

APPLYING TO ORIEL SIXTH FORM - FAQs

Q. I haven't applied to the Sixth Form yet, have I left it too late?

A. We appreciate people's plans may have changed; we have opened up applications again until 30th April. Follow the link here to complete an application form <https://oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk/joining-us/sixth-form-admissions/>

Q. What courses are on offer in the Sixth Form?

A. Check out our online Prospectus here <https://oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk/joining-us/sixth-form-admissions/>

Q. I'm not sure what I need to study for my planned career or university course, where can I get advice?

A. You can always email sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk for advice and guidance. There is also great advice on required Level 3 courses for particular pathways available on this website:

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

Q. What are the entrance requirements for the Sixth Form?

A. 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.

Q. How will you decide who gets onto the course without us sitting any exams?

A. The government has promised you will receive fair awards of qualifications this summer. This will mean you have a set of grades for us to look at. However, we will (as always) be looking at you as individuals and considering what we know about you from up to 5 years of time together, as well as what the summer results say when we make decisions together about your place and the courses you can take with us.

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Q. I based my subject choices on the grades I hoped to achieve at the end of the course; but my current predicted grade is lower. Should I change my course choices?

A. Please don't change your courses right now, we know the current situation is causing some extra anxiety but we will always work with you to make sure that if you can succeed on a course you will be able to take it.

Q. Can I change the courses I have applied to do?

A. Yes, we write the timetable in May to try to accommodate as many student's choices as possible. So, if you would like to make a change, let us know by emailing Y12choices@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk by 30th April. We will then use your updated choices in our curriculum planning. After this date you can still change your choices (right up to and including the first few weeks of lessons in September) but you will only be able to choose combinations that work on the timetable.

You can also consider adding enhancement courses to your programme at any point... Have a look at CORE MATHS (Mathematical Studies) and ARTS AWARD which are our Year 12 options and think about taking an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Year 13.

Q. When will I know if I have a provisional offer of a place?

A. If you are a current Year 11 Student at Oriel High School you have automatically received a conditional offer. If you make a late application we will be in touch.

Q. When will this become a confirmed place?

A. As soon as we receive your grades this summer we will begin the process of confirming courses with you. You should keep an eye on your school email address as this will be our primary means of communicating with you if the school is closed.

Q. How will you help us in September to get used to studying again?

A. We realise you are going to be taking an even bigger break from studying than Year 11 normally do this summer. We will make some transition activities available to you once we have confirmed your choices; we will also run an extended Induction Programme (we call it **Prepare to succeed**) with you in September to teach you higher level study skills and get you in the right mindset for the challenges of Sixth Form study!

If we haven't answered your question here please email us at sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk

The Sixth Form Team