



Entry into the Sixth Form

We recommend that all potential external candidates and their families attend the Open Day to meet the students and staff and to look around the School. In addition, both internal and external candidates should attend the Sixth Form Open event.

Application forms for external candidates can be obtained from the School Registrar.

An external candidate who wishes to be considered for entry into Year 12 must complete the Application Form and send it to the School Registrar by the specified date. Included with this application form should be a copy of the birth certificate, a copy of the most recent school report and a (non-returnable) entrance administration fee of £50. Cheques should be made payable to The Whitgift Foundation. Should a candidate, external or internal, wish to apply for a Sixth Form Scholarship or Exhibition, all scholarship application forms must be received by the specified date.

Entry to Old Palace Sixth Form is dependent upon GCSE results. To be admitted to Year 12 a student must have:

- an average GCSE score of 6 or more ⁽¹⁾
- a grade B or above in English and Mathematics
- a viable programme of Sixth Form study ⁽²⁾

1) *The average GCSE score is calculated using the 8 point scale, i.e. A* receives a score of 8, A receives a score of 7, B receives a score of 6 etc.*

2) *A viable programme of study consists of three or more AS courses.*



The following table gives the minimum criteria that must be met for automatic acceptance onto a course in Year 12.

Y12 Course	Minimum GCSE Requirements
Accelerated Mathematics ⁴	A* in Mathematics
Art & Design ¹	A in Art
Biology	A in Biology or AA in double award Science
Business Studies	A in Mathematics
Chemistry	A in Chemistry or AA in double award Science
Classical Civilisation	B in Classical Civilisation if studied or B in English
Classical Greek	A in Classical Greek or average GCSE score of 7.8
Critical Thinking (AS)	Average GCSE score of 7.0
Dance (AS)	B in Dance, or Grade 5 or above in RAD and ISTD dance examinations
Drama & Theatre Studies ²	B in Drama
DT: Food & Nutrition (AS)	B in Home Economics or Grade B in the Sciences, Mathematics and English
DT: Product Design ³ (AS)	C in DT: Product Design
Economics	A in Mathematics
English Literature	B in English and B in English Literature
French	B in French
Geography	B in Geography
German	B in German
Government & Politics	Average GCSE score of 6
History	B in History and English
ICT (AS)	C in ICT if studied or excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office including Access
Italian	B in Italian
Latin	B in Latin
Mathematics	A in Mathematics
Music	A in Music and Grade 5 on an instrument
Philosophy (AS)	Average GCSE score of 7.0
Physical Education (AS)	B in PE and evidence of an active participation in sports
Physics	A in Physics or AA in double award Science
Psychology	B in English, Mathematics and Science
Religious Studies	A if studied at GCSE otherwise A at English
Spanish	B in Spanish

Notes:

- 1) A B grade may be accepted based on potential of the student, should special circumstances exist.
- 2) Experience in school productions and/or outside of school is required.
- 3) Students who have not studied GCSE DT may be accepted if they have work from Years 7-9 which shows evidence of creative flair.
- 4) To be accepted onto this course we need a recommendation from the current GCSE Mathematics teacher

Transfer onto Year 13 courses is automatic where students have achieved a grade C or above at AS level.