

Kimberley Sixth Form

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For future progression upon leaving the college, it is important that students are enrolled on a suitable curriculum for their Post-16 studies. To assist students with a selection process we have created a core pathway of A Level subjects and a mixed pathway comprising of A Level and BTEC subjects. For applicants who are offered an interview, we will discuss course choices to make sure that they are cohesive and that they are made based on informed decisions and offer the best opportunity for progression.

Each pathway has its own entry criteria which students must achieve to study subjects in that pathway. Subjects also have specific subject entry criteria, these entry criteria are 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.

Pathways are delimited by the average GCSE points awarded from all 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 can be calculated by adding all the grades awarded to a learner and dividing by the number of subjects taken i.e. 8. Where a student has taken qualifications other than GCSE, the grade awarded in this subject is converted to a GCSE grade using the equivalence guide provided by the college on our website.

Course Blocks 2025

Indicative maximum class sizes are shown to the right of each subject in the table below.

In line with the majority of Post-16 providers, courses will only run if there is sufficient demand and dependant on the outcome of the national review by the DfE in December 2024. In this eventuality we would notify you and discuss alternative options. Information on courses can be found at <u>www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/courses</u>

Subjects indicated with (W) may be taught at our Wootton site.

Block A Block B Block C Block E Block D **Business Studies Business BTEC** Art (W) 20 24 24 Biology 24 24 Biology Extended Certificate *** (A Level) **Creative Media** Biology 24 22 Computer Science 18 Chemistry 24 Chemistry 24 **BTEC Diploma**** **Further Maths** English Language & Creative Media Chemistry 24 24 24 24 22 Economics (including Maths) Literature BTEC Diploma ** Further Maths French 24 Geography 24 24 Economics 24 **English Literature** 24 (including Maths) **Further Maths** Graphics Further Maths Health & Social Care Graphics 24 24 24 24 24 BTEC Diploma ** (including Maths) **BTEC Diploma *** (including Maths) **BTEC Diploma **** Health & Social Care Maths 24 24 24 24 24 History Law Maths BTEC Diploma * 24 Maths 24 24 Philosophy Maths Physics 24 History 24 Politics 24 24 Photography (W) 20 24 Maths 24 Psychology Sociology Sport 24 Sociology 24 Physics 24 Physics 24 BTEC Diploma ** Spanish 24 Psychology 24 Psychology 24 Sport 24 BTEC Diploma **

Our admissions policy can be found at www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/application-process

<u>Pathway</u> <u>Name</u>	Subjects	Pathway Entry Criteria			
		GCSE Average Points Score English and Mathematics plus BEST 6	GCSE English	GCSE Mathematics	Additional Subject Criteria
	Computer Science, Further Mathematics	5	5	7	
Core	Science, Mathematics, Economics, Business	5	5	6	 Biology – 5, 5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Biology Chemistry – 5,5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Chemistry Physics – 5, 5 in Combined Science OR Triple Science APS of 5 with a minimum of 5 in Physics
Pathway 3 A Levels *	English Literature, English Language & Literature (combined), French, Geography, History, Law, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish	5	5	4	French – 5 in French Spanish – 5 in Spanish
	Art, Photography	4	4	4	Art – 5 in Art
Please be aware all BTEC subjects are Level 3 Diploma subjects and are equivalent to 2 subject choices, unless stated otherwise					
Mixed Pathway BTEC and A Level subjects **	Business & Marketing***, Creative Media, Graphics, Health & Social Care, Sports Studies	4	4	4	

* Note Further Mathematics will be selected with two other subjects which will be equivalent to 4 subjects.

** Entry criteria must have been met for the A Level subject over and above the BTEC.

*** Available only as a single BTEC (equivalent to 1 subject choice).

We understand that every applicant will have a different experience and reserve the right to amend the above criteria in exceptional circumstances.

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 with take place in the week of 6th January 2025. 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. We will also use the data to compliment final GCSE results in the summer when we enrol our new intake.

Dates for Your Diary

Deadline for application Cognitive ability test (CAT) Deadline for sending conditional offers Deadline for acceptance or rejection of conditional offers GCSE results day and enrolment day Deadline to complete enrolment

Monday 2nd December W/C Monday 6th January Wednesday 12th February 10 school days after offer sent Thursday 21st August **10.00am Friday 22nd August**

These dates are important to secure your place.

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