

The Priory Ruskin Academy



Frequently asked questions when applying to Sixth Form

How do I apply for Sixth Form?

You can apply using our online application form, which can be found under the Sixth Form tab.

What grades do I need to achieve to get into Sixth Form?

This depends on which path you wish to take – if you wish to study A Levels, the minimum entry requirements are a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language, a grade 4 in Mathematics and you will need to attain the individual subject requirements, which can be found in our prospectus. If you wish to study BTEC's, the minimum entry requirements are a minimum of five grade 4's across their GCSE's, including English and Mathematics.

How do I choose which subjects to take?

The subjects you choose should reflect your interests/subjects that you enjoy and we advise that you research any career aspirations that you may have to check what the requirements are.

Am I allowed to choose a mixture of A Levels and BTEC's?

Yes, you can choose any subjects you wish – a mixture of 3 A Levels and BTEC'S or just 3 A Levels/3 BTEC's, as long as they are in separate option blocks

Once I've applied, how do I know if I've got a place?

Once you've applied, you will receive a letter (these are usually sent out in February) confirming that we have received your application for September 2021, we will also request that you send us your predicted grades. We are unable to confirm whether students have a place until we receive your final GCSE grade when the results come out in August, but the letter will state that **if you meet the minimum entry requirements** you will be offered a place.

Am I able to change my subject choices once I've sent in my application?

Yes you are, no option choices will be confirmed until we've received your final GCSE grades, so you will be able to email us at sixthformadmissions@prioryacademies.co.uk or discuss this when you start. We are aware that some students may start a subject course and after a few weeks into it realise that it's not what they expected, which is why we allow students to change courses up to 3 weeks after the beginning of the first term, provided they are happy to catch up with any work missed in their new subject.