

Choosing your Sixth Form Course

In the Sixth Form, your choice of subjects should continue to develop your strengths and support your future career aspirations without sacrificing the breadth of study required by universities and employers. We ask all students to **choose three A Level subjects** for study in Year 12. Students will also study for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Students with a high GCSE APS (Average Point Score) may choose to **study four A Level subjects** by agreement with the school.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

We offer the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) in Years 12 and 13. This is a stand-alone qualification for all students. It is a cross-curricular dissertation-style project that will add breadth to your A Level subjects and give you access to the higher level skills that both universities and employers are seeking. It is tailored to fit with the rest of the curriculum and provides recognition for your interest in specific subject material.

Entry to Year 12

If you wish to join the Weald of Kent Sixth Form you must:

- **attain a Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature;**
- **have a GCSE Average Point Score (APS) of 5.5 to be comprised of your best 8 GCSE results including either English Language or English Literature and Mathematics;**
- **have met the subject requirements** as set out on page 3 for the courses you wish to study.

To find your average point score add either your GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature score, your GCSE Mathematics score and your 6 best other GCSE scores and divide the total number by 8.

Each A Level subject has an expected entry grade at GCSE as indicated in this document. These subjects will set compulsory pre-course summer bridging work, available on our website, to be completed during the summer break. Please note that A Level courses can only run if there is a viable number of students opting for them.

Having chosen to enter the Sixth Form, you are expected to have a positive attitude towards your work as well as good attendance (95% and above). Progress is monitored at regular intervals and targets will be set and reviewed by you in consultation with your Form Tutor. Students and their parents/guardians are expected to attend the Parent Consultations in Years 12 and 13. Based on internal assessment and internal PPE (Pre-Public Examination) grades, students will be expected to achieve at least a Grade C in each A Level subject.

Entry Requirements for A Level Subjects

| Subject | Entry Requirements |
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| Art | Grade 6 in GCSE Art |
| Biology | Grade 6s in both GCSE Biology and GCSE Chemistry or Grades 6 6 in Trilogy Science and a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Business | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Chemistry | Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or Grades 6 6 in Trilogy Science and a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Computer Science | Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics and a Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science |
| Dance | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature |
| Drama and Theatre | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and a Grade 6 in GCSE Drama if studied in Key Stage 4 |
| Economics | Grade 7 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and a Grade 7 in Mathematics |
| English Language | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language |
| English Literature | Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature |
| French or Spanish | Grade 6 in GCSE French or GCSE Spanish |
| Further Mathematics | Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Geography | Grade 6 in GCSE Geography |
| History | Grade 6 in GCSE History |
| Mathematics | Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Media Studies | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature |
| Music | Grade 6 in GCSE Music or Grade 5s in Music Practical and Music Theory Examinations |
| Physics | Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or Grades 6 6 in Trilogy Science and a Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Physical Education | Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or a Grade 6 in GCSE Physical Education and must play a competitive sport listed on AQA's sport specification list. Video evidence may be required for entry. |
| Politics | Grade 6s in GCSE English Language, GCSE English Literature and GCSE History |
| Product Design | Grade 6 in GCSE Design and Technology |
| Psychology | Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or Grades 6 6 in Trilogy Science |
| Religious Studies | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature |
| Sociology | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature |