



## **Consultation on Changes to Admissions Policy and Admissions criteria for Wootton Upper School as it becomes a two-tier academy**

As part of the move to two-tier, Wootton Academy Trust is proposing alterations to its Published Admissions Number (PAN) and admissions criteria, for Wootton Academy starting from September 2025.

### **INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS 2025 - 2028**

#### **September 2025**

In September 2025 the PAN for places in Year 9 will be lowered from 297 to **210** in recognition of the start the transfer from three-tier to two-tier structure in the Wootton pyramid, recognising that some pupils will remain at Holywell and that space needs to be made ready for Year 7 and Year 8 children who will join Wootton Academy starting in September 2026.

#### **September 2026**

In September 2026 the PAN for places in Year 9 will remain **210**.

Additionally, for one-year only - as part of interim transfer arrangements - there will be an admission point in Year 8 with a PAN of **150** and an admission point in Year 7 with a PAN of **150**.

It is expected that the children transferring into Year 7 and Year 8 in September 2026 will be exclusively pupils from Marston Vale Middle School - which is expected to close as a Middle School at that point.

The 210 children transferring into Year 9 in September 2026 are expected to be pupils who were in Year 8 at Marston Vale Middle School during 2025 - 2026 and some pupils who were in Year 8 at Holywell during 2025 - 2026 choosing Wootton.

#### **September 2027**

In September 2027, Wootton Academy will increase its Year 7 PAN to **270** - from 210 for places in Year 7. In September 2027, Year 7 will become the main entry point for Wootton Academy.

In September 2027, Wootton Academy will retain an entry point into Year 9 - reducing its PAN from **150** to a PAN of **60**; these places will be intended for children, living in Wootton Academy catchment villages: Wootton, Stewartby and Houghton Conquest and Marston Moretaine [north] who transferred to Holywell School, whilst it was still a middle school and would wish to transfer to Wootton Academy

#### **September 2028**

In September 2028, Wootton Academy's Year 7 PAN will remain **270**.

In September 2028, Wootton Academy will have its final entry point into Year 9; the PAN will be **60**; these places will be intended for children, living in Wootton Academy catchment villages: Wootton, Stewartby and Houghton Conquest and Marston Moretaine [north] who transferred to Holywell School, whilst it was still a middle school and would wish to transfer to Wootton Academy



## September 2029

In September 2029 there will be one point of entry at Wootton Academy. It will be in Year 7 and the PAN will be 270.

### LONG TERM ARRANGEMENTS

1. The PAN for Wootton Academy will be 270
2. There will be no named feeder primary schools.
3. Wootton Academy plans to have standard admissions criteria along the lines of Looked After Children, children in the catchment area, children with siblings at the academy, children of staff, other children etc.
4. Wootton Academy and Holywell School will have defined catchment areas, amended from existing catchment areas:
  - a. Wootton catchment villages to be Wootton, Houghton Conquest and Stewartby and parts of Marston Moretaine [*northern part of the village - to be worked out with Central Bedfordshire Council*].
  - b. Holywell catchment villages to be Cranfield, parts of Marston Moretaine [*southern part of the village - to be worked out with Central Bedfordshire Council*] and Lidlington
  - c. Both Wootton Academy and Holywell School will then have a criterion for 'Marston others' enabling children from beyond the designated part of the village to have priority above children outside the cluster area.

### Consultation Question

Do you agree with the proposed changes to the admissions criteria proposed by Wootton Academy Trust, namely:

#### September 2025

Year 9 Published Admission Number reduced from 297 to 210.

#### September 2026

Year 9 Published Admission Number remains at 201.

There will be an admission point in Year 8 with a Published Admission Number of 150 and an admission point in Year 7 with a Published Admission Number of 150.

#### September 2027

Year 7 Published Admission Number increased from 210 to 270 and will become the main entry point for Wootton Academy.

Year 9 Published Admission Number reduced from 150 to 60.



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## **September 2028**

Year 7 Published Admission Number will remain at 270.