



**Course Blocks and
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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. There are a small number of subjects that 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 a 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 Language 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.

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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. In this eventuality we would notify you and discuss alternative options. Information on courses can be found at www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/courses

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

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

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

<u>Pathway Name</u>	<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Pathway Entry Criteria</u>			<u>Additional Subject Criteria</u>
		<u>GCSE Average Points Score</u> English Language and Mathematics plus BEST 6	<u>GCSE English Language</u>	<u>GCSE Mathematics</u>	
Core Pathway 3 A Levels *	Computer Science and Further Mathematics	5	5	7	
	Science, Mathematics, Economics and 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
	Geography and Psychology	5	5	5	
	Drama, English Literature, English Language & Literature (combined), Film Studies, French, History, Law, Music, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, Spanish, Textiles	5	5	4	Music – 5 in Music French – 5 in French Spanish – 5 in Spanish
	Art, Dance, Photography	5	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, Engineering****, Graphics, Health & Social Care, Sports Studies	4	4	4	BTEC Engineering**** – GCSE Mathematics 5 and GCSE Science 5

* 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 as either a single BTEC (equivalent to 1 subject choice) or a double award subject.

**** Only available as a single award subject.

NB Sport BTEC Extended Certificate is only available in combination with Business BTEC Diploma. Please be aware students on this pathway will be committing to additional learning time. Sport BTEC Diploma is available in the usual combination on our mixed pathway.

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 an interview is undertaken and our conditional offers are made. These tests will be hosted at Kimberley College, and we will publish a range of dates for you to book your slot. 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

Interviews for applications begin

Deadline for application

Interviews for applications end

Deadline for sending conditional offers

Deadline for acceptance or rejection of conditional offers

Induction Evening for students and parents/carers

Induction Day

GCSE results day and enrolment day

Monday 13th November

Monday 27th November

Thursday 25th January

Monday 5th February

10 school days after offer sent







Thursday 27th June

Monday 1st July

Thursday 22nd August

These dates are important to secure your place.

Key Staff

	<p>Mr Detheridge <i>Head of College</i></p>		<p>Dr MacKay <i>Deputy Head of College</i></p>		<p>Mrs Neal <i>Wootton Academy Trust Admissions Manager</i></p>
	<p>Mrs Genders <i>Assistant Head</i></p>		<p>Mr Kirkwood <i>Quality Nominee BTEC Manager Wootton Academy Trust</i></p>		<p>Mrs Ashby <i>Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator</i></p>

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