

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have carefully read about the courses on offer, and taken the opportunity to talk to subject staff, a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team and your parents, you will need to complete an Application Form.

IN ADDITION, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT STUDENTS THAT BEGIN THEIR POST 16 STUDIES AT ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS WILL NOT BE READMITTED TO THE COTTESLOE SIXTH FORM.

STUDENT MEETINGS

Following the Mock Exam results, all Year 11 students will have a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team in order to discuss their proposed career path. Those who are applying to Sixth Form will have an additional meeting with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss subject choices.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS

All offers of a place in the Sixth Form are subject to a student achieving the specified criteria and so are issued on a conditional basis only. Students will be notified if they have been offered a conditional place no later than **Friday 12th March 2021**.

INDUCTION WEEK

The School will run a three-day compulsory induction course for all students who have applied to join the Sixth Form. These will take place on the **23rd, 24th and 25th June 2021**. During the course of the programme you will follow a timetable of your chosen subjects. In addition, those applying to study **Maths** will be required to do an additional two days prior to this on the **21st and 22nd June 2021**. **All prospective Sixth Form students must attend this induction process.**

QUALIFICATIONS

A Levels

This is a two year course which is only assessed at the end of the two years e.g. there are no Year 12 AS exams. There may also be some coursework and or practical evaluation which contributes to the grade. The grades go from A* to E.

Edexcel BTEC (Level 3)

Edexcel BTEC Extended Certificates are courses which have a large coursework element. Students complete two internally assessed units of coursework. In addition, they complete one externally assessed unit of coursework and one externally assessed exam. Students must pass the externally assessed exam in order to pass the course. Edexcel / Pearson only allow students two attempts to pass the exam. The Exam also accounts for up to 40% of the final grade.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This is an AS Level qualification where a student chooses a topic on which to base an independent study project. There are taught elements to the course and each student will have a project supervisor but the vast majority of the work is done by the student alone. It is an extremely popular qualification with both universities and employers as it accurately demonstrates the individual's ability to work independently

ATTENDANCE

We will normally expect a student to have achieved a **minimum of 95%** attendance in Year 11 if they wish to secure a place in the Sixth Form.

NOTIFICATION

An offer of a **conditional place** will be confirmed in writing following the interviews although the School reserves the right to withdraw this offer should a student's circumstances change. You will need to contact the school within 24 hours of the official GCSE results day to confirm that you have achieved the necessary grades and wish to take up a place. There will be Sixth Form Staff on hand at the school on results day to discuss any problems or changes that might have arisen in light of your GCSE exam results. Contact details will be confirmed on the offer letter which you receive.

Please note – if you fail to contact the school within the specified period following results day we cannot guarantee to hold your place open.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will have to meet the specific subject criteria (Please see Course Specific GCSE Requirements table).

Any student who has not passed GCSE Maths is required by the DFE to continue with a timetabled programme of study. This will therefore be a compulsory option for some students in addition to their other subjects, but this will not affect their other choices.

Please note that we do not offer a resit English programme so cannot accept students who have not passed this examination without a minimum of a grade 4. This includes those waiting for remarks.

Entry Criteria for entry into Sixth Form

The criteria for entry into the Sixth Form at The Cottesloe School is a minimum of **38 points** overall from the best eight GCSE subjects **including a grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics.** In addition, students will have to meet the specific subject criteria.

How do I work out my GCSE points score?

In order to calculate your points score, you will need to add up your total number of GCSE points for the **best eight** subjects including English and Maths.

Your best eight GCSE points score is calculated using the following information:

a) GCSE Grade 9-1 Score

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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b) BTEC/Other Level 2 qualifications

(Level 1 qualifications or scores do not count towards points score)

Distinction*	= 8.5 points
Distinction	= 7 points
Merit	= 5.5 points
Pass	= 4 points

Triple Science counts as 3 subjects in total

Biology grade	= 6 points
Chemistry grade	= 5 points
Physics grade	= 7 points
Total	= 18 points

Combined Science counts as 2 subjects in total

e.g. Combined Science grades = 6/5	points
Total	= 11 points

Please remember:

You also need to meet any subject specific criteria for particular Level 3 courses as set out in the course information.

The following list shows a proposed list of courses for September 2021. Courses may be changed, added to or removed depending on student numbers and staffing.

Course Specific GCSE Requirements

(A Levels)	
Biology	A high grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology and Maths. Those with grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 6 in Biology) will also be considered.
Chemistry	A high grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry and Maths. Those with grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 6 in Chemistry) will also be considered.
Physics	A high grade 6 or above in GCSE Physics and Maths. Those with grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 6 in Physics) will also be considered.
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History
Psychology	Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 5 Maths
Sociology	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Core Maths	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Maths	A high grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Maths (Further)	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science & Maths or Distinction in IT
Design Technology Product Design	Grade 6 in DT and Grade 5 in English & Maths
French	A high grade 6 in GCSE French
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
Philosophy and Ethics	Grade 6 in Ethics & Philosophy and grade 5 in English Language
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (An AS Level qualification)	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Level 3 Vocational Courses	
Business Studies	Merit in Business Level 2 & Grade 5 in GCSE English
Financial Studies	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English or Maths
Performing Arts	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and grade 6 in either Music, Drama or Dance.
Sport	A minimum of grade 5 in GCSE Physical Education, science & English
Health & Social Care	Grade 5,4 in Science
Science	Grade 5,4 in Science
Criminology	Grade 5 in English GCSE