

# **Kingsmead Sixth Form Admission Arrangements 2026**



## Introduction

Any student is eligible to apply for a place at Kingsmead Sixth Form if they achieve at least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths and either English Language or Literature. Entry to the Sixth Form without English and Maths at Grade 4 will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. Some individual subjects also have additional entry requirements, which are outlined in this document.

## The Application Process

The application process begins in October, following Sixth Form Open Evening and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Formal interviews take place in January and February and all 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 wish to change courses. they can do this on GCSE results day, once their results have been reviewed.

## Pathways of Study

The table below suggests which Sixth Form routes would best suit students with particular GCSE profiles:

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

## Entry Requirements

In order to ensure students are successful in their studies, the following entry requirements apply to the courses listed below. Entry on to these programmes of study without meeting the minimum criteria will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, for example, if a student has a broad spectrum of success in other subjects.

**Academic A-Level Qualifications:**

<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE in Art and 4 in English
<b>Biology</b>	A minimum of Grade 7 in Biology or 77 in Combined Science, and 6 in Maths
<b>Chemistry</b>	A minimum of Grade 7 in Chemistry or 77 in Combined Science, and 6 in Maths
<b>Computer Science</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in Computer Science, and 5 in Maths
<b>English Literature</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in English Literature
<b>Extended Project Qualification</b>	There are no specific entry requirements to complete an Extended Project Qualification but English Language and Literature at Grade 5 is recommended due to the written content required for the project. This can be taken in addition to 3 chosen courses
<b>Film</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in English Literature or Language
<b>French</b>	A minimum of Grade 6 in French
<b>Geography</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in Geography and 5s in Maths and English Language or Literature
<b>History</b>	A minimum of a Grade 6 in History and a 5 in English Language or Literature
<b>Mathematics</b>	A minimum of a Grade 7 in Mathematics
<b>Further Mathematics</b>	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.
<b>Physics</b>	A minimum of Grade 7 in Physics or 77 in Combined Science, and a 6 in Maths
<b>Product Design</b>	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
<b>Psychology</b>	A minimum of an average Grade of 5 across all GCSEs is essential, including English Language or Literature at Grade 5 and Maths at Grade 4. Studying GCSE Psychology is not required, but if a 5 in GCSE Psychology is achieved, a Grade 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths will be accepted
<b>Sociology</b>	A minimum of an average Grade of a 5 across all GCSEs is essential, including English Language or Literature at a Grade 5

**Vocational Qualifications:**

<b>Applied Science AAQ</b>	A minimum of 55 in Combined Science or 5s in Triple Science, as well as a 5 in Maths and 4 in English
<b>Business Studies</b>	A minimum of Grade 4s in English and Maths. Studying Business at GCSE is preferred, but not essential
<b>Children's Play, Learning &amp; Development</b>	English at Grade 4 is essential to help support your exam and coursework content. Prior study of Child Development is preferred, but not essential.
<b>Creative Digital Media Production</b>	A minimum of Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
<b>Criminology</b>	A minimum of a Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	English at Grade '4' is essential to help support your exam and coursework content. Prior study of Health and Social Care is preferred but not essential.
<b>IT AAQ</b>	A minimum of IT Level 2 Merit or Computer Science at GCSE Grade 5
<b>Applied Law</b>	A minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
<b>Music</b>	A minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE Music is essential
<b>Performing Arts (single or double)</b>	A Level 2 Merit in Performing Arts is essential for either the single or double award, including a Grade '4' in English Language or Literature
<b>Sport</b>	A minimum of either a Grade 4 in GCSE PE or Level 2 Merit in BTEC Sport and English at Grade '4' are essential. A strong interest in sports and physical activity is also necessary