

CHURSTON FERRERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY – SIXTH FORM

Admission in September 2019

Students are admitted to the Sixth Form for a two year A level course. Automatic progression from Year 12 to Year 13 depends on meeting the progression requirements (see below).

There are minimum and maximum group sizes in all subjects. The minimum size is 10, although some classes are occasionally smaller. We aim to keep class sizes to 24 but some subjects will be lower due to health and safety considerations. Please note **subjects with very small numbers may not be viable and a decision not to run a subject may need to be taken.**

All students in Year 12 are expected to study three subjects but consideration will be given to students studying four A level subjects where their Attainment 8 score supports this. We aim to accommodate as many subject combinations as possible. To achieve this we ask students to enter on the application/subject preference form their first three choices of subject. Students who intend to study four subjects need to choose four subjects at this stage. We then compile the option blocks to facilitate the greatest choice of combinations. With any clashes we cannot resolve we will ask students to select another subject. (Students are notified as soon as such clashes are identified)

Applicants need to meet the following conditions:

1. Be under 19 years of age at the start of his/her programme of study.
2. Have the right of abode in the UK
3. Meet the Academic Entry Criteria (see below)
4. Qualify for funding from the UK Government for the complete A level course.

Students will not normally be funded by the Government for a retake of subject or the retake of a year, therefore students cannot retake Year 12 or undertake a Year 14 **except** where there are exceptional circumstances outside the control of the student or institution, such as a period of long term sickness, or good educational reasons. The Head Teacher will decide if circumstances are exceptional in the absence of a definition from the Student Funding Agency.

A student in Year 12 is defined as one who is following the first year of GCE A Level specifications in a majority of timetabled lessons.

A student in Year 13 is defined as one who is following the second year of the GCE A Level specifications in a majority of timetabled lessons.

All students transferring from Year 11 at CFGS to Year 12 and all external applicants to Year 12 must meet the academic entry criteria. Students are admitted to the School, subject choices cannot be guaranteed.

ACADEMIC ENTRY CRITERIA:

Entry to Year 12

1. Students must have a **GCSE grade 5 or above in Mathematics and English plus** an additional **4 GCSE subjects at grade 6 or above.**
2. Students need to meet the **individual subject requirements for the subjects they wish to study** – (*see table in the prospectus*)
3. Other qualifications may be accepted in place of GCSEs, equivalence will be decided by the Head Teacher.
4. Applicants will need to demonstrate that their knowledge and competency of the English language is sufficient for them to cope with the A level subjects they wish to study by holding a suitable equivalent qualification to GCSE English Language
5. In Year 12 students must study three A level subjects unless otherwise agreed

NOTE 1: Two short course GCSEs will be counted as one of the 6 full course GCSE grades required provided they are in different subjects.

NOTE 2: Students who do not achieve the academic entry requirements can appeal the decision not to offer a place. The first appeal will be heard by the Head Teacher and a decision will be taken in time to start the new academic year.

APPLICATION/TRANSFER

Internal Year 11 students need to submit a completed transfer form containing preferred subject choice and external applicants need to submit a completed application form by **5 February** in the year of requested transfer or admission. Transferees and applicants submitting forms after this date may be disadvantaged in the allocation to a subject group.

It is essential that students confirm on GCSE results day or the following day that they intend to take up their place in the Sixth Form, otherwise the offer of a place is withdrawn. All students also need to attend the registration day at the beginning of term to register and confirm their course, failure to do so may mean that the offer of a place is withdrawn or a student fails to get his/her subject choice if a subject is oversubscribed.

Entry to Year 13 & 14

Any student who wishes to go automatically into Year 13 or 14 must meet the progression criteria below. Those students who do not meet the progression criteria will be offered guidance on the most appropriate course of action moving forward. This may involve changing subjects.

For a) students new to the school applying for Year 13, b) existing students failing to meet the automatic progression criteria for Year 13, c) students wishing to undertake Year 14, the deadline to contact the Head of Sixth Form for additional guidance is **1st September** in the year of admission.

The criteria for automatic progression from Year 12 to Year 13 is:

Achieve a minimum level of a 'D' grade in 4 of the 6 tests/assignments between September and June of Year 12.

NOTE 1: The Headteacher can use discretion when applying the above criteria where there are exceptional circumstances.

Additional criteria apply for those in the Further Mathematics group to automatically progress to Further **Mathematics**:

- An A grade in 4 of the 6 tests / assignments

OVER SUBSCRIPTION POLICY FOR EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

The **Admissions Number** for **external applicants** for Year 12 is 35.

Places for external applicants will be allocated in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children (children in care) and previously looked after children
2. Students who applied by the deadline of 5 February, and after that by the earlier date of receipt of application
3. The highest Attainment 8 score

NOTE: Other qualifications will be dealt with on an individual basis, equivalence to the above qualifications will be decided by the Head Teacher.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL COURSES AT AS AND A LEVEL

Places for students who meet the academic criteria are allocated according to the following order of priority:-

1. Applicants for YEAR 12: Applications and Year 11 transfer forms received before the deadline of 5 February PROVIDED that if the number of qualifying applicants exceeds the number of places available they will be ranked according to the higher UMS score at GCSE in the A level subject applied for (double science being equivalent to two separate sciences) or in the first subject in the individual subject criteria
2. For YEAR 12: Applicants who are Looked after children (children in care) and previously looked after children who applied after 5 February
3. For YEAR 12: applications received after the deadline in order of date of receipt of application
4. Applications from students moving into Year 13
5. Applications from students moving into Year 14

6. Applications from students requesting to repeat Year 12 (whether taken at Churston or another institution)

Note: The priority above means that for applicants in categories 4-6 above a decision will not be made until after the Year 12 Registration Day at which time it will be known which subjects can accommodate students.

Subject information and Academic entry requirements

Subject	Minimum GCSE Grade Requirement
Art	Grade 6 at GCSE Art
Biology	Grade 6/7 in Core and Additional Science OR a grade 7 in Biology Mathematics – Grade 6
Business Studies	Mathematics – Grade 5
Chemistry	Grade 6/7 in Core and Additional Science OR a grade 7 in Chemistry. Mathematics – Grade 7.
Computer Science	Computing – Grade 6 Mathematics – Grade 6
Design & Technology	D & T – Grade 6 in any area
Digital Photography	No previous course or experience is required
Drama	Drama – Grade 6 English Language or Literature – Grade 5
English Literature	English Language – Grade 6 English Literature – Grade 5
Economics	English – Grade 6 Mathematics – Grade 7
Further Mathematics	Mathematics – Grade 8
Fashion & Textile Design	Grade 6 from either Art, Art Textiles or Design Technology
French	French – Grade 6
Geography	Geography/Humanities – Grade 6.
Government and Politics	English – Grade 5
History	History – Grade 6 English – Grade 6
Mathematics	Mathematics – Grade 7
Philosophy & Ethics	English – Grade 5
PE	Participation in two sports Grade 6 in GCSE PE or Grade 6 in Core & Additional Science or Grade 6 in two sciences
Physics	Grade 6/7 in Core and Additional Science OR a grade 7 in Physics Mathematics – Grade 7
Psychology	English Grade 6
Sociology	English Language – Grade 5
Spanish	Spanish – Grade 6

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