



ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Introduction

Christleton International Studio (CIS) offers a new kind of state education for 14-19 year olds of all abilities. The Studio is being created specifically to prepare young people for aspirational employment in the increasingly interconnected world, and has a strong international outlook. Our Admissions Policy reflects these aspirations.

In an increasingly digital and interconnected global society, an individual's success depends on the ability to communicate linguistically, mathematically and visually, and also upon well- developed and highly transferable employment skills which allow an individual to work successfully in a range of jobs and sectors and in different places, working with a range of international employers located close to Chester.

CIS will shape global citizens who will be equipped to work the world over in order to share and develop creative ideas by means of language, logic/mathematics and visual literacy. It will be an exciting place where the support and expertise of highly effective staff and trusted employers is combined with the involvement of parents and guardians to ensure that our students are employable anywhere in the world.

At CIS, learning will have an international outlook and a strong focus on becoming employable across local, regional and international borders. By developing employability, a CIS education will give students the skills employers are currently asking for and will also prepare them with the flexibility required for new jobs that will only exist in the future. In the Studio, in addition to academic study, there will be regular time with a personal coach who will help to put academic learning into practice in project-based group challenges, work placements and foreign language visits.

From 14-18, all students will work on personal development in order to cultivate the transferable skills that are universally required in professional employment. Starting at 14, a student at the Studio will study for GCSEs *and* professional qualifications which are ideally suited for those who want their employment options to remain open and, importantly, which reflect the demands of the international employment market. Those



who leave at 18 will have studied for one of two broad and prestigious International Baccalaureate Programmes.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme are well-respected by employers and are welcomed in an excellent range of British and international universities.

CIS will provide school places for young people aged 14-19 and the Admissions Arrangements for the Year groups 10 and 12 intakes are set out below.

CIS is committed to straightforward, open, fair and transparent Admissions arrangement. The school will act fully in accordance with the School Admissions Code, the School Admissions Appeals Code and admissions law as they apply to Academies.

Published Admission Number:

For 2018, the published admission number will be 70 students in each of year 10 and 60 in year 12.

Application Process for Year 10:

For applications into Year 10, parents/ guardians are required to complete and submit a Common Application Form (CAF) to the local authority by 31st October 2018. Copies of the form are available from the Admissions Team at Cheshire West and Chester or online at: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Full details of the application process are available in the local authority brochure, 'Transferring to Secondary School 2018.

In order to apply for a place at CIS when completing the Common Application Form, CIS must be listed as one of the preferences on the local authority form. Inaccurate or false information on the form could result in the place being withdrawn.



Special Educational Needs

Children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) where CIS is named on the plan will have automatic entitlement to a place at CIS, and will be admitted before all other applicants.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the school receives more applications for Year 10 than it has places available, the criteria listed below will apply, after the admission of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), which names CIS. The oversubscription criteria will be:

1. Looked-after children or previously Looked-after children but ceased to be so because they adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order). The definition of Looked after is as follows: A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

2. Feeder Academy: Christleton High School is the feeder Academy for Christleton International Studio as it is our Sponsor School. A maximum of 30% of places will be allocated to applicants on its roll. In the event of oversubscription within this category random allocation will be used (see 'Tiebreaker' below).

3. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium including the Service Premium¹. Children given priority under this criterion fall into the following categories:

A). children currently registered as eligible for free school meals and children who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years; and

B). children whose parent(s) are serving in the regular UK armed forces, to the children of regular UK armed forces personnel who were serving in the past 3 years, or to children who are in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and the War Pensions Scheme because their parent(s) died on active service with the UK armed forces

Where the application under the Pupil Premium criteria is not successful, the application will be placed into the next highest criteria and will be considered along with all of the other students falling within that criteria.

¹ Parents will need to submit written evidence with their application establishing that their children fall within either (or both) A or B.



In the event of oversubscription within this category random allocation will be used (see 'Tiebreaker' below).

4. Children residing within an 8 mile radius. (Map showing 8 mile radius and postcodes – Appendix 1)

In the event of oversubscription within this category random allocation will be used (see 'Tiebreaker' below).

5. All other children

Tie-breaker

In the event that more than one child has an equal right to an available place, to determine which pupils are admitted under criterion 2, 3, 4, and 5, Christleton International Studio will use independent random allocation to determine who is admitted. Random allocation will be overseen by a body independent of the school; this will be an independent Solicitor, as appointed by CIS prior to allocation of places.

Application Process for Year 12

Applicants for Year 12 are required to complete and submit an application form online to Christleton International Studio or complete a paper copy to c/o Christleton High School, Village Road, Christleton, Chester, CH3 7AD. Applications will be made available on the website www.christletoninternationalstudio.co.uk and can also be collected from Christleton High School.

Applications will open on August 1st 2017 and will close on 31st March 2018 in agreement with the Local Authority. Offers, conditional on GCSE Grades will be made on 1st April 2017.

There are a variety of post-16 courses on offer each with different entry requirements. Full details of these will be published annually in the post-16 prospectus and applicants should contact the school for information on www.christletoninternationalstudio.co.uk or 01244 677535



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To be eligible for entry into Year 12 both internal and external pupils will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements for the post-16 course and its level of qualification which are necessary to ensure they can access the learning:

Pupils are particularly asked to note the following:

If they wish to study the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**, both internal and external pupils will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements for the post-16 course and its level of qualification which are necessary to ensure they can access the learning:

- Grades A* - C in at least 6 GCSE subjects including English and Maths
- An A* - C in a Modern Foreign Language

If they wish to study the **International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme**, both internal and external pupils will be expected to have met the minimum academic entry requirements for the post-16 course and its level of qualification which are necessary to ensure they can access the learning:

- Grades A* - C in at least 5 GCSE subjects including English and Maths

Though not a condition of admission, once admitted students will need to engage with the philosophy of the IB Programme and think independently, manage your learning, become culturally aware and engage with the ideas of global citizenship.

If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses the Studio offers for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements, providing these courses are not already full. Course requirements are published annually on the Studio's website www.christletoninternationalstudio.co.uk in the post-16 prospectus.

When Year 12 is under-subscribed all applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements will be admitted.

CIS will admit any pupils with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) that name CIS.

If the School is over-subscribed, after the allocation of places to students (meeting the minimum entry requirements) progressing from Year 11 to Year 12 within the Studio, and when there are more than 60 external applicants that satisfy the entry requirements than the number of post-16 places available, the over-subscription criteria that will be used to determine who is admitted will be as that applied to Year 10



described above (including the tie-breaks).

Admissions of Children outside the Normal Age Group

Parents may request that their child is admitted to a year group outside their normal age range, for instance where the child is gifted or talented or where a child has suffered from particular social or medical issues impacting his or her schooling. All such requests will be considered on their merits and either agreed or refused, on that basis. If a request is refused, the child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group.

The school will consider each case on its merits, taking into account the individual circumstances of the request and the child's best interests. We will also ensure the parent is aware of whether the request for admission out of age group has been agreed before final offers are made, and the reason for any refusal.

Requests for admission out of the normal year group will be considered alongside other applications made at the same time. An application from a child who would 'normally' be a year 11 child for a year 10 place will be considered alongside applications for year 10.

Offers of Places

Offers for year 10 places will be made by the local authority on 1 November 2017. These will be conditional offers if the funding agreement contract establishing the school is not finalised by that date

Offers for year 12 places will be made by Christleton International Studio on 1 April 2018, conditional upon students achieving their grades in August 2017.

All Year 12 applications received after the deadline of 31st March 2018 and Year 10 received after 31st October for September 2018, will be considered late applications. Late applicants will only be considered after those received on time, and if places have not been allocated. If, following consideration of all applicants, the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Waiting Lists



In any year where CIS receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31st December of the same year. The waiting list will be maintained by the Studio and it will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Position on the waiting list and allocation of places will be determined solely in accordance with the over-subscription criteria outlined above. When a place becomes available, the name at the top of the list will be automatically contacted. Whenever a new applicant is added to the waiting list, the list will be re-ordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

In year admissions

If a waiting list is not in operation (either because there is no one on the waiting list or it is 1 January or later) some places may be available in-year.

Parents of Years 10 and 11 students should apply via the Local Authority Admissions Team.

Parents of Years 12 and 13 students should apply directly to CIS. If a place becomes available in the relevant year group then a place will be offered to those applying.

In the instance of the Studio being over-subscribed, then the applications will be considered against the over-subscription criteria outlined above, with the opportunity for unsuccessful children to be placed on the waiting list. Anyone refused a place will have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel.

Appeals

Parents who are dissatisfied with the school's decision not to admit their child(ren) may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel against that decision as can students aged 16 and over. The determination of the panel will be made in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code and will be binding on all parties.

CIS will use the independent appeals service provided by the local authority. Independent Appeals Panels are appointed in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appeals should be made, in writing, to Christleton International Studio within 20 school days from the date of notification that the application was unsuccessful.



The panel will consist of three people (two will have education experience and one will be an independent person with no education experience). The panel will consider the case put forward, it must consider the admission arrangements for the Studio and the reasons why you want to attend this particular institution. The panel must exercise its discretion by balancing the weight of arguments.

The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on both the Studio and the student/parents.

The Studio will not consider repeat appeals by the same applicant in the same academic year, unless the applicant is able to prove that there have been material changes in their circumstances since the previous admissions appeal.



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- CH4 Balderton, Chester (0 miles)
- CH4 Belgrave, Chester (1 miles)
- CH4 Dodleston, Chester (1.1 miles)
- CH4 Marlston-Cum-Lache, Chester (1.4 miles)
- CH4 Lache, Chester (1.4 miles)
- CH70 Chester, Chester (1.7 miles)
- CH88 Chester, Chester (1.7 miles)
- CH4 Bretton, Chester (1.8 miles)
- CH4 Saltney Ferry, Chester (1.8 miles)
- CH4 Chester Business Park, Chester (1.8 miles)
- CH4 Lower Kinnerton, Chester (1.9 miles)
- CH4 Pulford, Chester (2 miles)
- CH99 Chester, Chester (2 miles)



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CH4 Saltney, Chester (2.3 miles)
LL12 Lavister, Wrexham (2.4 miles)
CH4 Poulton, Chester (2.5 miles)
CH1 Higher Ferry, Chester (2.6 miles)
CH4 Eccleston, Chester (2.7 miles)
CH99 Chester Business Park, Chester (2.7 miles)
CH1 Chester West Employment Park, Chester (2.9 miles)
CH4 Eaton, Chester (2.9 miles)
LL12 Gresford, Wrexham (2.9 miles)
LL12 Rossett, Wrexham (3 miles)
CH4 Chester, Chester (3 miles)
LL12 Burton, Wrexham (3 miles)
CH4 Handbridge, Chester (3.1 miles)
CH4 Higher Kinnerton, Chester (3.2 miles)
CH4 Penyffordd, Chester (3.2 miles)
CH4 Broughton, Chester (3.3 miles)
CH5 Sealand, Deeside (3.5 miles)
CH3 Aldford, Chester (3.5 miles)
LL12 Marford, Wrexham (3.6 miles)
CH1 Mollington, Chester (3.8 miles)
CH1 Sealand, Chester (3.8 miles)
CH1 Saughall, Chester (3.8 miles)
CH1 Chester, Chester (3.8 miles)
CH1 Blacon, Chester (3.8 miles)
CH5 Sandycroft, Deeside (4.2 miles)
CH3 Great Boughton, Chester (4.3 miles)
CH3 Chester, Chester (4.4 miles)
CH3 Huntington, Chester (4.4 miles)
CH3 Bruera, Chester (4.5 miles)
CH2 Picton, Chester (4.6 miles)
CH2 Upton, Chester (4.6 miles)
LL12 Llay, Wrexham (4.6 miles)
CH3 Churton, Chester (4.6 miles)
CH2 Hoole, Chester (4.7 miles)
CH5 Mancot, Deeside (4.8 miles)
CH4 Penymynydd, Chester (4.8 miles)
CH3 Vicars Cross, Chester (4.9 miles)
CH3 Churton Heath, Chester (4.9 miles)
CH2 Newton, Chester (5 miles)
CH5 Pentre, Deeside (5 miles)
CH3 Waverton, Chester (5.2 miles)
CH3 Rowton, Chester (5.2 miles)
CH3 Christleton, Chester (5.2 miles)
CH2 Wervin, Chester (5.3 miles)
CH2 Chester, Chester (5.3 miles)
CH2 Moston, Chester (5.3 miles)
CH3 Farndon, Chester (5.4 miles)
LL12 Caergwrlle, Wrexham (5.4 miles)
CH3 Littleton, Chester (5.4 miles)
CH5 Garden City, Deeside (5.5 miles)
LL12 Wrexham, Wrexham (5.5 miles)
LL12 Cymau, Wrexham (5.5 miles)
LL12 Hope, Wrexham (5.5 miles)



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LL13 Borrass, Wrexham (5.6 miles)
LL11 Top Bradley, Wrexham (5.6 miles)
CH5 Queensferry, Deeside (5.7 miles)
LL12 Cefn-Y-Bedd, Wrexham (5.7 miles)
CH5 Aston, Deeside (5.8 miles)
CH5 Shotton, Deeside (5.9 miles)
CH2 Hoole Village, Chester (6 miles)
CH3 Hatton Heath, Chester (6 miles)
CH5 Ewloe, Deeside (6 miles)
LL12 Pandy, Wrexham (6 miles)
CH2 Caughall, Chester (6.1 miles)
LL13 Llan-Y-Pwll, Wrexham (6.2 miles)
CH2 Backford, Chester (6.3 miles)
CH1 Backford, Chester (6.3 miles)
CH7 Buckley, Buckley / Mold (6.4 miles)
CH7 Padeswood, Buckley / Mold (6.4 miles)
LL11 Rhosrobin, Wrexham (6.4 miles)
LL11 Old Rhosrobin, Wrexham (6.4 miles)
LL11 Cymau, Wrexham (6.4 miles)
LL11 Gwersyllt, Wrexham (6.4 miles)
CH5 Hawarden Industrial Park, Deeside (6.5 miles)
CH3 Milton Green, Chester (6.5 miles)
CH3 Crewe by Farndon, Chester (6.5 miles)
LL11 Summerhill, Wrexham (6.6 miles)
CH3 Guilden Sutton, Chester (6.6 miles)
CH1 Shotwick, Chester (6.6 miles)
CH5 Ewloe Green, Deeside (6.6 miles)
CH1 Dunkirk, Chester (6.7 miles)
CH7 Drury, Buckley / Mold (6.7 miles)
CH2 Chorlton-by-Backford, Chester (6.8 miles)
CH3 Cotton Edmunds, Chester (6.8 miles)
LL13 Ridley Wood, Wrexham (6.8 miles)
CH5 Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside (6.8 miles)
CH2 Mickle Trafford, Chester (6.9 miles)
CH3 Coddington, Chester (6.9 miles)
CH1 Woodbank, Chester (6.9 miles)
CH2 Croughton, Chester (6.9 miles)
CH7 Pontblyddyn, Buckley / Mold (6.9 miles)
SY14 Barton, Malpas (7.1 miles)
LL11 Moss, Wrexham (7.1 miles)
LL11 Stansty, Wrexham (7.1 miles)
CH3 Saighton, Chester (7.1 miles)
LL13 Redwither Business Park, Wrexham (7.2 miles)
CH3 Handley, Chester (7.2 miles)
CH5 Connah's Quay, Deeside (7.3 miles)
CH1 Capenhurst, Chester (7.3 miles)
LL11 Pentre Broughton, Wrexham (7.3 miles)
LL11 Highfield, Wrexham (7.4 miles)
CH5 Hawarden, Deeside (7.4 miles)
CH7 Pontybodkin, Buckley / Mold (7.4 miles)
CH5 Deeside, Deeside (7.4 miles)
LL11 Ffrith, Wrexham (7.5 miles)



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CH3 Hargrave, Chester (7.6 miles)
CH2 Stoak, Chester (7.7 miles)
LL13 Holt, Wrexham (7.7 miles)
LL11 Bradley, Wrexham (7.7 miles)
LL11 Lodge, Wrexham (7.7 miles)
CH3 Stamford Bridge, Chester (7.7 miles)
CH7 Llong, Buckley / Mold (7.8 miles)
CH2 Bridge Trafford, Chester (7.8 miles)
CH3 Hockenhull, Chester (7.8 miles)
LL13 Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham (7.8 miles)
LL13 Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham (7.8 miles)
CH7 Alltami, Buckley / Mold (7.8 miles)
CH3 Great Barrow, Chester (7.9 miles)
LL11 New Broughton, Wrexham (7.9 miles)
LL11 Caego, Wrexham (8 miles)
CH3 Clutton, Chester (8 miles)