



## Guidance Notes for Students 2020

**Section A:** Please complete details accurately; you should use black pen throughout and ensure your handwriting is legible and accurate.

**Section B: Course choices.** You should be choosing 3 A Level courses or equivalents, for example:

A Level Biology/ A Level Mathematics/ A Level French

Or

Applied Science National BTEC/ Business BTEC National Double

Or

A Level Media Studies / A Level Psychology/ Health & Social Care Single BTEC

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.

For students who might be considering University this website can be a helpful tool in the decision-making process:

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

Not sure what to choose? These sites offer some useful information:

<https://www.unifrog.org/> (all of our Year 11 students have an existing account)

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home>

### Sixth Form Admissions criteria:

- 5 or more grades 5-9; including equivalents across at least 4 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of 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 4
- Maths and Science subjects require average GCSE grade of 4.75
- Subject specific requirements available from subject teams at our Open Evening and in the prospectus on the website.

### **Section C: The Personal Statement**

So, there's no doubt that these choices are a big deal. We want to give you the best advice possible over the next few months. Use the personal statement section to tell us what motivates you; what are your ambitions- for the next three years; the next decade; long term goals. If you don't know what you want to do after 6<sup>th</sup> form that's okay too, just tell us what makes you tick. We can probably give you better advice and maybe open a few doors you didn't know were there if you tell us about the stuff you enjoy doing when you're not in school too. We will be discussing what you write here when we meet so please take your time to do it well.

### **Section D: Additional Information**

It helps us enormously to develop our offer and support you in the remainder of year 11 if we know what you are aiming for, so please be as clear as you can in the current plans question.

Why do we want to know if your parents went to uni? Quite simply, if they didn't (and you think you might like to) there will be a lot of great opportunities open to you in 6<sup>th</sup> form offered by external providers to give you insight into what uni life might be like.

Reflection Points: Okay, so around the time you are filling in your application you are sitting/ have sat your PPEs. What went well? What didn't? With 4/5 months to go what are the three things you know need to change if you're going to love opening that envelope in August?

And that's it... any other questions? The Sixth Form office will always be happy to answer them. Get in touch.