ormiston Endeavour Academy, Westbourne Sports College, Westbridge Pupil Referral Unit and Suffolk One.

Suffolk One is a Foundation school and operates in accordance with regulations relevant to the schools sector. Admissions to Suffolk One are organised in accordance with the following policy, which conforms to the national School Admissions Code and the Code on Admissions Appeals. This Admissions Policy applies to students seeking admission to full-time courses for 16- 19 year old students. As a foundation school, the Governing Body of the school, in accordance with this policy, makes the decisions about offers of places at Suffolk One.

For 2013-14 Suffolk One will admit up to 1000 pupils into Year 12. This is the published admission number (PAN) and is determined on the basis of the accommodation available to offer student programmes and courses.

Applications for a place at Suffolk One in September 2013 must be received by 31 January 2013.

Details of the application process and address to which application forms should be sent will be available in all partnership schools and on the Suffolk One website www.suffolkone.org.

Course Requirements

An admission to Suffolk One will not guarantee a place on any particular course.

Courses may require particular GCSE or other suitable qualifications at a specific level of attainment. Details of the entry requirements for particular programmes of study and individual courses will be outlined in the Prospectus published in September 2012 for entry to Year 12 in September 2013.

Whilst it is expected that all courses published in the prospectus will run, it is occasionally necessary to cancel courses due to a lack of student interest. If this should happen, the applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

Admission Oversubscription Criteria

The Governing Body is required by law to offer places to those students who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs that names Suffolk One. If demand for places is greater than the number Suffolk One intends to admit, places will be allocated in the following order priority: -

1. Looked after students.
2. Students who for compelling medical or social need wish to attend Suffolk One. A letter must be provided at the time of application from your doctor, the school medical officer or other health or welfare professionals, which sets out the particular reasons why Suffolk One is the most suitable post 16 establishment and the difficulties that would be caused if the student had to attend another college or sixth form.
3. Students who were on roll in Year 11 (or born between 1/9/96 and 31/8/97) at a SWISS partnership school by the closing date for applications.
4. Students in Year 11 (or born between 1/9/96 and 31/8/97) of any secondary school.
5. Any other applicant.

All students will be required to have: -

- Their application supported by a positive reference from their current institution.
- The necessary entry requirements for the specific programme they intend to study.

Tie-Breaker

Should the Published Admission Number (PAN) be reached in any of the sections described above, the decision to offer places will be based on distance. Priority will be given to the applicants who live nearest to Suffolk One as measured by a straight line.