

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have carefully read about the courses on offer, and taken the opportunity to talk to subject staff, a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team and your parents, you will need to complete an Application Form.

Please complete and return your Application to the School on, or before **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER 2016**. *No applications will be accepted after this date. In addition, please be aware that students that begin their Post 16 studies at alternative providers will not be readmitted to The Cottesloe Sixth Form.*

STUDENT MEETINGS

Each student will have a meeting with a member of the leadership team in order to discuss their proposed career path and appropriate subject choices. These will take place between **Monday 9th January and Friday 13th January 2017**.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS

All offers of a place in the Sixth Form are subject to a student achieving the specified criteria and so are issued on a conditional basis only. Students will be notified if they have been offered a conditional place no later than Friday 10th March 2017.

INDUCTION WEEK

The School will run a three day compulsory induction course for all students who have applied to join the Sixth Form. These will take place on the **26th, 27th and 28th June 2017**. During the course of the programme you will follow a timetable of your chosen subjects. In addition, those applying to study **Maths** will be required to do an additional two days on the **29th and 30th June 2017**. All prospective Sixth Form students must attend this induction process.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Levels

This is a two year course which is only assessed at the end of the two years e.g. there are no Year 12 AS exams. There may also be some coursework and or practical evaluation which contributes to the grade. The grades go from A* to E.

Edexcel BTEC (Level 3)

Edexcel BTEC Nationals are courses which have a large coursework element. Students complete two internally assessed units of coursework. In addition they complete one externally assessed unit of coursework and one externally assessed exam. Students must pass the externally assessed exam in order to pass the course.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This is an AS Level qualification where a student chooses a topic on which to base an independent study project. There are taught elements to the course and each student will have a project

supervisor but the vast majority of the work is done by the student alone. It is an extremely popular qualification with both universities and employers as it accurately demonstrates the individual's ability to work independently

ATTENDANCE

We will normally expect a student to have achieved a **minimum of 95%** attendance in Year 11 if they wish to secure a place in the Sixth Form.

NOTIFICATION

An offer of a **conditional place** will be confirmed in writing following the interviews although the School reserves the right to withdraw this offer should a Student's circumstances change. You will need to contact the school within 24 hours of the official GCSE results day to confirm that you have achieved the necessary grades and wish to take up a place. There will be Sixth Form Staff on hand at the school on results day to discuss any problems or changes that might have arisen in light of your GCSE exam results. Contact details will be confirmed on the offer letter which you receive.

Please note – if you fail to contact the school within the specified period following results day we cannot guarantee to hold your place open.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to enter the Sixth Form a student must have achieved a minimum of **5 A* to C (Grade 9 – 5 if Maths or English) including English with a minimum average GCSE point score of 5.0**. In addition to this a student will have to achieve a specific Average GCSE point score to access particular courses. The average point score is calculated by taking an average of the scores awarded to each exam passed based on the scale below.

A* = 8 A = 7 B = 6 C = 5 D = 4 E = 3 F = 2 G = 1

Pathway A (4 Level 3 courses)

Typical requirements: An average GCSE point score of 7.0. (Average GCSE grade of A.)

Pathway B (3 Level 3 courses)

Typical requirements: An average GCSE point score of 5.5. (Average GCSE grade of B/C.)

Pathway C (3 Vocational Courses)

Typical requirements: An average GCSE point score of 5.0. (Average GCSE grade of C.)

In addition, students will have to meet the specific subject criteria.

(Please see Course Requirements table.)

We would expect students to have achieved at **least 2 D grades in the summer assessments** (Merit in BTEC qualifications) if they wish to continue into Year 13 of the Sixth Form.

If a student achieves below a D grade in their third subject they will not be able to take this forward into Year 13 and will need to select an alternative course.

SELECTING COURSES

Those who have met the entry criteria for Pathway A

Students can choose any four subjects but must achieve the subject specific criteria and choices must fit into the final Option Blocks. In addition these students can also choose to study for an Extended Project Qualification. (EPQ)

Those who have met the entry criteria for Pathway B

Students can choose a maximum of three subjects but must achieve the subject specific criteria and choices must fit into the final Option Blocks In addition these students will also study for an extended project qualification (EPQ).

Those who have met the entry criteria for Pathway C

Students choose a maximum of 3 vocational subjects from Pathway C but must achieve the subject specific criteria and choices must fit into the final Option Blocks

Any student who has not passed GCSE Maths is required by the DFFE to continue with a timetabled programme of study. This will therefore be a compulsory option for some students in addition to their other subjects but this will not affect their other options choices.

Please note that we do not offer a resit English programme so cannot accept students who have not passed this examination without a minimum of a grade 5. This includes those waiting for remarks.

The following list shows a proposed list of courses for next year. Courses may be changed, added to or removed depending on student numbers and staffing.

Course Specific GCSE Requirements

Pathway A & B Subjects (A Levels)	
Biology	Minimum of a high B grade in GCSE Biology
Chemistry	Minimum of a high B grade in GCSE Chemistry
Physics	Minimum of a high B grade in GCSE Physics and grade 7 in Maths
English Literature	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE English Literature
English Language	Minimum of grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Art	Minimum of a B grade in Art plus a portfolio of work
History	Minimum of B grade in GCSE History or a min of grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Psychology	Minimum of grade 6/B in GCSE English Language, Maths and a Science subject.
Sociology	Minimum of grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Maths
Maths	Minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Design Technology Product Design	Minimum of B grade in GCSE DT and min of grade 5 in GCSE English Language
French	Minimum of a B grade in GCSE French
Geography	Minimum of a B grade in GCSE Geography
Philosophy and Ethics	Minimum of a B grade in GCSE Philosophy & Ethics or grade 6 English Language
Geology	Minimum of a B grade in Geography or min of a B grade in Physics, Chemistry or Biology
Law	Minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature and a minimum of a B (6) in History, Law or similar subject.
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (An AS Level qualification)	Minimum a grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
Pathway C Subjects Level 3 Vocational Courses & GCSE Resit Maths	
Business Studies	Minimum of 5 A* to C (Grade 9 – 5 in Maths or English) including English Language.
Computing	Minimum of 5 A* to C (Grade 9 – 5 in Maths or English) including English Language, ideally progressing from computing related level 2 qualification.
Performing Arts	Minimum of a B grade in Drama, Music or Dance and grade 5 or above in English.
Sport	Distinction at Level 2 Cert Sport, B or above GCSE PE and Science
Health & Social Care	Two Science GCSE's at grade C and a grade 5 GCSE English Lang
Science	5 GCSE's grade A*- C (grade 9-5 Maths an English) including Science at grade B.
Criminology	Minimum of 5 A* to C (Grade 9 – 5 if Maths or English) including English Language or Literature.