



15th December 2022

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Dear Parents/Students

RE: WOLLASTON SCHOOL SIXTH FORM APPLICATION – SEPTEMBER 2023

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
- Subject Preference Sheet
- 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 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 either 3 or 4 subjects (please see criteria sheet) 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 6th January 2023. 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:

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

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 eg 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 two Induction Days in July 2023.

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



Mrs D Alston
Assistant Head of Sixth Form



Mr Braham-Nicoll
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Curriculum

The majority of our Sixth Form students complete 3 or 4 A level courses chosen from a range of over 20 subjects, but vocational courses are also popular, including BTEC courses in subjects such as public services and health and social care. It is possible to study a mix of both A levels and BTEC subjects and, increasingly, this is becoming more common as students can create a package to suit their specific career plans. Detailed subject information for all subjects is available on our website.

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 into 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. For example it would be expected that you would secure at least a grade 6 in order to study languages, mathematics, computer science or one of the sciences. Please do carefully study each of the subject specific requirements.

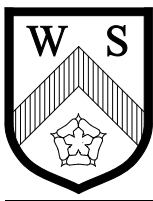
Entry to study 4 A level subjects: Average of at least a grade 5.5 is required.

It is normally expected that you secure at least a grade 4 in the subject 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.

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/carers.

Entry Requirements

Subject	Entry Requirements
Art	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Biology	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Business	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Chemistry	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Computer Science	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Dance	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Drama	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Economics	GCSE English Grade 5
English Language	GCSE Grade 5 or above
English Literature	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Food & Nutrition	GCSE Science Grade 5 or above
French	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Geography	GCSE Grade 5 or above
German	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Health & Social Care (BTEC)	Average GCSE Grade 4 or above
History	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Maths	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Media	GCSE English Grade 5 or above
Further Maths	GCSE Maths Grade 8 or above
Music	GCSE Grade 6 or above
PE	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Philosophy	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Physics	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Psychology	GCSE Biology and GCSE Maths Grade 5 or above
Sociology	GCSE English Language Grade 5 or above
Sport	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Uniformed Protective Services	Average GCSE Grade 4 or above



Application for a Sixth Form Place 2023

Student's name:	Current School:
Student's email:	Date of Birth:
Home address:	Home phone:
Name of parent/carer:	Name of current teacher who may be contacted for a reference:
Parent/carer's email:	Email of teacher above:
UPN (available from your current school's admin office):	

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT

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 emailed to the Sixth Form Centre Manager, Mrs J Melia, at meliaj@wollaston-school.net
The deadline for completed application forms is **6th January 2023** 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.