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Sixth Form Admissions for September

2024

Information Pack for parents and students

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GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM ADMISSION POLICY 2024

Gunnersbury is a voluntary aided Catholic School for boys under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Westminster (with girls admitted into the Sixth Form). We aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. As a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education is fully supported by all families in the school. All applicants are therefore expected to give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school.

Gunnersbury is an oversubscribed school and in all cases the Governing Body will give priority to Catholic applicants. 'Catholic' means a member of a church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic churches. This will normally be evidenced for a child by a Certificate of Baptism in a Catholic church or a Certificate of Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Within this, priority is given to boys of Practising Catholic families whose practice for the preceding two years is verified by a written reference from a Catholic priest.

In addition to places reserved for the school's own pupils, the governors propose to admit a minimum of 15 external students annually to its Sixth Form, provided that they meet the required, school determined, academic qualifications for their chosen course. The school welcomes applications to the Sixth Form from pupils, boys and girls, from other institutions. Application must be made on the Sixth Form application Form and an offer of a Sixth Form place is conditional on the school being able to provide a course suited to the applicant's age, ability, aptitude and educational needs. Preference will always be given to practising Catholics as verified by their Parish Priest, and subsequently to other Catholic applicants.

In the absence of suitable applications from Catholics, consideration will be given to non-Catholic applicants who meet the required academic qualification necessary for their chosen course(s).

Tie Break for the Sixth Form

Where the offer of places in the Sixth Form to external applicants would lead to oversubscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school as measured by the shortest route (using Bing Maps) from the applicant's usual place of residence to the main gate of the school.

Applicants will be required, as a general rule, to have achieved the following criteria to be able to study 'A' levels:

- (a) at least 5 GCSE passes (including English and Mathematics) at Grade 4 or higher
- (b) met the individual 'A' level subject requirement (see additional sheet)

To study Level 3 BTEC National Extended Business or Sport students will require the following academic attainment:

- (a) At least 4 GCSE passes at grade 4 or higher including either Maths or English GCSE

Non-Catholics are welcome to apply to Gunnersbury Catholic School Sixth Form. Provided they meet the course entry requirements these applicants shall be considered for the Sixth Form if all available places are not taken up by Catholic applicants.

Waiting list: It should be noted that a waiting list of unsuccessful applicants, in the first instance, is kept by the school in conjunction with the Local Authority until the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying. Should any places become available, these will be offered by the school through the Local Authority in order of those placed highest on the waiting list by the criteria set out in our main school admissions policy.

Right of Appeal: Appeals against an unsuccessful application should be made to the School's Admissions Secretary who will arrange for an Independent Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA 2024

Students wishing to study 'A' levels will need to have achieved a GCSE grade of 4 in both English and Mathematics; as well as 3 other GCSE passes at Grade 4 or higher.

In addition, each subject has its own specific entry requirements for its study:

Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art
Biology	Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science PLUS Grade 6 in Maths
Business Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE Business Studies or Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or Maths
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Maths
Chemistry	Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science PLUS Grade 6 in Maths
Design Technology	Grade 6 in a GCSE Design Technology subject
Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths PLUS Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature or English Language
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths; applicants must also study 'A' level Maths
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths.
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music Grade 5 at ABRSM Instrument/Voice/Music Theory (audition may be required)
PE	Grade 6 in GCSE PE
Physics	Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science PLUS Grade 6 in Maths
Psychology	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language PLUS Grade 5 in either GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics or 55 in GCSE Combined Science
Philosophy and Ethics (RE)	Grade 6 in GCSE RE
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
BTEC National Extended Diploma in Business or Sport	At least 5 GCSE passes at Grade 4 including Grade 4 in GCSE English or Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics

APPLICATION for entry to Gunnersbury Sixth Form 2024

For **external students** only (not currently attending Gunnersbury Catholic School)

To be completed and returned by Friday 26th January 2024

Name	Date of birth
Address	Your email
	Your mobile
	Parent name
	Parent mobile
Current school	Parent email

Science and Maths	Creative disciplines	Humanities	English and Languages	Social Sciences
Biology	Art and Design	Business Studies	English Literature	Psychology
Chemistry	Design Technology	Economics	French	Sociology*
Physics	Music*	Geography	Spanish*	
Maths	PE*	History	Italian*	
Further Maths	Drama*	Philosophy and Ethics (RE)		
Computer Science		Classical Civilisation*		
		Politics*		

** offered by one of our consortium partners*

PROPOSED COURSE CHOICE

Please list your 'A' level choices (or BTEC Extended Diploma choice), in order of preference.

Select 4 'A' level subjects, **or** 1 BTEC Extended Diploma subject.

In the unlikely event that few applicants apply to study a specific subject, the course may be withdrawn to ensure that resources are most effectively used.

'A' level subject 1	
'A' level subject 2	
'A' level subject 3	
'A' level subject 4	

BTEC Business	
BTEC Sport	

Are you a practising Roman Catholic ?		Yes	No
If YES, which church do you attend ?			
Do you belong to another faith ?		Yes	No
Which faith do you belong to?			
If you have siblings currently (or have had previously) at Gunnersbury, please give details :			

Please state briefly why you wish to join our Sixth Form :

Signature of applicant		Date
Signature of parent		Date

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE. Please hand this reference to your **Head of Year** to supply the information, including your predicted grades.

Name

Date of birth

GCSEs to be taken in Summer 2021	Predicted grade	GCSEs to be taken in Summer 2021	Predicted grade

GCSEs already taken	Grade	GCSEs already taken	Grade

Student UPN number	
Student ULN number	

% authorised attendance in last academic year	
% punctuality in last academic year	

Please comment on the student's personal qualities, attitude to learning and suitability for his/her chosen courses :

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Has this student been excluded from your school in the last 2 years ?	Yes	No
Does this student have special access arrangements for examinations ?	Yes	No
Has this student been in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years ?	Yes	No
Does this student have special access arrangements for examinations ?	Yes	No

Signature of referee

Position

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference.

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