

OUR LADY'S HIGH SCHOOL *MIXED SIXTH FORM*

ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM

Our Lady's High School has 150 sixth form places in total, 75 in each year. Applicants will be supportive of the aims, values and ethos of the school and wish to continue their education in a Christian environment. All applicants will meet with a member of staff to discuss possible pathways and ensure they are aiming to follow appropriate courses.

Key dates:

- Closing date for External applications: 30th April 2021
- Date informed of place: August 2021
- Late applications: will be considered where there are a surplus of places in the Sixth Form and in the required courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements for A Level Programme of Study:

1. **English** GCSE at grade **4.5** or above (*that means the average of English Literature and English Language GCSE*)
and
2. **Maths** GCSE at grade **4** or above,
plus
3. at least **three** 9-5 grades in other GCSE subjects
plus
4. the **subject specific** entry requirements (*shown on the table below*)

A Level pathway:

- Entrants with 6+ GCSE passes will be expected to take at least 3 A Levels plus an enrichment activity that may be worth an additional AS grade.

Please note that entry criteria for all A Level courses are based on GCSE passes only, not BTEC, OCR or other equivalents

BTEC Level 3 vocational course:

Five GCSE 9-4 or equivalent (including English Language) or a Merit in a Level 2 BTEC qualification with **Four** GCSE 9-4 or equivalent (including English Language).

Students who meet the minimum entry requirements for the Sixth Form, but not for their preferred programme of study may be offered more appropriate subject combinations, better matched to their abilities.

Please note that students with an English Language grade 3 or below will not be offered a place in Our Lady's Sixth Form.

We reserve the right to withdraw subjects that are undersubscribed.

Subject specific entry requirements

BTEC LEVEL 3 COURSES

Health and Social Care	5 GCSE grade 4s including English Language 4 or A Merit in BTEC Level 2 Health and Social care and 4 GCSE grade 4s or equivalent including English Language 4.
Business and ICT	5 grade 9-4s or equivalent including English Language 4 and Maths 4 or A grade 4 in GCSE Business Studies or a 5 in ICT

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

	Minimum Grade	Additional Information
Art & Design	5 in Art, or an equivalent grade 5 in a Technology subject.	<i>If not studied before a portfolio and subject interview will be required.</i>
Biology	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 5 in Maths and 5.5 average in English.	
Chemistry	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 6 in Maths and 5.5 average in English.	
Physics	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 6 in maths.	
Business	An average of 5 in English and Maths or a 5 in Business and an average of 4.5 in English Language and Maths	
Economics	An average of 5.5 in English and Maths or a 5 in Business and an average of 4.5 in English Language and Maths	
English Literature	An average of 5.5 in English Literature and English Language, and a minimum of 5 in English Literature.	
French or Spanish	7 in the relevant language and an average of 5 in English Language and English Literature.	<i>Candidates with a high 6 will also be considered.</i>
Geography	5 in Geography and an average of 5 in English Language and Maths.	<i>If not studied before a 5 in English (Language) and Maths will be required.</i>
Politics	An average of 5 in English Language and English Literature	
History	5 in History and an average of 5 in English Language and Literature.	<i>If not studied before a 5 in English (Language) will be required.</i>
ICT	5 in ICT and an average of 5 in Maths and English.	<i>If not studied before a 4 in Maths will be required.</i>
Maths	A 7 in Maths	<i>Candidates with a high 6 will also be considered.</i>
Psychology	An average of 5.5 in Science and a 5 in English (Language)	
Sociology	An average of 5 in English and Maths or a 5 in Sociology	
3D Design or Textiles	5 in a Technology subject or a 5 in Art	<i>If not studied before a portfolio and subject interview will be required.</i>

Please note admission onto courses without meeting these criteria may still be granted on the successful completion of a probationary period.