



Kimberley  
School



# SIXTH FORM

## SIXTH FORM Entry Requirements

*Some facts to explain our entry requirements:*

A-Levels are a Level 3 qualification.

GCSEs are a Level 2 qualification.

A-Levels are achieved through two years of study. Students are examined in the summer of Year 13 on all topics studied across the two years of the A Level course.

To enter the Sixth Form to study A-Level subjects, students need to achieve a minimum of five 9 to 4 grades across their GCSEs.

There are further individual entry requirements for each A-Level course. A list of these can be found overleaf.

Students in the Sixth Form either study 3 A-Levels or 4 A-Levels. How many they study is determined by a student's GCSE grades: if a student has achieved mostly grade 6s or above, we recommend that they study 4 A Levels, dropping one of these at the end of Year 12 as they continue with their study of the remaining 3 into A-Level; If a student has achieved mostly 4s/ 5s, we recommend that they study 3 A Levels from the beginning of Year 12.

Students will sit school examinations in Year 12. If students do not gain passes in three A Level subjects they will not be able to continue into Year 13 to complete their A Levels.

If a student achieves fewer than 5 GCSE 9 to 4 grades, they cannot undertake A-Level study but instead we offer a Level 2 qualification as an alternative course, which provides students with the equivalent of 5 GCSE 9 to 4 passes.

A student's eligibility for this course is not based on GCSE results but is determined by their teachers' perception of their performance (attitude, effort, behaviour and standard of work) across their school career to date.

Students who do not have a Grade 4 in Maths or English language or literacy are required to study a GCSE in that subject in Year 12.

# A-Level and other Level 3 Courses

**Art:** Grade 4 in GCSE Art, if the criteria is not met, students will need to demonstrate their skills to the department.

**Business and IT Cambridge Technicals Level 3:** Grade 4 in English Language and a Grade 4 in Maths.

**Drama & Theatre Studies:** Grade 4 in Drama

**Food Technology:** Grade 4 in Food & Nutrition

**Design & Technology:** Grade 4 in one of: Resistant Materials/Graphics/Systems or Textiles

**English Literature:** GCSE English Grade 5. A grade 4 may be accepted following discussions with the SPL / Head of VI Form on suitability.

**English Language and Literature (combined):** GCSE English Grade 5 is preferred. A grade 4 may be accepted following discussions with the SPL / Head of VI Form on suitability

**Geography:** GCSE Geography Grade 5. A grade 4 may be accepted following discussions with the SPL / Head of VI Form on suitability.

**Health & Social Care:** A Level 2 Pass grade in Health and Social Care is desirable but students with 5 Grade 4 -9s and a Grade 4 in a Humanities subject may be considered.

**History:** GCSE History Grade 5. A grade 4 may be accepted following discussions with the SPL / Head of VI Form on suitability.

**ICT:** iMedia Level 2 Pass grade or GCSE Computer Science Grade 4.

**Languages:** GCSE Grade 6 in the Language.

**Maths:** GCSE Maths Grade 6.

**Further Maths:** GCSE Maths Grade 7.

**Media:** GCSE English Language Grade 4.

**Music:** GCSE Music Grade 6, plus Grade 3-4 Practical Exam with Merit in any instrument (ABRSM or any other recognised board, e.g. Rock School) and Grade 3-4 Theory with Merit (again, ABRSM or other recognised board).

**A-Level PE:** GCSE Sciences Grade 4 and GCSE English Grade 4, plus club standard ability in 1 or 2 Sports.

**Photography:** Preferably a Grade 4 in Art or if the criteria is not met, students will need to demonstrate their skills to the department.

**Psychology:** GCSE English Grade 4 and GCSE Maths Grade 5 is preferred; Grade 4 may be accepted following discussion with the SPL for Maths / Head of VI Form on suitability.

**Religious Studies:** GCSE RE Grade 5 is preferred. A grade 4 may be accepted following discussions with the SPL / Head of VI Form on suitability.

**Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics):** GCSE Triple Science Grade 6 in the specific science; must have a 6 in GCSE Maths too. Students who have done GCSE Combined Science need to have gained Level 6 overall especially in their chosen subject.

**Sociology:** GCSE English Grade 5 is preferred; Grade 4 may be accepted following discussion with the SPL for English / Head of VI Form on suitability. GCSE Maths Grade 4, plus a GCSE Grade 4 in either Health and Social Care or a Humanities subject is also required.



## Level 2 Courses

(these are full time so students will only study one of these)

### OCR Cambridge Technical in Business

To advance to A Level studies after completing the Level 2 course, students must have passed the Level 2 course with Merit.

Students do not need English and Maths at Level 2 but will have the aptitude to resit these courses.

## Individualised Entry

Department staff do reserve the right to decline applications from individual students to study their course(s) if there have been persistent issues with behaviour, attitude or attendance in relation to the subject prior to Sixth Form entry.

**To enter any Level 3 course you will need 5 Grade 4 – 9s (A\* - C)**

