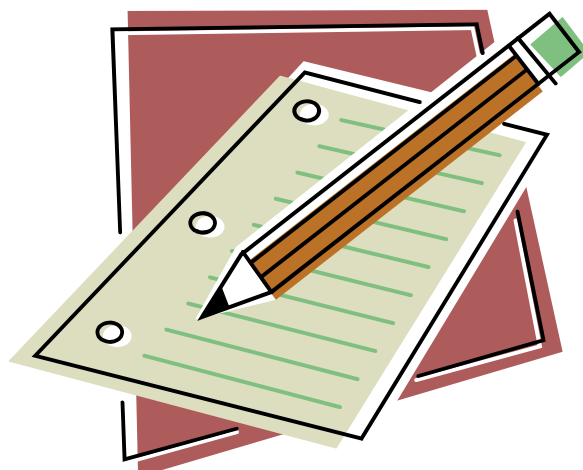


The Application Process

Do we take external candidates into the Sixth Form?

Yes we do!

- We welcome applications from girls from other schools and in recent years have welcomed between 30 and 50 applicants.
- The minimum requirement for entry is at least 6 GCSE subjects at grade 6 including English and Mathematics and a grade 7 at GCSE in the A Level subject you want to study, if appropriate. We also require a good school report.
- Places are limited and offers are made in the first instance on the basis of predicted grades and any “mock” results if available. All offers are conditional on **actual results**.
- There is an **online application form** accessed via the school website www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk/ under Sixth Form admissions.
- All subject information sheets are available on the school website.
- Please be aware that not all subject combinations are possible and are dependent on subject and staff availability as well as sufficient students opting.
- If you wish to study Further Mathematics you must also choose Mathematics.
- Return the form to King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls by **Thursday 24th January 2019**.
- Further enquiries should be made to Mrs Felton, Sixth Form Student Support.



Some advice on choosing your A level courses

What do I choose?

If you have a particular career area in mind, you have probably already researched the kind of subjects that are likely to be necessary, or helpful, in achieving your goal. Apart from that –

- Choose subjects which you already enjoy and have done well in.
- Subject information sheets will be available in each subject room and all information sheets are on the main school website under Admissions.
- Find out about the new subjects you can start in the Sixth Form and see if they have any appeal for you. View the examination board websites for detailed specifications.
- Look at the 'Informed Choices' guide on the Russell Group website.
<http://russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf>
- Talk to your current teachers, Form Tutor, Career Advisor or the Head of Sixth Form.
- Make good use of any careers online package you have access to such as **Unifrog** or UCAS itself.
- All A Levels are demanding, they all have requirements for deeper analysis and evaluation than at GCSE. You need to focus on the course content and whether a subject is going to appeal to you over the full two years. Motivation for a subject is key to success so a wise choice now should enable you to follow any future pathway with confidence. Please ask questions over the next few weeks about course content and style of delivery, ask them of staff, older students and of yourself.



University Course Requirements

Below is an outline of current likely course requirements. Please ensure that you check the most up to date entry requirements on the university websites.

Course	General requirements
Accountancy	A Level Mathematics is required at some universities
Chemistry	A Level Mathematics is preferred for many courses
Dentistry	3 subjects from Sciences* is preferred at AS level. Chemistry is essential and it advisable to also have Biology at A-Level. Some Dental Schools also require certain GCSE grades
Drama	A-Level English Literature is preferred for many courses
Economics	A-Level Mathematics is a requirement for many top universities (BSc courses)
English Literature	Some universities may prefer an A-Level in a Modern Foreign Language.
Engineering	A-level Mathematics and Physics are usually required. Although not usually an entry requirement Further Mathematics is an advantage.
Environmental Studies	One or two Science* subjects usually required, including Mathematics at some universities.
Geography	One or more Sciences* may be required for BSc courses.
Law	No specific A-Levels required but History and/or English Literature may be preferred at some universities.
Mathematics	A-Level Mathematics and although not usually an entry requirement Further Mathematics is an advantage.
Medicine	Two Sciences* at A-level are required by most universities. Chemistry is essential and Biology desirable. Most universities will accept any "rigorous" academic A-level for the third subject. Virtually all medical schools are agreed that applicants should be strongly encouraged to broaden their subject base to include non-science subjects in the Sixth Form. Some Medical Schools also require certain grades at GCSE.
Optometry	Two Science* A-Levels required with Biology essential.
Pharmacy	Two Science* subjects required one of which must be Chemistry.
Physics	A-Level Mathematics and Physics normally required. Although not usually an entry requirement Further Mathematics is an advantage.
Physiotherapy Occupational therapy	One or two Science* subjects.
Primary teaching	A wide range of subjects is required and should include one or two core subjects.
Psychology	A Science*, Biology or Psychology preferred.
Speech therapy	At least one Science*, Biology required by some universities.
Sports Studies	An A-Level Science* is required
Veterinary Science	A Level Chemistry required and Biology or Mathematics or Physics is also generally expected.

Science* - usually refers to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics. Please check each univeristy.