



6th December 2018
Our ref: KEA/jkm

Dear Parents/Students

RE: WOLLASTON SCHOOL SIXTH FORM APPLICATION – SEPTEMBER 2019

Thank you for your interest in our Sixth Form and we would be delighted to receive your completed application in due course. We know that making a choice about post-16 education can be confusing at times and we are keen to help make this process as straightforward as possible.

Please find enclosed the following information:

- Sixth Form Application Form
- Wollaston School Entry Requirement sheet

This letter will explain the process of application to the Sixth Form and act as a set of guidance notes. In terms of completing the application form please focus particularly on the Personal Statement section and, if in doubt, follow the prompts provided.

You will find subject blocking on the front of the application form. You should refer to the entry criteria on the back of the application form to ensure that you select appropriate subjects. At this stage we would like all students to choose 4 subjects. Students are only able to choose one subject from each block. Please also remember if choosing a double BTEC, students must also choose the single BTEC. It is compulsory for students to retake Maths and English GCSE if they do not achieve a grade 4 or above in that subject; this will take priority over any other subject choices in September.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 11th January 2019 **Please complete and return to us asap**

You should think carefully about the subjects you choose – the following questions may help.

- Do you have a particular career in mind? If so, are there any subjects that are required at A Level?
- Do you have a particular university course in mind? If so, are there any subject requirements?
- If neither of these apply to you, which subjects are you best at? Which subjects do you enjoy the most?

If students are planning to apply to university they should research potential courses: What kind of grades do they require? What subjects are most suitable for that particular course? The top universities in the country (the Russell Group) class certain A Level subjects as “soft” and others as “hard.” They will not make an offer to a candidate if they study more than one of the supposed “soft” subjects at Advanced Level, so please research subject choices fully if you are aiming for this. The following websites offer some very clear advice about subject choices at Sixth Form and will be very helpful:

<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices/>

www.trin.cam.ac.uk/index.php?pageid=604

The Interview Process

Once we receive the completed application forms we will assess them and arrange an interview date and time with you. The interview is a chance for us to discuss your application with you; it also gives you a chance to demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to your chosen course, particularly if there are other elements of your application that may give cause for concern e.g. attendance.

We will make a decision about whether to offer you a place in Wollaston Sixth Form based on several factors:

- Your predicted grades in the subjects you wish to study at Sixth Form
- Your effort scores throughout Year 10 and Year 11
- Your written application, particularly the Personal Statement section
- Attendance and punctuality
- Performance at interview

Once we have completed interviews we will write to all students to inform them of the outcome. If successful, you will be expected to attend school for the Induction Days in July.

We are keen to ensure that all students are able to study their preferred subjects; unfortunately, in the event of small numbers of students choosing a particular option, there is a possibility that the subject may not run. Alternatively, the subject may run on a reduced number of teaching hours. We will endeavour to avoid this situation and will inform you of any such decisions as soon as possible.

We hope that the information above has been helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school, should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Mills
Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form



Miss C Randell
Assistant Head of Sixth Form



Mr Braham-Nicoll
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Entry Requirements

Our concern is for students to succeed. Entry thresholds are set at a level which ensures that students who are accepted into our Sixth Form have the necessary academic qualifications to achieve well in their chosen courses. Our general advice is based on prior evidence that students who do not meet these requirements generally do not succeed on A Level (or equivalent Level 3) courses.

Entry to the Sixth Form: Average of your best 8 GCSE grades of at least a grade 4 is required for entry in to the Sixth Form

Entry to A Levels:

- It is normally required that you secure at least a grade 5 in the subjects you wish to study. If you chose subjects at A Level that you have never studied before, then we would expect you to secure at least an average of a grade 5 in your GCSEs.
- For some subjects there are slightly higher requirements based on previous performance of students across the country. It would be expected that you would secure at least a grade 6 in order to study languages and a 7 if you wish to study Maths or one of the Sciences.
- Entry to study 4 A Level subjects: Average of at least a grade 5.5 required.

Entry to BTEC/OCR technical courses:

- It is normally expected that you secure at least a grade 4 in the subjects you wish to study. If you chose BTEC/OCR subjects that you have never studied before, then we would expect you to secure at least an average of a grade 4 in your GCSEs.
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If you wish to study a subject but fall below our normal requirements, then we will take a decision based on your GCSE grades, a discussion with your specific Year 11 class teacher and an interview with you and your parents.

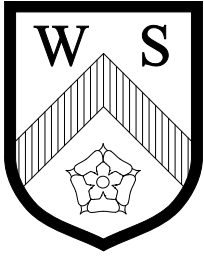
Blockings

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology	Chemistry	Economics	Chemistry	Art
Business	Core Maths	English Language	Computer Science	Biology
Core Maths	German	French	Drama	Business
English Literature	H&SC	Geography	History	Dance
History	Music	Food Science and Nutrition	PE	Further Maths
Maths 6	Philosophy	Maths	Psychology	Media
Photography	Psychology	Physics	Sociology	Philosophy
Sociology	Public Services (Double)	Public Services (Single)	Sport and Physical activity	
			Travel and Tourism	

Please choose 4 subjects; they must be in different blocks. Please state your 1st – 4th choice in order of preference.

We advise students taking Psychology or Biology to strongly think about taking Core Maths (if you are not planning on studying A Level Maths) as this should work alongside their subject and help strengthen their statistic skills that they will need for those A levels.

We also offer the Extended Project Qualification to all students and this will be offered in September 2019.



WOLLASTON SCHOOL

Application for a Sixth Form Place 2019

Student's name	Student's Form
Student's email	

Subject Choices:

Please choose 4 subjects (they must be in different blocks).

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank

Please refer to the blockings table to complete the above choices and rank your choices in order of preference 1-4.

If there is a particular combination of subjects that you were unable to choose because of the blocking please let us know in the space below:
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Personal Statement: Use this space to tell us about yourself. Please include the following information: Why do you want to come to Wollaston School Sixth Form? What are your skills/qualities? What do your effort grades tell us about you? What makes you a good student? Why have you picked those subjects for Sixth Form? How does your subject choice link to what you want to do in the future? What plans do you have for the future? What extra-curricular activities do you do? What does this reveal about your character?

Once completed this application must be handed to the Sixth Form Centre Manager (in the Sixth Form Centre). The deadline for completed application forms is **Friday 11th January 2019**. A date to discuss your application will be confirmed once your application has been received.

All sixth form offers are conditional and subject to successful GCSE results.