



Liverpool College

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS 2019



INFORMATION BOOKLET

Welcome from the Principal



Dear Student,

Your choice of Sixth Form is an important one. There are many options available to well-qualified candidates and it is important for you to consider not only which subjects but also which programme and ethos will suit you best.

We are convinced that students are best served by a broad Sixth Form experience. For this reason, we expand the classroom to include leadership education, competitive sports, extensive artistic and cultural opportunities, travel, and a broad programme of learning activities outside of the academic subjects studied.

All our Sixth Formers receive the broadest possible preparation within the A level system which includes a guided independent study project based on a student's interests, community and leadership involvement, and a rigorous preparation in A level subjects.

Our sixth formers are offered opportunities to participate in high level sports team, the Combined Cadet Force, the Duke of Edinburgh programme, and in an extensive programme of performing arts. They are guided to top university destinations by a tried and tested system of mentoring and UCAS preparation which uses our partnerships with the University of Liverpool to deliver academic challenge and intellectual variety.

Our new Sixth Form Centre in Godwyn House will further enhance this programme.

We are big enough to offer a broad range of subjects in a diverse and talented student body, but small enough to know, mentor and guide every one of our pupils. Best of all, we are a community where people are not only taught, but are known and supported.

There is something about Liverpool College which prospective students quickly recognize. The relationship between teachers and students is open and constructive, and it is the strength of our teaching which leads to excellent results and high levels of ambition and confidence in our pupils.

Liverpool College Sixth Form is not for everyone. But for a student with a desire to do well, wishes to be part of a vibrant and close-knit community of teachers and students, and has enthusiasm for life beyond the classroom, it offers a unique and transformational opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming you on our campus.

Yours sincerely,

Hans van Mourik Broekman

Introduction from the Head of Sixth Form:

Sixth Form Study

Sixth Form should be a fruitful time in the personal and intellectual development of every student.

Our aim is to provide our students with a purposeful and challenging experience which strengthens their capacities and interests, develops their character, and gives them the confidence to take the next step on their academic and life journey. Liverpool College students leave the College with the academic habits, personal qualities and sense of purpose to pursue their ambitions.

The Sixth Form at the College provides countless opportunities to students to discover and develop their academic and extra-curricular interests. We offer a wide range of A Levels and BTECs in Sport and Computing, which are taught by experienced subject leaders in an inspiring learning environment. All pupils undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). A lecture programme and an extensive programme of cultural opportunities further enhance a broad and challenging curriculum. The average class size at A Level is 16. This ensures a focus on the individual as well allowing for group work that can challenge all to reach their potential. Our A level results are consistently amongst the best in the city.

Our Sixth Form is based on strong relationships between pupils and teachers. The tutor system and the leadership structure in the sixth form are formulated to provide College sixth formers with the best careers advice and pastoral care available. We have a dedicated and experienced team of tutors who understand the complexities of pre adulthood, the UCAS system and deliver a purpose made pastoral programme.

Our school motto, which means “*Not only the intellect but also the character*”, inspires the pupils to rise to the challenges of learning and develop greater fortitude and resilience. They are encouraged to embark on the wide range of activities on campus and in the community. Most are engaged in competitive sport, the CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme as well as community service and work experience.

The Sixth Form will be moving into a new Sixth Form Centre in January 2019. Here students will have access to study facilities and common rooms. The Sixth Form is further strengthened by our boarding programme which brings a diverse and highly motivated group of young people to the Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form at Liverpool College is a vibrant and successful. Our students thrive and strive in a caring collegiate atmosphere.

Stephen Brady

Head of Sixth Form

A Curriculum to develop the whole person

Sixth Form at Liverpool College develops and stretches the whole person. Sixth formers follow an individualized programme:

- Three A Levels and EPQ
- One BTEC (Sport or Computing) and two A Levels and EPQ
- Two BTEC (Sport and Computing) and one A Level and EPQ
- In exceptional circumstances, by negotiation, a student may undertake the study of four A Levels + EPQ

In addition to their academic studies a Sixth Form pupil will also take part in a Games afternoon, attend a weekly lecture of general interest and participate in at least one activities period, possibly leading an activity for younger pupils. A Sixth Form pupil will also have a small number of private study periods, some of which will be supervised.

Choosing A Level subjects

You will need to consult many people as you make your decisions about the future. You should take the opportunity to talk to individual teachers and Heads of Faculty to discuss the courses in more detail. Your parents will also want to do their research so that they can discuss the options with you and help you make the right choice. Our Assistant Head of Sixth Form/UCAS coordinator and our Careers Officer are available to provide specialist information and advice, especially on subject combinations for certain degrees and careers. All applicants will be invited to have a course discussion and we will also hold a series of evening taster sessions in many areas of the curriculum. Dates and times will be published on the website in December.

Consider the following:

- Enjoyment of the subject and your aptitude for it are your first considerations.
- You will be studying the subject for at least five hours per week for two years.
- A Level provides an opportunity to specialise, but that does not mean that it is necessarily good for you to do so. Sciences can be mixed with Humanities, the Arts and Languages.
- Some degree courses specify certain subjects at A Level. You will need Chemistry and at least one other science for Medicine; you will need Maths and/or Physics for Engineering. For most degree courses, however, there is considerable flexibility. Check typical course requirements in discussion with teachers or through the UCAS website www.ucas.com

Sixth Form Subjects

The list below shows the subjects which we plan to teach in Sixth Form. The grade in brackets is the minimum GCSE grade needed to ensure that students can meet the demands of the Key Stage 5 course. If there is no grade shown for a subject then a student simply needs to meet the overall entry requirements which are currently : **5 or more GCSE passes at Grade 5 or above to include at least a 5-4 combination from one English subject and Mathematics**

Further information will be published on the Admissions page of our website www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/admissions.

At this stage we require you to indicate on your application (in order of preference) five subjects that you would like to study. Students usually study 3 subjects. Subject choices will be discussed further with you at your individual discussion (March/April 2019).

Art (6)

Biology (7 in Single Science Biology) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science)

Business Studies

Chemistry (7 in Single Science Chemistry) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science)

Classics (6) or (grade 6 in English Literature) or (grade 6 in History)

Computing BTEC

Design Technology (6)

Economics (7/6 grades in any combination from Mathematics and an English subject)

English Language (6)

English Literature (6)

Further Maths (7 in Maths)

Geography (6)

History (6)

Maths (7)

Media Studies

Music (6)

Physics (7 in Single Science Physics) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science)

Politics (6 in History or English)

Spanish (6)

Sport BTEC

You should apply online at www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk/admissions by 22nd February 2019

CURRICULUM INFORMATION & MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SUBJECT:

ART	http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design/as-a-level/
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE Art. You may study art at A Level without a GCSE provided that you can demonstrate an aptitude for the subject.
BIOLOGY	www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402
<i>Requirement</i>	(7 in Single Science Biology) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science)
BUSINESS STUDIES	http://eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/business/as-a-level/
<i>Requirement</i>	You need to meet the minimum requirements for entry to Sixth Form
CHEMISTRY	www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404
<i>Requirement</i>	(7 in Single Science Chemistry) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science)
CLASSICS	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce/classical-civilisation-h008-h408-from-2017/
<i>Requirement</i>	You may study Classical Civilisation provided that you have a grade 6 in English Literature, History or Classics.
COMPUTING (BTEC)	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/computing-2016.html
<i>Requirement</i>	You need to meet the minimum requirements for entry to Sixth Form
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/design-technology-product-design-2017.html
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 is required from the new DT (9-1) GCSE qualification. If one of these GCSE subjects has not been studied we will consider a student who can demonstrate an aptitude for the subject at A Level.
ECONOMICS	www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce15/economics/Pages/default.aspx
<i>Requirement</i>	You may study Economics without a GCSE in the subject provided that you have 7/6 grades in either combination in Mathematics and English.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE English.
ENGLISH LITERATURE	http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce/english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE English.
GEOGRAPHY	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
HISTORY	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE History

MATHS	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2017.html
<i>Requirements</i>	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
(FURTHER MATHS)	As above and can only be taken as a fourth subject
MEDIA	http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/as-a-level/a-level-media-studies-spec-from-2017-eduqas.pdf?language_id=1
<i>Requirement</i>	You need to meet the minimum requirements for entry to Sixth Form
MUSIC A LEVEL	http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/music-2016.html
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Music or Grade 5 Music Theory plus competence and experience of composition and ability on an instrument or voice at Grade 6 level (or working towards) with the aim of performing at above Grade 7 level for assessed coursework.
PHYSICS	www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407
<i>Requirement</i>	(7 in Single Science Physics) or (7 6 in Science Trilogy) or (7 7 6 in Single Science) & Grade 7 in Maths
POLITICS	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in a Humanities subject or a 6 in English
SPANISH	http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/spanish/as-a-level/
<i>Requirement</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
SPORT BTEC	http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/demo/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/sport-2016.html
<i>Requirement</i>	You may study Sport without a GCSE in the subject provided that you meet the minimum requirements for entry to Sixth Form.

You will have the opportunity to find out more about these subjects when you come for your individual discussion or attend some of the taster lessons (see dates on next page)

KEY DATES FOR SIXTH FORM ADMISSION 2019

Wednesday 14th November 2018	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 9th January 2019	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 4.00pm – 6.00pm
February 2019	EVENING TASTER SESSIONS HELD
Friday 22nd February 2019	DEADLINE FOR ON LINE APPLICATIONS (External Applicants)
March 2019	Course Discussions begin – appointments will be available before and after school
22nd to 23rd August 2019	Confirmation of place and subject options

A LEVEL SUCCESS 2018

- A-level candidates at Liverpool College are once again celebrating excellent results.
- 56% of all grades were A*-B, and 86% of all students achieved A* - C. The average grade achieved by the 2018 cohort was a grade B
- Over a 1/4 of all grades were A* or A. 16 pupils achieved straight As and A*s.
- Attainment and progress, as measured by the various accountability tables, show positive outcomes despite the changes to the examination system.
- There were some stellar individual performances.
- Three students achieved Oxbridge Success and over 50% attended Russell Group Universities. 100% Medical Success.
- It is not only these top grades that should be celebrated. Some pupils achieved and progressed brilliantly from their starting points and are perhaps even more inspiring.

These results reaffirm the excellence of our Sixth Form and are testament to the outstanding teaching which drives our pupils' success