



Kimberley
Sixth Form



COURSES & ENTRY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS

September 2026

Kimberley Sixth Form Entry Criteria for Admissions in September 2025

We want all students at Kimberley to fulfil their potential and to be aspirational and successful in their future progression upon leaving the college. This starts with choosing the right subjects to study at Post 16. Applicants are advised to talk to their current schools/subject teachers about their potential in the subjects they intend to study and should be proactive in looking at potential pathways after Sixth Form, to ensure they are studying the right subjects and are achieving the grades necessary for progression. At Kimberley, we want students to enrol on courses which they will enjoy and which most importantly they are likely to be successful studying.

Each course has its own entry criteria which students must achieve to study the subject. The entry criteria is there to ensure that learners have appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding from previous study at Key Stage 4 to ensure smooth and successful progression at Key Stage 5 and beyond. Please be aware that a small number of subjects have additional specific entry criteria. The college will allocate final places to students in subjects in August based upon achieving the entry criteria and having a high enough APS to be placed in the subject. Our full admissions policy can be found at www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/application-process

As part of the entry criteria we require students to have 8 qualifications. We review the average GCSE points awarded from all the awarded grades at the end of Key Stage 4 with the best 8 subjects (including GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics). An average GCSE points score (APS) can be calculated by adding all the grades awarded to the learner and dividing by 8. Where a student has taken qualifications other than GCSEs, the grade awarded in this subject is converted to a GCSE grade.

In line with the majority of Post-16 providers, courses will only run if there is sufficient demand and the college reserves the right to amend the curriculum offer at any time.

Information on courses can be found at www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/courses

Applying for a place

Applicants must complete an application online via the Applicaa platform – <http://kimberleycollege.applicaa.com/2026> before the deadline of **Wednesday 10th December 2025**. If an applicant misses the deadline their application will be considered a late application.

All students will need to upload to Applicaa their most recent school grade sheet which demonstrates the grades they are likely to achieve by the end of Year 11. We are aware some applicants will receive updated academic attainment information after 10th December (deadline day). Should you not receive a conditional offer from the college due to grades supplied before 10th December we will contact you to see if a more recent grade sheet is available for our consideration.

Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT)

Applicants will only be made a conditional offer once the full application process has been completed. This year we require all applicants to have completed an online Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) before our conditional offers are made. These tests will be hosted at Kimberley College, and will take place in the week of 5th January 2026. The data from the CAT will assist the college in understanding the learning needs of each applicant and may assist us in discussions about appropriate subject combinations.

SUBJECTS (W) Indicates subject taught at Wootton Upper School	GCSE Average Point Score English & Mathematics plus BEST 6	GCSE English	GCSE Mathematics	Additional Subject Criteria
Art (W)	4	4	4	5 in Art
Biology	5	5	6	5,5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Biology
Business Studies	5	5	6	
Chemistry	5	5	6	5,5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Chemistry
Computer Science	5	5	7	
Dance (W)	4	4	4	
Drama (W)	5	5	4	
Economics	5	5	6	
English Language & Literature	5	5	4	
English Literature	5	5	4	
French	5	5	4	5 in French
Further Mathematics **	5	5	7	
Geography	5	5	4	
Government & Politics	5	5	4	
Graphics BTEC Diploma *	4	4	4	* Level 3 Diploma, equivalent to 2 subject choices
History	5	5	4	
Law	5	5	4	
Mathematics	5	5	6	
Music (W)	5	5	4	5 in Music
Philosophy	5	5	4	
Physics	5	5	6	5,5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Physics
Psychology	5	5	4	
Sociology	5	5	4	
Spanish	5	5	4	5 in Spanish

Number of subjects to be selected three.

** Note Further Mathematics will be selected with two other subjects which is the only circumstances where a student can study four subjects. Further Mathematics students will automatically take Mathematics A level.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deadline for application	Wednesday 10 th December 2025
Cognitive ability test (CAT)	W/C Monday 5 th January 2026
Deadline for sending conditional offers	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Deadline for acceptance or rejection of conditional offer	10 school days after offer sent
Induction days	Tuesday 23 rd & Wednesday 24 th June 2026
GCSE results day and enrolment day	Thursday 20 th August 2026
Deadline to complete enrolment	10.00am Friday 21 st August 2026

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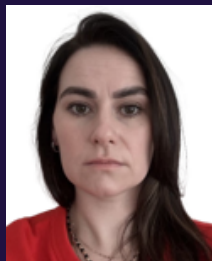
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