



Year 9 Admissions Policy 2018/19

Status: Statutory

Member of Staff responsible: Executive Principal

UTC SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE ADMISSIONS POLICY

Overall Approach

UTC Sheffield City Centre will follow the statutory school admissions and appeal codes. These proposals are based on the current code but will be reviewed in the light of any future changes in the law.

For 18/19 the Sheffield UTC has been given permission to admit 100 Y9 students and this is based upon the same spread of students in relation to the Y10 students. In developing our admissions policy, we have struck a fair balance between Sheffield and its neighbours, and provided a fair spread of places across the region the UTC covers. We have also ensured that no individual will be advantaged in gaining admission to the UTC by virtue of where they live.

Admission Numbers

In 2018/2019 and each subsequent year UTC Sheffield City Centre will admit 100 students into Year 9.

Catchment Area

UTC Sheffield City Centre is designed for the benefit of the whole Sheffield City Region and our admissions process reflects this. Sheffield City Region is comprised of the nine local authority areas of Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, Doncaster, North East Derbyshire, Rotherham and Sheffield.

Students resident outside Sheffield City Region can also apply to the UTC. Such applicants will be treated as if they were resident in the nearest area to them within the Region.

Year 9 (post-13) Admissions

If the number of applicants to the UTC Sheffield City Centre for Year 9 entry is 100 or less, then all applicants will be admitted.

Specialisms

All students for Year 9 admission will be expected to apply for one of the UTC's two specialisms:

- For Engineering & Manufacturing there will be 60 places available
- For Creative & Digital Media there will be 40 places available

If there are insufficient applicants for places in one specialism these will be added to the places available for the other specialism up to a maximum of an additional 15% in either specialism due to restrictions of the building.

All students with an Education Health and Care Plan naming the UTC will be admitted.

If there are more applicants than places, then the following arrangements will apply:

1. Any Looked After Children in the care of a local authority and previously Looked After Children who wish to attend the UTC, will first be admitted regardless of where they are resident.
2. All other applicants will be allocated to one of eight areas covering Sheffield City Region, according to their home postcode. Each area has a share of places according to the number of Year 9 students at schools in that area.
3. If some areas have unfilled places these will be shared out across over-subscribed areas, in proportion to the number of applicants in each, thereby increasing the number of places available in these areas.
4. Places in each over-subscribed area will then be allocated randomly.

The following table shows the number of places available to each postcode area, before any unfilled places are shared out. Places for Looked After Children are included in these numbers.

District no.	Postcode district:	Approximate main area covered (NB: postcodes boundaries do not align with council areas)	Number of places available to Year 9 applicants:
1	DN 1 – 14, DN21, DN22, WF8	Doncaster	19
2	DE4, DE45, DE55, DE56, DE6, SK17, ST14, NG16, NG19, NG20, NG22, NG23, S80, S81	Bassetlaw, Bolsover and Derbyshire Dales	6
3	S70 – S75, HD8, HD9	Barnsley	10
4	S60 – S66, S25-26	Rotherham	20
5	S40 – S49	Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire	10
6	S1-4, S9, S12-13, S20-21, S96-99	Sheffield A	11
7	S5, S7-8, S10, S14, S18	Sheffield B	13
8	S6, S11, S17, S32-33, S35-36	Sheffield C	11

[DN: The places share in the above table will be reviewed to ensure it reflects the latest data on Y9 student numbers]

Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants will have a right of appeal to an independent appeals panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admissions Appeals Code.

Appeals will be conducted independently of the UTC by Sheffield City Council. Details of their arrangements and how to make an appeal can be found at

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/pupil-admissions/appeals.html>

Waiting lists

Where in any year the UTC receives more eligible applications than there are places available, a waiting list will be maintained by the UTC until the end of the first half term (October) after the start of the school year. It will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list. If and when places become available they will be allocated to those on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be re-ordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever a place becomes available.

Verification of random allocation processes

All processes of random allocation under these arrangements will be supervised by someone independent of the UTC.

Making an application

For both age group applications will fit into Sheffield City Council's timetable for applications each year. Arrangements will include:

- Publication of a prospectus by September each year containing information for applicants wishing to join the UTC the following September, including admissions arrangements and details of open evening and opportunities to visit the UTC. These details will also be made available for inclusion in the combined information published by all the local authorities covered by UTC admissions;

For Year 9 entry, application forms will be provided via the UTC web-site for return by 31 October to Sheffield City Council (when you submit on-line Sheffield City Council will automatically receive the application) and details of the Council's processes are published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/pupil-admissions.html>

In addition applications forms can be downloaded from the UTC website at www.utcsheffield.org.uk or you can get a hard copy from UTC Sheffield City Centre, 111 Matilda St, Sheffield, S1 4QF or by telephoning 01142603970.

- Decisions on applications will be made during February and notified to parents, and applicants' home local authorities, on or around 1 March.

The application and notification dates may vary in conformance with any timetable variations to application processes made by Sheffield City Council. Full information will be published each year on the UTC's website www.utcsheffield.org.uk