



SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23rd October 6-8pm



Welcome to Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Offer

Oriel Sixth Form is an exciting, supportive and innovative place to spend your post-16 studies. We work with our students to build upon the foundations from years 7-11 at Oriel High School or elsewhere, increasing the expectation of students to work independently whilst using your relationships with expert teachers and tutors to enhance your progression.

It also allows you, as one of the most senior members of the school, to take on responsibilities as a role model and leader for our younger students. The focus is squarely on academic success, but we will also encourage you to develop your life skills, aspirations and employability. You will leave the Sixth Form as an independent learner and thinker and a responsible young adult.

What can you expect tonight?

Each of our Sixth Form subjects is represented tonight by expert teachers and current students. Find out about the course, the experience, our successes and where studying each course could take you.

Please use the map provided to find the subjects on offer.

Do also take the time to visit the Common Room and the Sixth Form corridor where you will see the range of spaces and facilities our Sixth Form students have exclusively for their use including:

- Silent/ Quiet/ Conversational workspaces with laptops available for their use
- Common Room and Sixth Form Café with Pool Table and Student-led display boards and community resources

Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

Our Results

We are proud of the results achieved by our students. Progress being made by students in the Sixth Form is good and we are always looking for ways to make it even better.

Taking our Sixth Form students from their starting point on GCSE Results Day through 2 years of quality teaching, independent work and support means our students achieve their expected grades and can follow their dreams into whatever their next steps may be.

We consistently outperform the local and national picture in the number of students that stay with us from Year 12 into Year 13 - 96% of students progressed from Year 12 into Year 13 (West Sussex 79%*).

We will always celebrate the successes of the full range of students who join our Sixth Form- look around you tonight and you will see many different stories with many different combinations of subjects achieving their 'next step' after Sixth Form. That is what we are all about.

92% of students progressed to further/higher education or employment at 18 (West Sussex 81%*)

	A*/Distinction *	A/Distinction	B	C/Merit	D	E/Pass
% at grade	12%	20%	14%	32%	8%	14%
Cumulative %	12%	32%	46%	78%	86%	100%

We know that great outcomes look different for different students- the most important thing for us is to treat you as individuals and get you to where you hope to be in 2028!

*ISDR 2024 (2025 not yet published by UK Government)



Building a Sixth Form Programme

Most of our Year 12 students begin the Sixth Form studying 3 A Level courses or equivalents, for example:

A Level Biology/ A Level Mathematics/ A Level French

Or

Applied Science National BTEC/ Business CTEC Diploma

Or

A Level Media Studies / A Level Psychology/ Health & Social Care CTEC Extended Certificate

We encourage all A Level Scientists who are not studying A Level Maths to take CORE Maths; this should be a fourth option.

Other students are also welcome to add this as a fourth subject.

Students wishing to study a fourth subject that is not Further Maths will need a strong academic profile including 5x Grade 8 at GCSE.

Students have the option to further enhance their profile by completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in the second year providing their academic progress is strong in year one.

Most students progress from Oriel's Year 11 into Sixth Form. However, you don't need to live in the catchment area or even to have been to Oriel High School to join our popular and supportive Sixth Form and every year we welcome students from other Crawley schools and from further afield.

Sixth Form Admissions criteria:

- 5 or more grades 4-9; including equivalents across at least 4 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 3.5 (average of ALL GCSE full courses taken)

Entry Requirements for A Level courses

- 5 or more grades 5-9; including equivalents across at least 5 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 4
- Maths and Science subjects require average GCSE grade of at least 4.75

Subject specific requirements available from subject teams at our Open Evening and in the [course information](#) on the website.

Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

Our support for your ambitions

Whatever you hope to achieve in the future we will support your personal and professional growth over your time in the Sixth Form.

You will complete a Personal Statement in your application and discuss this in your interview with the Sixth Form team – this is the start of a two-year journey to success. As you move through Sixth Form you will experience:

- Weekly Tutorials focussed on University and the World of Work/ Apprenticeship pathways
- Careers interview for independent advice and guidance
- Work experience week in Year 12
- University Trips and UCAS Fair
- National Apprenticeship Show
- Mock interviews
- Legends@Lunchtime- weekly opportunities to meet Sixth form alumni, hear about their careers, ask advice and build your professional network
- Application support for all pathways- including intensive coaching for application materials (UCAS) and professional brand building (CV/LinkedIn)
- Specific pathway support- for example Oxbridge coaching and MedSoc (Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary) and entry testing support for university
- Subject trips and visits to enhance your application
- Parents Information Events and termly newsletters with a Futures focus
- Parents Consultation Evenings
- Progress Interviews for every student to review Year 12 and set up success in Year 13

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Our support for your personal development

Life in the Sixth Form will also offer you a wealth of opportunities to have fun and develop your skills beyond your studies, including:

- Weekly Tutorials with a focus on wellbeing and personal development
- Workshop assemblies with visiting speakers
- Raising and Giving events, run by the students and for the students including the annual Festive Fair for Years 7 & 8
- Sixth Form Student Leadership Team- Year 13 appointed team who oversee the Raising and Giving work of the Sixth Form and work with Senior Staff to continually improve the Sixth Form experience
- Year 12 Tutor representatives- a student voice opportunity
- Overseas trips and visits – including Poland; Amsterdam; Munich; New York and Florence.
- Money Matters competition, planning for financial independence
- Brighton Trip – teamwork and an end of year celebration in Year 12
- Volunteering e.g. Reading Buddy to Year 7 students; Sponsored walk marshalling and Sports Day
- School Football team
- Discounted gym membership
- Leavers Ball

Any questions?

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A few final words from our Senior Student Team

In Year 12, we visited Poland, where we explored its history, including topics like Communism and World War Two. Experiences like these have deepened my understanding of the world and made learning more meaningful.

I'm currently applying to study Biochemistry at university, with the goal of pursuing a career in Medical Research. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to scientific discoveries, and I'm grateful to Oriel for helping me take the first steps towards that future.

I chose these subjects because they combine my curiosity for science with an interest in people, the environment, and how they interact — all of which link to my ambition of studying Medicine.

Next year, I hope to begin a degree that allows me to pursue a career in Healthcare.

A highlight of my Sixth Form experience has been building confidence through volunteering and academic challenges. It has been an exciting journey so far and I wouldn't have done it without the support of all my teachers.

Choosing to stay at Oriel to study for my A levels has been one of my best decisions. From the start, I was welcomed into a supportive environment where teachers genuinely cared about my success. Their encouragement has helped me achieve academically and given me the confidence to believe in myself. Smaller classes and personal support have made such a difference, giving me the chance to ask questions, grow, and truly flourish.

I have been able to study a specific combination of subjects that both challenge and interest me, alongside a close group of friends. Whilst vastly different in scope, my subjects are similar in that they allow me to understand the world - learning the physical and chemical explanations behind life, as well as how societies and people change over time to develop our world today, which is something that especially interests me.

Deciding to complete my A Levels at Oriel couldn't have been a better decision. As an ex-homeschool student, the small classes allow for stronger relationships with teachers and peers, enabling a better academic experience. Support is also easy to access, which I have found useful when tailoring studying and revision to my personal requirements, as well as when looking to apply to universities/apprenticeships.



I chose Oriel Sixth Form because it felt like the right place for me, and it has truly been a positive and rewarding experience. With the support and guidance of my teachers, I've been able to grow both academically but also personally gaining confidence and realising my potential. Looking ahead, I plan to continue this journey by studying at university, with the aim of one day becoming a teacher.

One of the biggest highlights of my time at Oriel Sixth Form has been forming long-lasting friendships. In particular, the Sixth Form Krakow trip was an extraordinary experience. Being able to explore historical landmarks alongside my friends made it truly unforgettable, and it was all made possible by the incredible support of our teachers.

I chose to stay at Oriel to study A Levels because of the support and encouragement I received from teachers during my GCSE's. Many of my friends also chose to stay here which made the transition to sixth form smoother and more enjoyable. The friendly environment, combined with small class sizes, meant that I could always ask for help when I needed it, which helped me develop academically.

The highlight of my experience at Oriel was the Scavenger Hunt in Brighton. It was a fun day where my friends and I worked as a team to complete all the challenges while having lots of fun along the way.



SIXTH FORM APPLICATION PROCESS

Key dates

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 23rd October 6-8pm

Applications open

Friday 7th November

Applications close

Friday 9th January

Interviews

February 2026

Provisional offers made

March 2026

Deadline for replies

Friday 3rd April 2026

**Results day & enrolment:
Advice and guidance on
pathways**

Thursday 20th August 2026

Sixth Form Registration Day

Friday 4th September 2026