

## **Academy Policy on Admissions – 2021/2022**

“We, the staff and governors, aspire to ensure that all our students, irrespective of ability and regardless of anyone’s doubts, achieve their potential in full; and we aspire in this way to make THOMAS MILLS HIGH SCHOOL the best in the country.”

*Vision Statement.*

1. As an Academy, Thomas Mills High School remains committed to its continuing role as a comprehensive school serving children of all abilities from the local community.
2. The Admissions Policy of Thomas Mills High School conforms fully with the requirements in Annex B of the Funding Agreement made with the Secretary of State.
3. The Academy shall continue to work in partnership and agreement with the local authority in the smooth management of the whole admissions process.
4. The Governing Body gives full delegated powers to decide upon the admission of pupils to the School in accordance with this policy and the requirements of Annex B of the Funding Agreement to the Admissions Committee working with the Headteacher and the Deputy Head.
5. The Academy adopts in full the policy in relation to admissions to Year 7 which applies to Suffolk County Council’s community high schools, including all provisions relating to Children in Care and Children Previously in Care, pupils with Education, Health and Care plans, those with disabilities and those with challenging behaviour. As part of its policy, the Academy also adopts in full the local authority’s Admissions Oversubscription Criteria for community high schools.
6. Admission to the Sixth Form is open to all who wish to attend, providing that a suitable course is on offer in which a sufficient number of students enrol.
7. An Advanced Level course consists of a minimum of three AS/A2 courses and will be deemed to be a suitable course for students if they have attained a minimum of four GCSEs at grade C or higher. With the introduction of 9 -1 grades, a minimum of grade 5 will be necessary to study that subject at Advanced Level.
8. The admissions number for Year 7 is 168\*.  
The admissions number for Year 7 in 2020/21 and 2021/22 will be 168.
9. The admissions number for Year 12 is 190.

\*In recent years the School has, with the agreement of the Local Authority, admitted 174 pupils for the new intake. The exception is for Year 10 (2021/22) where 196 were admitted.