



The Tiffin Girls' School

Determined Admissions Arrangements

**For Sixth Form entry in the
Academic Year 2025 – 2026**

Entry to the Sixth Form for September 2025

Sections 11 to 16 relate to Sixth Form Admissions only

Parents/Carers are directed to the Glossary

11. ADMISSIONS AUTHORITY

11.1 The Tiffin Girls' School (hereafter referred to as 'the School') is an academy and therefore is its own admissions authority.

12. OVERVIEW

12.1 Usually, only girls born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 can apply for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2025. Applications for girls outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; parents/carers should write to The Sixth Form Admissions Office at The Tiffin Girls' School.

12.2 The minimum qualification for entry into the Sixth Form at the School is 8 full course GCSE passes. The 8 passes must include English, Mathematics and a science at GCSE. Four of the passes must be at grade 7 or above and another four must be at grade 6 or above. The provisions of paragraphs 13.2, 14.3 and 14.4 also apply. For iGCSEs graded A* to G, grade A is equivalent to a 7 and A* is equivalent to an 8 or 9.

12.3 A minimum of 20 places will be offered to external applicants. Final numbers will vary depending on combination of courses, availability of spaces and the number of Year 11 students from The Tiffin Girls' School who move into the Sixth Form.

12.4 The entry criteria for external applicants are the same as for students already in the School. Applications from internal applicants will be considered first.

12.5 Each application (both internal and external) will be judged using GCSE results.

12.6 There is no Designated Area for entry to the Sixth Form (as there is for entry to Year 7).

13. ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

13.1 Any student thinking of applying to join the School's Sixth Form should attend the Sixth Form Open Evening, the date of which will be published on the school website. An information booklet and our Sixth Form Prospectus will be loaded on to the school website immediately after the Sixth Form Open Evening.

13.2 External applicants must bring in their original results sheet from their school between 9.00am and 5.00pm on GCSE results day in August 2025 to make their application.

13.3 By this end date all applications will be ranked by average point score of each student's full course GCSEs and places will be offered in accordance with our Admissions Criteria. After this date, external applicants may still contact the school via sfadmissions@tiffingirls.org to make an application and this will be classed as a 'late' application. All late applications received after the deadline will be considered after all the on-time applications are processed. Unsuccessful applicants and their parents/carers have the right of appeal.

13.4 The school is unable to provide information on rank or status of applications.

13.5 All applicants will be contacted by the school with the outcome of their application.

13.6 There are separate processes to be followed for naming a school on an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and you should speak with your Local Authority who administers the process. An applicant with an EHCP will need to meet the same entry criteria as all other applicants.

14. MINIMUM ENTRY CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECTS AND ACCEPTANCE ON TO A CHOSEN COURSE OR COMBINATION OF COURSES

14.1 Note that all of the following criteria apply to students already in Year 11 at The Tiffin Girls' School as well as to external applicants.

14.2 The following criteria in paragraphs 14.3 and 14.4 are minimum entry requirements. Achievement of the GCSE grades specified does not guarantee a place on any course or combination of courses.

14.3 Students must have achieved at least a grade 7 in the subjects they wish to study at A Level. For English, at least a grade 7 in English Literature GCSE is required. For those subjects not offered or not studied at GCSE, each has a specified GCSE entry qualification:

14.3.1 for Economics: at least a grade 7 in Mathematics GCSE and at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE.

14.3.2 for Religious Studies: at least a grade 7 in Religious Studies GCSE or at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE if RS has not been studied at GCSE.

14.3.3 for Mathematics Route 2: a GCSE grade 8 or 9 in Mathematics, a grade 8 or 9 in Physics GCSE and four grade 8 or 9 GCSEs overall.

14.3.4 for Theatre Studies: at least a grade 7 in Drama GCSE, or grade 7 or above in either English Language or English Literature if Drama has not been studied at GCSE.

14.3.5 for Computer Science: at least a grade 7 in Computing GCSE, or grade 8 or above in Mathematics GCSE if Computing has not been studied at GCSE.

14.3.6 for Psychology: at least a grade 7 in either English Language GCSE or English Literature GCSE.

14.3.7 for Design and Technology (DT): at least a grade 7 in DT GCSE or at least a grade 7 in either Art GCSE or Maths GCSE or Physics GCSE if DT has not been studied at GCSE.

14.3.8 for Music: an ABRSM Grade 5 pass in any instrument or voice and an ABRSM Grade 6 pass in Music Theory.

14.4 In addition, students wishing to apply for any of Biology, Chemistry or Physics A Level must have studied all three separate sciences at GCSE. Students that have GCSEs in Combined Science are welcome to apply to the Sixth Form, but only to study non-science subjects.

14.4.1 Students wishing to study A Level Biology must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Biology GCSE.

14.4.2 Students wishing to study A Level Chemistry must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Chemistry GCSE.

14.4.3 Students wishing to study A Level Physics must have obtained at least a grade 7 in Physics GCSE.

14.4.4 Students choosing a combination of subjects that includes three or all four of Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry at A Level must achieve:

At least four grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs overall **and**:

- If any three of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics are to be studied, then at least two grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs and one grade 7 GCSE from those three subjects to be studied are required
- If all four of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics are to be studied, then at least three grade 8 or grade 9 GCSEs and one grade 7 GCSE from those four subjects are required

Students not meeting these requirements can still be admitted to the Sixth Form, but on a different combination of subjects. The School will give guidance as to which subjects will be possible options.

15. OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

15.1 The applicant's GCSE grades must have been submitted to The Tiffin Girls' School by the deadline stated and must identify the applicant as being of the required academic standard for the Sixth Form at the School.

15.2 Places will be offered subject to and dependent upon:

15.2.1 sufficient demand for places in each of the four subject areas the applicant has indicated they wish to study.

15.2.2 availability of the combination of subjects selected by the applicant.

15.2.3 the School's ability to staff the subjects selected.

15.3 If there are more external applications than the Published Admission Number of 20 (together with any additional places which might become available after internal applications have been considered), then the over-subscription criteria, in priority order, will be:

15.3.1 any applicants who are currently Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children; provided they are judged to be of the required standard both for entry to the Sixth Form and also for the combination of subjects they wish to study. Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence;

15.3.2 rank order by average point score of a student's GCSE results for any applicants for whom their current school receives additional annual funding in pupil premium or service premium payments; provided they are judged to be of the required standard both for entry to the Sixth Form and also for the combination of subjects they wish to study. If any applicant has been eligible for means tested free school meals at any point in the six years prior to GCSE results day (see paragraph 13.2), even if they are not currently eligible, or if any applicant is registered as a service child at their current school, applications under these criteria must be accompanied by professionally supported evidence; then

15.3.3 rank order by average point score of a student's GCSE results for all other applicants.

15.3.4 in the event of a tie for one remaining place to study a particular combination of subjects between students with the same average point score, the place will be offered to the student who has achieved the highest number of grade 9s at GCSE, followed by the highest GCSE grades in the subjects they wish to study at A-Level.

15.3.5 In the event that a tie remains for one remaining place after the application of the tie-breaker in paragraph 15.3.4 above, the place will be offered to the student who lives nearest to the School, using the method described in paragraph 5.2.4 of the Determined Admissions Arrangements for Y7 entry September 2025.

16. AVERAGE POINT SCORE

16.1 Rank order is determined by the Average Point Score across all full course GCSEs.

GLOSSARY

Currently Looked After and Previously Looked After Children are defined as:

- Children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application to the school is made
- Children who were previously in the care of a local authority immediately before they were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, including those who appear [to the School] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

Children who qualify for receipt of Pupil Premium Funding: in the arrangements for Year 7 entry, children who live in the Designated Area for whom their current school receives additional annual funding in pupil premium or service premium payments. If you live in the Designated Area and either your child has been eligible for means tested free school meals at any point in the six years prior to the SIF Deadline, even if she is not currently eligible, or if she is registered as a service child at her current school, documentary evidence of her eligibility must be provided (see paragraph 2.10.6).

Note: Applicants for admissions to the Sixth Form (i.e. those applying to join the School in Year 12) do not need to live in the Designated Area for pupil premium or service premium consideration under the sixth form over subscription criteria (see paragraphs 12.6 and 15.3).

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) Deadline: the date and time by which the online registration for the Stage One Test must be received by the School.

Permanent Place of Residence: the address you give on your Application. This address must be the one where the girl is living permanently and must be the address where your family normally lives.

Inner Area: the named electoral wards within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames or the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames specified in paragraph 5.3.1.

Designated Area: the named postal districts specified in paragraph 5.4.1.