



ST IVO SCHOOL

Entry Requirements for Sixth Form

For entry September 2019

Key principles for entry to St Ivo Sixth Form

1. All St Ivo students will have the opportunity to study Post-16 courses here at the school provided that students have demonstrated a good attitude to learning, including good attendance, punctuality and behaviour during their time at the school. The school will use recorded student data as evidence of a student's attitude to learning. The school reserves the right to refuse entry to the Sixth Form to a student who has not demonstrated a consistently good attitude to their learning pre-16.
2. Appropriate courses must also be available for students, who must achieve the GCSE/Level 2 grades required.
3. The school welcomes applications from new students who satisfy the entry criteria. Information on external students attitude to learning will be sought.
4. The school will provide information and advice and will guide students towards appropriate courses.
5. The school decides whether a student follows a Sixth Form course. There is an appeals procedure in response to a student not being offered a place; its decision will be final.
6. As a comprehensive school, St Ivo School will offer a broad range of A Level and vocational courses post-16, in addition to a range of Level 2 courses that prepare students for Level 3, to meet the needs of as many learners as possible.
7. In the event of insufficient student uptake or staffing, it may not be possible to run a course.
8. The majority of students will study 3 A Levels. Some students will complement this with the AS EPQ (1 year course) or a fourth A Level such as Further Maths (2 year course).

GCSE English and Maths

As you may know, under current government requirements and with the new grading system, all students in the Sixth Form must continue to study English Language and Maths until they achieve at least grade 4.

Students studying Level 3 courses:

- Should achieve at least a grade 4 in English Language or Literature before beginning Level 3 courses
- Must retake GCSE English Languages and/or GCSE Maths if they haven't achieved at least a grade 4 in either subject. Some students may be required to change their subject choices to fit around the retake classes. This will be done after final GCSE results are known.

Students studying Level 2 courses:

- Must retake GCSE English Language and/or Maths, if they haven't achieved at least a grade 4 in either subject.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry pathways on the following pages, students wishing to study the courses listed below should satisfy the additional individual subject entry requirements.

Biology – at least

- Grade 6/6 in GCSE Combined Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade 6s including Biology in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

Chemistry – at least

- Grade 6/6 in GCSE Combined Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade 6s including Chemistry in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

Computer Science – at least

- If you studied GCSE Computer Science, grade 5
- A grade 5 GCSE Maths

Economics – at least

- If you studied GCSE Economics, grade 5
- A grade 5 GCSE Maths

French

- At least grade 5 GCSE French

Further Maths

- At least grade 7 GCSE Maths

Geography

- At least grade 5 GCSE Geography

German

- At least grade 5 GCSE German

Health & Social Care

- At least grade 5/5 in GCSE Combined Science and grade 4 in GCSE Maths

History

- At least grade 5 GCSE History

Maths

- At least grade 6 GCSE Maths

PE

- At least grade 5/5 in GCSE Combined Science, or any two grade 5s in Triple Science.

Photography

- Requires a portfolio to be presented to the Head of Department prior to commencement of the course.

Physics – at least

- Grade 6/6 in GCSE Combined Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade 6s including Physics in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

Psychology

- At least grade 5/5 in GCSE Combined Science and grade 5 in GCSE Maths

St Ivo Entry Pathways

The Pathways:

- Reflect the sorts of courses most suitable for students with particular average grades (based on school and national data).
- Students should also satisfy the entry requirements for individual subjects, as listed on the previous pages.
- When making choices for Sixth Form, students should calculate their likely average grade, as explained below, based on their predicted grades.
- Once final grades are known, students may be required to change their choices according to which pathway they can access, and any subject specific entry requirements. Any changes will be limited by spaces available on courses and combinations of courses fitting the timetable. This process will be finalised during the first two days of term in September 2019.

Calculating Average Grades

Calculate the average of your best 8 grades, and round to the nearest whole number. Where you study a subject which does not use grades 9 - 1, use the list below to convert grades to numbers.

GCSE A* or Level 2 Distinction*	Grade 8
GCSE A or Level 2 Distinction	Grade 7
GCSE B or Level 2 Merit	Grade 6
GCSE C or Level 2 Pass	Grade 4
GCSE D or Level 1 Distinction	Grade 3
GCSE E, F, Level 1 Merit or Level 1 Pass	Grade 2
GCSE G	Grade 1

The Purple Pathway

For students with an average grade 2 or 3.

- This pathway allows you to take any three Level 2 subjects as listed in the prospectus pages 55 to 58.
- You will also need to retake GCSE English Language and/or Maths as if you have not achieved at least a grade 4 in them.

The Green Pathway

For students with an average grade 4 or 5.

- This pathway allows you to take three of most of the Level 3 subjects as listed in the prospectus pages 16 to 52.
- However, you cannot take Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- You must also satisfy the subject specific entry requirements as listed previously.
- You will also need to retake GCSE English Language and/or Maths if you have not achieved at least a grade 4 in them.

The Blue Pathway

For students with an average grade 6 or above.

- This pathway allows you to take any three Level 3 subjects as listed in the prospectus pages 16 to 52.
- If certain circumstances you may also be able to take the EPQ or a fourth A Level such as Further Maths.
- You must also satisfy the subject specific entry requirements as listed previously.
- You will also need to retake GCSE English Language and/or Maths if you have not achieved at least a grade 4 in them.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Your form tutor
- Mr Nunn, Head of Year 11.
- Mr Crane, Assistant Head of Year 11.
- Miss Morrison, Deputy Headteacher.
- Miss Sherwood, Assistant Headteacher.
- Mr Ward, Director of School Strategic Operations.

Don't forget to also discuss subject choices with your subject teachers!

**We look forward to welcoming you to
St Ivo Sixth Form in September 2019.**

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