

5 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: The New Sixth Conditional Offer and some important dates for your diary

Thank you for submitting an application to join The New Sixth in September 2019. As a current student of St Gregory's or St Mark's, I am pleased to inform you that you have a place reserved for A level study. Please be reminded that this place is still conditional on students' GCSE grades.

A student must achieve 5 grade 5s to secure their place in the sixth form. Most A level courses can then be studied but please be aware that some courses carry specific, higher entry requirements, especially Maths and Science subjects. If a student does not achieve the required GCSE grades, their suitability for a place on the course will be reviewed. Decisions are made with the students best interests at heart and to ensure that they are able to achieve the best results possible.

A reminder of the individual course requirements have been attached below for your reference.

Also attached are the option blocks and the subjects we will be offering from September. These have been designed to ensure that as many students as possible have access to the subjects they chose on the application form. Inevitably, some students may find themselves without the opportunity to study their initial preferences due to clashes or subjects not running. I am very happy to meet and advise any students that need to review their choices in light of these changes.

Here are some important dates to put in your diary:

1. Year 12 Taster Day – Tuesday 25th June

A detailed programme will be shared shortly but the purpose of the day is to introduce students to the New Sixth and to increase their excitement to begin their studies here in September.

2. GCSE Results Day and Year 12 Registration – Thursday 22nd August

Information about this important day will be explained in a separate letter.

3. Year 12 Start of Term and Induction – Wednesday 4th September

The academic year for Year 12 begins on Wednesday 4 September. On this day they will have a full programme to help prepare students for life in the sixth form, including a social event to strengthen friendships in the year group. Students will be required to dress in line with the sixth form dress code (available on our website <http://www.newsixthbath.org.uk/useful-information/key-documents-policies/>) and should arrive on site for a late start at 9.30 am. Further information will be shared next term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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Recommended Minimum Entry Requirements

Course Title	Recommended Minimum Entry Requirements
Biology	Grade 6 GCSE Biology or Grade 6-6 GCSE Combined Science. Grade 6 GCSE English and Mathematics Students who have studied Combined Science must complete additional preparatory work over the summer holidays.
Business Studies	Grade 5 GCSE English and Mathematics
Chemistry	Grade 6 GCSE Chemistry or Grade 6-6 in Combined Science Grade 6 GCSE Mathematics and English Students who have studied Combined Science at GCSE must complete additional preparatory work over the summer holidays
Dance	Previous experience of dance such as GCSE, BTEC in Performing Arts or extra-curricular experience.
Drama & Theatre Studies	Gifted performers with a passion for drama
English Language & Literature	Grade 5 GCSE English Literature and English Language
Fine Art	Grade 5 GCSE Art
Geography	Grade 5 GCSE Geography
History	Grade 5 GCSE History and Grade 5 GCSE English Language
Mathematics A level	Grade 7 GCSE Mathematics
Music	Grade 6 GCSE Music Ability to play an instrument including voice to Grade 5 standard Grade 5 Theory of Music strongly recommended
Philosophy, Ethics and New Testament	Grade 5 GCSE RE and Grade 5 GCSE English Literature or English Language
Photography	Grade 5 GCSE Art or with supporting evidence of having a personal interest in photography and Grade 4 GCSE English and Mathematics
Physics	Grade 6 GCSE Physics or Grade 6-6 GCSE Combined Science. Grade 6 GCSE English and Mathematics Students who have studied Combined Science must complete additional preparatory work over the summer holidays.
Politics	Grade 5 GCSE English Language and ideally Grade 5 GCSE History and/or Geography
Psychology	Grade 5 GCSE Biology or Combined Science and Grade 5 GCSE English and Mathematics
Sociology	Grade 5 GCSE English Language and either a Grade 5 GCSE History or Geography

Option blocks for A level study from September 2019

A	B	C	D
Physics	Maths	Chemistry	Biology
Psychology	History	Psychology	Business
Sociology	Philosophy, Ethics & New Testament	Music	Performing Arts
Politics	Geography	Photography	Geography
		English Language & Literature	Dance
			Fine Art

Subjects in the same column cannot be studied as the lessons will run concurrently.

Music and Photography will take place at Prior Park College. Transport to and from the site is provided.

EPQ Maths in Context (Core Maths) and Maths AS level may be taken as an optional 4th subject.