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INTRODUCTION

The WMG Academy for Young Engineers is a University Technical College for 14 – 19 year old students, which offers an integrated and applied academic and technical curriculum with a core learning time from 8.30 am until 4.30 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (8.30am until 3.20pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday).

The Academy is non-selective for entry at Year 10. Entry to programmes of study Post 16 include appropriate entry criteria, based on previously achieved national qualifications.

Potential students should be aware that the Academy's approach will be founded on practical problem solving with a focus on engineering, mathematics and science.

The Academy Trust will act in accordance with the School Admissions Code and School Admission Appeals Code.

WMG Academy will publish information about the arrangements for admissions, including over-subscription on its website.

This will include details of open days, evenings and other opportunities for prospective students to visit the WMG Academy and minimum entry requirements for Post-16 applicants.

PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER

The published admission number for Year 10 is 150.

The published admission number for Year 12 external applicants is 20. Priority will be given to the Academy's Year 11 students progressing to Year 12; therefore the Academy will not admit external applicants into its Sixth Form, unless undersubscribed by its own students. If fewer of the Academy's own Year 11 pupils do not meet entry criteria and progress into Year 12, additional external pupils will be admitted until Year 12 meets its capacity of 160.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN YEAR 10

Parent(s)/carer(s) should apply for a place at the Academy by making an application via Solihull MBC. The closing date for applications for the WMG Academy for Young Engineers is 31 January 2025. All applications received by this date will be classified as “on time” and will be considered first.

Parent(s)/carer(s) will be notified of the outcome of their child’s application on the National Offer Day the 1st March 2025.

WMG Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than the published admission number for any relevant year group are received, the academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

Students with an education, health and care plan that names WMG Academy Solihull will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.

If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be given a priority from the oversubscription criteria and places will be offered in priority order.

Oversubscription criteria

1. Looked after children (under section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Applications for previously looked after children must be supported by appropriate evidence (ie, a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with siblings at WMG Academy will be prioritised. Siblings must be on roll at the Academy when the application is made. This includes siblings of Post 16 students. A sibling must live at the same address and is defined as:
 - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
 - A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
 - A stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent’s marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
 - The separate children of a couple who live together; or
 - An adopted or fostered brother or sister.
3. Remaining places will be allocated by distance from the WMG Academy (postcode CV4 8DY) as follows
 - a. Children within a 5 mile radius 40% of places (up to a maximum of 60),
 - b. Children living within a 5 – 10 mile radius 40% (up to a maximum of 60) of places,
 - c. Children outside the 10 mile radius 20% (up to a maximum of 30) of places.

ALLOCATION NOTES:

1. Children with an education, health and care plan that names WMG Academy Solihull will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available. If there is an uneven number of places left, the proportion allocated to each part of the catchment area will be round up to the nearest whole number.
2. Where there are more applications than places available within any of the catchment areas identified within criterion (2), independently verified random allocation will be used to decide which children will be allocated a place.
3. If places remain unfilled from any of the three catchment areas, they will be offered by random allocation to the unallocated applicants.
4. Distances are measured by the Council's admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.
5. When considering a child's application, the permanent home address at the closing date of applications will be used. If parent(s)/carer(s) are separated and the child spends time at each parent(s)/carer(s) address, the address of the main carer (where the child lives for the majority of the week) will be used for admission to the Academy. Parent(s)/carer(s) may be asked to provide documentary evidence to verify the student's address. This could be defined and verified as that registered with his/her doctor.
6. Applications from sets of twins or other children from multiple births will be treated as individual applicants, this may result in one child being allocated a place under random allocation and another not.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Applications received after the closing date, are late and will be processed after the offer day.

WAITING LISTS

Places may become available at the WMG Academy after the National Offer Date.

All children who were refused a place will be placed on a waiting list of the Academy; The list will be prioritised in line with the oversubscription criteria; The list will be maintained until the end of the Autumn Term 2025.

If a vacancy arises, the place will be offered to the child with the highest priority. Where there are more applicants on the waiting list in a priority than places available, the place will be offered using the method of random allocation.

IN YEAR APPLICATIONS TO YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11

Applications for a place at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made to Solihull Council. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the application will be given a priority and put on the waiting list.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN THE SIXTH FORM

The WMG Academy will operate a Sixth Form for 160 students in each of Year 12 and Year 13 when at full capacity.

Places will be available in Year 12 for internal students who meet the minimum academic entry requirements for their chosen programme of study. Remaining places will be offered to any external candidates, on condition that they meet the Academy's minimum entry requirements. For entry in 2025, the PAN for admitting external students will be 20.

Applications can be made directly to the WMG Academy or electronically. Application forms will be available on the WMG Academy website or directly from the Academy

The deadline for Year 12 applications is 31 January 2025.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements to gain entry to the Sixth Form will be published on our website.

Students applying to Year 12 will be offered courses appropriate to their prior achievement.

Any students with a statement of special educational need or an education, health and care plan, where the Academy is named in the statement and who meet the minimum admission criteria, will be offered a place. Priority will then be given to any looked after or previously looked after children who meet the criteria.

After admitting SEN and LAC pupils, should the number of external candidates applying, who have met the minimum entry requirements for the Academy, exceed the number of places available, independently verified random allocation will be used to identify the students who will be offered a place. Applications made **after** the closing date of **31 January 2025** will be considered in the order that they are received.

RESPONDING TO OFFERS FOR POST 16 PLACES

All students must respond to offers by the deadline set on the offer letter. Failure to do so may mean that the offer is withdrawn and a place can be offered to another student. If oversubscription criteria have been applied and a student does not achieve the necessary entry requirements for a particular pathway, they must instead accept a place on an alternative pathway or the offer may be withdrawn.

APPEALS – IF YOUR CHILD IS REFUSED A PLACE AT THE ACADEMY

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council facilitates appeals for applicant who are refused a place at WMG Academy. More information is available here: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Admission-appeals>

APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN TO BE ADMITTED INTO A CLASS OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group.

The request should be supported by professional evidence explaining why it is in the child's best interest to be admitted outside the normal age range.

A decision as to whether this is an appropriate course of action will be made by the Principal in conjunction with the Governing Body. Parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular year group.

Should you require any further information, please contact us at solihull.admissions@wmgacademy.org.uk