



Admissions FAQs: Sixth Form Entry 2027

What are the entry criteria for Sixth Form?

For 2027, students will need to achieve a minimum of three grade 7s and two grade 6s overall at GCSE or equivalent. Entry onto the BTEC Diploma in Sport requires a proven record of participation in sport, a minimum of a grade 5 in an essay-based subject at GCSE and students will also be required to meet the subject-specific criteria for the A Level subject, which they wish to take alongside the BTEC.

How many students are in the Sixth Form?

There are typically between 240-280 students in the Sixth Form.

How many external students typically join New Hall at the Sixth Form entry point?

We do not have a set figure but, over the last 10 years, 20%-30% of the year group has been new to the School. 16+ is a major entry point, for boarders and day students.

How many A Level subjects can a student study at A Level?

Most study three A Levels, but it is also possible to study four. Our expectation to study three A Levels is to reflect what is typically asked for with regards to university/apprenticeship applications, also being mindful of students' well-being. Where students wish to broaden their academic workload beyond three A Levels, DELF/DELE classes in French and Spanish are available and the Extended Project Qualification is also offered. There are also many opportunities for co-curricular activities alongside the academic provision.

What do the Sixth Form students do with the time they have when they are not in lessons?

When not in lessons, students manage their time independently. We have a robust system which allows us to discover if/to what extent a student is struggling to manage their studies/ deadlines effectively - we call this the Attitude to Learning system. If a student is obviously struggling, then there is intervention that may result in supervised study being added to the student's timetable, which will be required for a period of time and then reviewed. There is a Silent Study Room in the Sixth Form Centre, as well as in our Sixth Form International Business and Languages Centre, supervised by staff; students can use these at any time. We expect students in their non-contact time (i.e. when not in lessons) to be working in an area of their choosing - they are not allowed to be watching films, play games etc. but should be working.

Does the School offer a coach service?

The New Hall School coach service is managed on our behalf by Vectare, a specialist school transport management company. Their website (newhall.vectare.co.uk) offers a postcode search functionality, which provides personalised journey planning.

What is included in the School fees?

The School fees provide for teaching and curriculum costs, including an iPad for School and home learning. There are a few exceptions such as public examination entries and School trips. In the Senior Divisions, there is an extended School day (with provision from 8.00am–6.00pm) and an extensive co-curricular programme of clubs and activities*.

The School offers a variety of freshly prepared lunches for students to purchase. All boarders' meals are included within the fee.

What are the Sixth Form boarding options?

We have two Sixth Form Boarding Houses: Champion (Years 12 & 13 boys), and Dennett (Years 12 & 13 girls). All students, including Sixth Form students, are able to board on a full or flexible basis, choosing from 1-7 nights. We strongly recommend that Sixth Form students board for a minimum of two nights in order to elicit the greatest benefits that boarding can provide to this age group.

What is the day/boarding ratio?

This varies year-on-year, but, on average, around half of our Sixth Form students are boarders.

What are your examination results like?

Typically, around 50% of all grades achieved at A Level are A* or A, with around 80% at A*-B.

What careers and university preparation do you provide?

New Hall recognises the importance of a careers programme that can motivate students at key stages of their education, particularly when considering A Level and university options. Our dedicated Head of Careers offers advice on all areas of careers, university applications and apprenticeship applications. New Hall encourages able students to apply to leading universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. There is an Oxbridge programme, led by our dedicated Oxbridge Co-ordinator who supports applicants, and the School has a strong track record of students achieving Oxbridge places in a wide range of subjects, including arts, STEM, humanities and languages. We also have a team that offers additional support to those wishing to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine.

What are the destinations of Sixth Form leavers?

Our students generally go to their first choice university and read a diverse range of degree courses including Classics, Law, Engineering, Medicine, History, Theology, Architecture, Languages, Economics and Politics. Some of our Sixth Form students undertake a gap year before university, which usually involves travelling and working abroad. In recent years, around 80% of students have progressed to Russell Group/Top 20 universities, including Oxbridge, University of Durham, University of Exeter, Imperial College London, London School of Economics, University of Manchester, University of Nottingham and the University of Warwick.

What support is available regarding fees?

Scholarships are available for Year 12 entrants. For further information about the scholarships available at Sixth Form entry, please take a look at our Bursaries & Scholarships Policy on our website.

*Some co-curricular clubs, e.g. Horse Riding and individual music lessons, incur an additional charge.