



UCAS Statement

September 2019

Sixth Form Curriculum

Table 1 Overview of courses offered for pupils 2018-2020

Examination Board	Course	Code
AQA	Biology	7402
	Chemistry	7405
	Physics	7408
	Physical Education	7582
	Design Technology: Product Design	7552
	Business Studies	7132
	Geography	7037
	History	7042
	Psychology	7182
	French	7652
	German	7662
	Spanish	7692
	Edexcel	Religious Studies
Art and Design		H601
Economics		9EC0
Level 3 Extended Project: Dissertation		ZPJ30: P301
OCR	English Literature	H472
	Mathematics	B (MEI) H640
	Further Mathematics	B (MEI) H635/H645
	Latin	H443
CIE Pre-U	Art History	9799
	Music	9800

- Pupils sit internal examinations in June at the end of the Lower Sixth, which are called 'UCAS Predicted Grade Examinations', and sit timed assessments on examination-style questions at least once per half term.
- Most pupils in the Lower Sixth study four streams, which are comprised of either 3 subjects plus an EPQ for the most part, although approximately 25% pupils study 4 subjects. In the Upper Sixth, the vast majority of pupils continue with three subjects.
- Pupils submit the EPQ in the Lower Sixth and gain their result in the Summer before starting the Upper Sixth.

UCAS Predicted Grades

The School is required to submit a predicted grade for each subject that a pupil is studying in the Upper Sixth. Universities use the predicted grades alongside a pupil's personal statement, their previous public examination results (e.g. GCSE) and the School's reference when deciding whether to make an offer or reject the application.

Each undergraduate course will have entry requirements which are published on the respective university websites, and it is expected that pupils applying for a particular course can realistically attain the entry requirements. For the vast majority of courses, the entry requirement will be performance in three A Level subjects. There are some courses, however, where the entry requirement is based upon a points score and each grade achieved by pupils is converted to UCAS points (see Table 2). For example, an offer of 112 points could be achieved in the following ways:

1. BBC in three A Levels (Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics).
 $40 + 40 + 32 = 112$ points
2. CCC in three A Levels (Business Studies, English Literature and Psychology) and a C in the EPQ.
 $32 + 32 + 32 + 16 = 112$ points
3. M2BC in one Pre- U course and two A Levels (History, German and Religious Studies)
 $40 + 40 + 32 = 112$ points

The vast majority of offers made by a university will be conditional and pupils will need to achieve either the grades or point score stipulated in the offer in order to secure their place.

Although there is no guarantee of accuracy, universities will make offers based upon the predicted grades provided by the School, and so it is essential that pupils can attain these grades. If predicted grades are too pessimistic, pupils may be limited in their choice of courses to apply for and, also, they may find themselves looking for a better course through adjustment if their A Level results are higher than their predicted grades. Conversely, pupils may find themselves in clearing if their predicted grades are too optimistic and they do not meet their offer from a particular university.

The School will set predicted grades which pupils can realistically attain. When making a judgement about the UCAS predicted grade, staff will take the following into account:

- A pupil's level of ability.
- A pupil's previous performance in both public and internal examinations.
- Parameters when setting UCAS predicted grades:
 - We expect pupils to improve during their two years of study, and so UCAS predicted grades may be higher than the overall grade achieved for the internal examinations in a particular subject.
 - UCAS predicted grades will not normally be more than one grade above the overall grade achieved for the internal examinations in a particular subject, unless there is additional evidence to justify a higher grade.

Table 2 A Level Tariff Score

A Level Grade	CIE Pre-U Grade	EPQ Grade	UCAS Points
	D1		56
A*	D2		56
	D3		52
A			48
	M1		44
B	M2		40
	M3		36
C			32
	P1	A*	28
D	P2	A	24
	P3	B	20
E		C	16
		D	12
			10
		E	8
			6

UCAS Reference

The School is required to submit a reference for each pupil applying through the UCAS Apply system. In writing references, we will follow the advice provided by UCAS on their website and we may also consider feedback from admission tutors at universities.

A pupil's tutor will use subject references from each teacher, plus their own knowledge of the pupil, to write their reference. The reference will be checked and proofread by the UCAS and Higher Education Coordinator. The Director of Studies will make the final decision about what to include in a reference if there are any queries.