



KINGSMEAD SIXTH FORM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

The minimum requirements for entry to Kingsmead Sixth Form are 5 GCSE Grades 9-4 including English Language or Literature and Mathematics. Some individual subjects also have additional entry requirements, which are outlined in this document. Alongside an excellent academic profile, we are also interested in students as individuals. We look favourably on candidates who can show a real interest in their chosen subjects, who project a sense of positivity about the opportunities that Sixth Form offers and who have a willingness to contribute to the community both inside and outside of school.

The Application Process

The application process begins in October, following Sixth Form Open Evening. Formal interviews take place from mid January and places are confirmed with offer letters prior to the Easter holidays. Any student wishing to apply outside of this window, should contact the school directly.

Confirmation of Places

All Sixth Form places are confirmed on GCSE results day once results have been issued, reviewed and the meeting of entry requirements for individual courses have been confirmed. If a student wishes to change courses. they can do this on GCSE results day, once their results have been reviewed.

	GCSE Profile	Suggested Profile
Pathway 1	At least 8 GCSEs at Grade 6+	3 A Levels and EPQ
Pathway 2	8 GCSEs with 4-5 at Grade 6+	2 A Levels, 1 Vocational Level 3 Qualification and EPQ
Pathway 3	5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4+, with up to 3 at Grade 6+	1 A-Level and 2 Vocational Level 3 Qualifications
Pathway 4	5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4+	3 Vocational Level 3 Qualifications

Academic A-Level Qualifications

Art and Design	A minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE in Art and 4 in English
Biology	A minimum of Grade 7 in Biology or 77 in Combined Science, and 6 in Maths
Chemistry	A minimum of Grade 7 in Chemistry or 77 in Combined Science, and 6 in Maths
English Literature	A minimum of a Grade 6 in English Literature
Extended Project Qualification	There are no specific entry requirements to complete an Extended Project Qualification but English at Grade 5 is recommended due to the written content required for the project. This can be taken in addition to 3 chosen courses.
Film Studies	A minimum of a Grade 5 in English Literature or Language
French	A minimum of Grade 6 in French
Geography	A minimum of a Grade 6 in Geography and 5s in Maths and English Language or Literature

History	A minimum of a Grade 6 in History and a 5 in English Language or Literature
Mathematics	A minimum of a Grade 7 in Mathematics
Further Mathematics	A Grade 8 in Mathematics is essential. Further Maths can only be taken as a fourth option alongside 3 other courses including A-Level Mathematics, which you must choose and meet the entry requirements for.
Physics	A minimum of Grade 7 in Physics or 77 in Combined Science, and a 6 in Maths.
Product Design	A minimum of a Grade 5 in Maths and English Language or Literature. Studying GCSE Technology is strongly advised, but not essential. If you have not studied GCSE Technology, you can still be considered with enthusiasm, hard work, and a good understanding of the design process.
Psychology	A minimum of Grade 6 in GCSE Combined Science or in the separate GCSE sciences, a Grade 6 in GCSE English and a Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics. Students who have studied GCSE Psychology must achieve at least Grade 5 to progress to the A-level course; however, it is not necessary to have studied Psychology at GCSE.
Sociology	A minimum of a grade 5 in History, English Language or English Literature is recommended.

Vocational Qualifications

Medical Science AAQ	A minimum of 55 in Combined Science or 5s in Triple Science, as well as a 4 in Maths and 4 in English.
Business	A minimum of Grade 4 in English. It is recommended you achieve at least a pass at BTEC Level 2 or a Grade 4 in GCSE Business Studies if studied.
Creative Digital Media Production	A minimum of Grade 4 in English Language or Literature, as well as a Grade 4 or above and/or BTEC Level 2 qualifications in a range of subjects.
Criminology	A minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language or Literature.
Health and Social Care	A minimum of a Grade 4 and/or BTEC Level 2 qualifications is essential. Prior study of Health and Social Care is preferred but not mandatory.
Music	A minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE Music is essential.
Performing Arts (single or double)	If Performing Arts has been studied at Level 2, students must have achieved at least a Merit to take either the single or double Level 3 award. A Grade 4 in English Language or English Literature is also required. Although studying a Performing Arts-related subject at GCSE or BTEC Level 2 would be beneficial, it is not essential.
Sport	A minimum of either a Grade 4 in GCSE PE or Level 2 Pass in BTEC Sport and English at Grade 4 are essential. A strong interest in sports and physical activity is also necessary.