

Waiting list and appeals – Year 7 entry – September 2019

Dixons Allerton, City, Kings and McMillan Academies

General information

As advised in the Guidance for Admissions document that was issued with the supplementary form, every year there are many more applicants than we have places for.

All places were offered via the coordinated admission scheme, operated by the local authorities, and allocated in accordance with the oversubscription criteria and to children from all ability levels.

Late forms

Where a supplementary form (SIF) or Common Application Form (CAF) was submitted late, or not at all, those children were considered after those for whom the form had been submitted by the deadline/s.

Admitting children of all abilities

The assessment is **not** a traditional entrance exam which children either pass or fail. Instead, places at these Academies (Allerton, City, Kings and McMillan only) are offered to children of all abilities and are fair-banded. This means that the number of places offered in each ability band reflects the number of children applying in each band. The breakdown for each stanine band can be seen on the table overleaf.

Application of the oversubscription criteria

For Dixons Allerton Academy, places were allocated based upon application of the oversubscription criteria, which includes a distance rule.

Being centrally based, Dixons City and McMillan Academies do not operate a distance rule policy, therefore, places were not allocated based on where a child lives in relation to the Academy but by applying the oversubscription criteria, which includes random allocation.

At Dixons Kings Academy, 55% of places were allocated to children living in BD7 and 45% of places were allocated to children from other postcode areas (as per the Admissions Policy). Places were not decided based on the distance a child lives in relation to the Academy, but by applying the oversubscription criteria which includes random allocation.

No places were allocated based on the primary school a child attends, their gender, their ethnicity or their background. If a child was not allocated a place, this was because the child did not rank as high within the oversubscription criteria as other children did.

For full details of the oversubscription criteria, please refer to the Admissions & Appeals Policy which can be found on the academies websites:

Dixons Allerton Academy	www.dixonsaa.com/admissions
Dixons City Academy	www.dixonsca.com/admissions
Dixons Kings Academy	www.dixonska.com/admissions
Dixons McMillan Academy	www.dixonsma.com/admissions

Dixons Trinity Academy

Application of the oversubscription criteria

Following the change to the Admissions Policy, places are no longer allocated by ability band at Dixons Trinity. Instead they were allocated by applying the oversubscription criteria which includes a distance rule.

If a child was not allocated a place, this was because the child did not rank as high within the oversubscription criteria as other children did, for example, they live further away from the Academy.

For full details of the oversubscription criteria, please refer to the Admissions & Appeals Policy which can be found at: www.dixonsta.com/admissions

Breakdown of places by stanine band – fair banding

Dixons Allerton Academy	Applied	%	Places	%
Stanine 1	55	12.61	31	12.92
Stanine 2	41	9.40	23	9.58
Stanine 3	74	16.97	42	17.50
Stanine 4	87	19.95	49	20.42
Stanine 5	77	17.66	43	17.92
Stanine 6	62	14.22	35	14.58
Stanine 7	20	4.59	11	4.58
Stanine 8	12	2.75	7	2.92
Stanine 9	8	1.83	4	1.67
Total	436		245	
CAF only	320		0	
Overall	756		245	

Dixons City Academy	Applied	%	Places	%
Stanine 1	83	7.12	12	7.27
Stanine 2	119	10.21	17	10.30
Stanine 3	163	13.99	23	13.94
Stanine 4	210	18.03	30	18.18
Stanine 5	193	16.57	27	16.36
Stanine 6	172	14.76	24	14.55
Stanine 7	102	8.76	14	8.48
Stanine 8	60	5.15	9	5.45
Stanine 9	63	5.41	9	5.45
Total	1165		165	
CAF only	509		0	
Overall	1674		165	

Dixons Kings Academy	Applied	%	Places	%
Stanine 1	88	8.86	14	8.75
Stanine 2	101	10.17	16	10.00
Stanine 3	156	15.71	25	15.63
Stanine 4	184	18.53	30	18.75
Stanine 5	154	15.51	25	15.63
Stanine 6	141	14.20	23	14.38
Stanine 7	75	7.55	12	7.50
Stanine 8	54	5.44	9	5.63
Stanine 9	40	4.03	6	3.75
Total	993		160	
CAF only	341		0	
Overall	1334		160	

Dixons McMillan Academy	Applied	%	Places	%
Stanine 1	79	7.32	8	7.14
Stanine 2	115	10.66	12	10.71
Stanine 3	153	14.18	16	14.29
Stanine 4	197	18.26	20	17.86
Stanine 5	183	16.96	19	16.96
Stanine 6	158	14.64	16	14.29
Stanine 7	84	7.78	9	8.04
Stanine 8	57	5.28	6	5.36
Stanine 9	53	4.91	6	5.36
Total	1079		112	
CAF only	288		0	
Overall	1367		112	

Note

The number of places offered is rounded up or down to give a whole number of children from admission. For example, 12.61 places will be rounded up to 13 places, whereas 9.40 places will be rounded down to 9 places. Consequently, the percentage of places will be slightly higher or lower than the percentage of applicants in an ability band.

Dixons Trinity Academy

	Applied	Places
Total CAF preferences	1501	112

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Waiting lists

Children's names are automatically kept on a reserve/waiting list and it is not necessary to contact the Academy to ask to remain on the list. This list is used between now and the end of December 2019 if any places become available. If this happens the local authority will offer the place to the next eligible applicant on the list.

If you wish to keep your child's details on the waiting list after the end of December, please ensure you contact the Admissions Office at the Academy in January 2020 and the details will be transferred to the new list.

Should you wish to make a specific enquiry about the waiting list, please contact the Admissions Office at the Academy.

Appeals – Frequently asked questions and statistics

If you are dissatisfied with the admission decision, you have the right to make a representation to the Appeals Panel, which is independent of the Academies. You may find the following information helpful in respect of appeals:

Should I appeal?

Before any appeal takes place, the year group will be full. No places are 'reserved' for children whose appeals are upheld.

As well as taking into account the parents reasons why the child should be admitted, the panel also consider if the application was made correctly and on time, if the admission arrangements complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, and whether those arrangements were correctly and impartially applied to that particular application.

As any upheld appeal will result in the year group being over the recommended limit, which could have health and safety implications and/or a harmful effect on the teaching and learning of all or some of the pupils in the year group, only those appeals with **strong** reasons are likely to be upheld. Appeals solely on the grounds of distance from, or convenience of transport to, the Academy are unlikely to be upheld.

The following page shows the figures for the appeals for the last two years, both for entry at the start of Year 7 and for in-year appeals.

When should I appeal by?

The deadline for appealing is 29th March 2019. The hearings for appeal forms received by this deadline will take place in May or early June. Forms received after the deadline will be heard in late June or July.

What should I put in my appeal?

It is important to put on the form ALL of your reasons for wanting a place at that Academy. It is *your* responsibility to provide any supporting documentation, such as letters from a hospital consultant/ paediatrician or social services, and these should be sent with your appeal form.

If you cannot submit all of your documents with your appeal form, you must make sure you submit these to the Appeals Coordinator, based at Dixons McMillan Academy, at least five days before your appeal. If you bring additional documents on the day of your appeal, the panel may be unable to consider them or they may defer your appeal to another date. The panel cannot consider documents submitted after the appeal hearing.

If my appeal is refused, can I appeal again?

If you are unsuccessful in your appeal, a second appeal will only be considered for that academic year if there has been a significant change in your circumstances as a result of which a new application has been accepted.

Please note:

You cannot appeal for an academy if you did not apply to and/or list it on your local authority's online system/common application form (CAF).

If you are appealing for more than one Dixons academy, a separate appeal form must be completed for each of the academies you are appealing for, stating your reasons for wanting a place at that particular academy.

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Appeals lodged and outcome

Key:
Lodged: number of appeals made
Upheld: appeals found in favour of the appellant
Rejected: appeals found in favour of the Academy

Dixons Allerton Academy (secondary)	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2016 - Year 7 entry	39	9	30
2017 - Year 7 entry	33	3	30
2018 - Year 7 entry	26	3	23
In-Year 2016-17	12	3	9
In-Year 2017-18	16	3	13
In-Year 2018-19 (to date)	9	1	8

Dixons City Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2016 - Year 7 entry	82	2	80
2017 - Year 7 entry	115	2	113
2018 - Year 7 entry	115	7	108
In-Year 2016-17	10	0	10
In-Year 2017-18	19	0	19
In-Year 2018-19 (to date)	8	0	8

Dixons Kings Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2016 - Year 7 entry	49	3	46
2017 - Year 7 entry	74	5	69
2018 - Year 7 entry	115	2	113
In-Year 2016-17	14	3	11
In-Year 2017-18	19	4	15
In-Year 2018-19 (to date)	7	0	7

Dixons McMillan Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2016 - Year 7 entry	48	1	47
2017 - Year 7 entry	90	2	88
2018 - Year 7 entry	148	6	142
In-Year 2016-17	12	2	10
In-Year 2017-18	22	2	20
In-Year 2018-19 (to date)	13	0	13

Dixons Trinity Academy	Lodged	Upheld	Rejected
2016 - Year 7 entry	67	1	66
2017 - Year 7 entry	108	1	107
2018 - Year 7 entry	137	3	134
In-Year 2016-17	12	0	12
In-Year 2017-18	19	0	19
In-Year 2018-19 (to date)	17	2	15