



**MONTPELIER
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YEAR 7 ENTRY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply?

Applications should be made on the Common Application Form, through your local education authority (usually Bristol City Council or South Gloucestershire). This can be accessed on the local authority's admissions website page. Parents/carers are invited to select a maximum of three preferences of secondary school for their child.

What is the deadline for applications?

23:59 on 31st October 2021 for the Common Application Form.

How many places are available at Montpelier High School?

We have 140 places in Year 7. These will be allocated in the following order:

- EHCP
- Children in Care
- Siblings
- Staff
- Random Allocation to those who applied to local authority by deadline of 31st October 2021

Following the recent name change, is Montpelier High School still a single sex school?

Yes, we remain a single sex secondary school, as we were when known as Colston's Girls' School.

What is the catchment area?

We have a very wide catchment area, ranging from BS1 – BS16, classed as our "inner" band, and where we allocate 75% of the places (after allocating places for students with EHCP, children in care, siblings, and staff). The remaining 25% of places are allocated to those applicants living in postcodes BS17-BS49 (there are also some GL and SN postcodes). A full list of post codes can be found in the Admissions Policy for 2022/2023 on the school website.



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Is the catchment area ever reviewed?

The governors of Montpelier High School review the admissions policy on an annual basis prior to publication and this includes the catchment area and the list of post codes.

What about the Supplementary Form and the “test”?

Montpelier High School no longer uses a banding system for its random allocation places so it is not necessary for applicants to complete a supplementary form.

Applicants applying under the criteria of Sibling or Staff should record this information on the Common Application Form – this is the only way we can identify these applicants.

My child has SEN needs. What information can I obtain?

Information on the school’s provision is available on the Montpelier High School website, by viewing the SEND report (click [here](#)). If your child has an EHCP, please contact the SENCO by email (elaine.cogan@montpschool.org) including details of the plan.

How are Random Allocation Places allocated?

75% of the available random allocation places will be offered to applicants living in the “inner” catchment, BS1 to BS16, and 25% to the “outer” catchment. We will run a ‘random selection’ process, using a computer system, which will be overseen by an independent member of the Bristol City Council school admissions team.

What is a Foreign Language place?

Montpelier High School no longer offers foreign language places. This has allowed us to offer more places under the Random Allocation criteria.

I wish to apply under the Sibling criteria. How do I do this?

Parents/carers need to ensure they tick the sibling box on the Common Application Form.



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I wish to apply under Medical and Social Grounds, how do I do this?

There is no option in the Admissions Policy for 2022 entry for applications based on Medical and Social Grounds.

When will I know if I've been successful?

Offers for Year 7 entry will be made, on national offer day, by local education authorities on Tuesday 1st March 2022. The school is not permitted to discuss offers directly with parents.

If my daughter is unsuccessful on 1st March, what happens?

When parents receive the offer of a school from the local authority, they will be given the option to go on the waiting lists for their three chosen schools, if they did not get any of them. Alternatively, if for example, your child was offered third choice, then parents have the option to go on the waiting list for their first and second choices. Waiting lists are maintained by the local authority but the school will be able to give information on waiting list position. To place your child's name on the waiting list of any school, you will need to contact Bristol City Council school admissions (or your own local education authority if not BCC). The school cannot place names on waiting lists on behalf of parents/carers.

Do further places become available after 1st March?

Yes, we expect further places to become available. These are not extra places but ones where an applicant has declined the place or has been offered a higher preference place at another school. That place then becomes available to reallocate.

There will be a second round of allocations, usually at the beginning of May. However, to be considered for the second-round places, parents/carers must ensure that their child's name is on the waiting list with Bristol City Council (or alternative LEA).

Places can continue to become available after May, right up until the start of the new academic year in September.



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How does the waiting list for MHS work?

The waiting list remains in the same order from the initial random selection process to September. Parents/carers may obtain their child's position number on the waiting list from mhs-admissions@montpschool.org after 1st March 2022.

What happens after September?

The school will contact all parents/carers whose child remains on the waiting list to invite them to join the in-year waiting list. There is no position number on this waiting list as parents/carers have the right to request inclusion on the list at any point during the academic year 2022/2023.

I feel I have a case to appeal for a place at Montpelier High School. How do I proceed with this?

Parents/carers should advise Bristol City Council (or their own LEA), who will provide them with a 'request to appeal' form. The form will also be available to download from the Montpelier High School after 1st March 2022. Appeals will be heard before a panel of independent members in June 2022.