



ST LAURENCE
SCHOOL

St Laurence School – Sixth Form Admissions Criteria

The aim of the admissions criteria and process is to ensure that students who join St Laurence Sixth Form are able to be successful, happy and feel secure within their academic studies and as a part of the wider school community.

Admission of students is based upon academic criteria and upon an assessment of an individual's ability to meet the academic requirements of the course. In addition, students must demonstrate a willingness to engage within the vertical nature of the school and be a positive role model for other students; leading activities and being involved in enrichment opportunities. We expect all our students to be enthusiastic in these areas and make a significant and positive contribution to the wider life of the school.

We always strive to apply our Admissions Criteria fairly and sensitively. Priority is given to ensuring our current Year 11 are able to successfully progress onto appropriate course at St Laurence and, in addition, we aim to welcome as many new students into the school as possible.

It is expected that parents and carers understand and support the school's rules, expectations and aspirations; working with the school to ensure that their son/daughter is able to follow and achieve them.

- ☞ To progress into the St Laurence Sixth Form requires students to achieve a **grade 4 in English Language and Maths** plus three other 4 grades **BUT** students require **at least a grade 5 in their chosen subject or equivalent** they wish to study at A Level. In essence students will require a **Minimum of 2 x Grade 4s and 3 x Grade 5s**.
- ☞ To study a Science(s) requires a **5,5 at higher tier level** in Core and Additional Science GCSE as well as a **5 in higher tier Maths**. There is supplementary information for specific subjects included in the entry pack and on the school website. For subjects with a **higher level of Maths content e.g. Geography** and Business Studies a higher tier 5 grade in Maths is required and for subjects that require a **strong level of English e.g. History** and Philosophy and Ethics then a 5 grade is required in English Language or Literature.
- ☞ While we will accept entry into the Sixth Form with a 4 in English Language and Maths we are not sure whether a 5 will be required for entry onto certain University courses at a later date.
- ☞ The majority of students are expected to **follow 3 A Level courses** for the duration of their Sixth Form at St Laurence.
- ☞ Year 11 students, wishing to continue their studies into KS5, must show the motivation and skills in independent study required by achieving close to their GCSE target grades.
- ☞ Application forms for St Laurence Students and external candidates are made available to students at the Sixth Form Opportunities Evening and are available to download from the school website. Forms must be submitted **by Friday 26th November 2021**.
- ☞ Application forms submitted after this date will be considered, however priority will be given to those students who have submitted an application by the deadline.
- ☞ All students are interviewed for places in the Sixth Form to establish their suitability for their chosen courses and for Post 16 study. These interviews will take place in January and February.
- ☞ We reserve the right to offer places to students who do not meet our entry requirements but do demonstrate appropriate ability and approach to study for KS5 courses.
- ☞ All students entering Sixth Form must sign a 'Sixth Form Contract' which outlines our expectations of them.
- ☞ The school reserves the right to ask students, who do not meet the requirements of the 'Sixth Form Contract', to leave the Sixth Form.

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