

Dear Parent/Carer

Applying to join Southfields Academy Sixth Form

Our aim is to keep parents/carers fully informed about the process of applying to our Sixth Form, and to equip you so that you can support your child with the important choices they are facing. Most Year 11 students have already applied to join Year 12 in September 2021. Any student who hasn't applied can do so by following this link:

<https://southfields.applicaa.com/year12>

Here's how the application process works

During November and December:

- A member of the Sixth Form team visited every tutor group and students were able to ask questions about possible course choices and progression routes.
- Students applied to join the sixth form online. A few students have not completed their applications, and their tutors will contact parents to inform them.

During January:

- The deadline for applying has been extended to 31st January 2021.

During February/March/April:

- Over these three months, all Year 11 students who have applied to join the Sixth Form will be interviewed by a senior member of staff. This gives students the chance to discuss their course choices and ask any questions they may have. It is most likely that these interviews will take place via Google Meet.
- Second interviews will take place on GCSE results day (likely to be week of 23rd August, confirmed date to follow).

Our courses

We are the second largest Sixth Form in Wandsworth and, as such, we are able to offer a wider range of academic and vocational subjects than most. In total, we offer more than 40 different courses at a range of different levels, some of which are only available in the Sixth Form, such as Psychology, Film Studies and Economics. A full list of courses can be found here: <https://6thform.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Courses&pid=12>

Course entry requirements

- **A Levels** - Students need to achieve at least five GCSEs (including Mathematics and English Language) at grade 5 or above.
- **Level 3 vocational courses (e.g. Level 3 BTECs)** - Students need to achieve at least five GCSEs (including Mathematics and English Language) at grade 4 or above.
- **Level 1 and 2 courses** - These are available to students who have a good attendance and punctuality record and have a positive attitude towards their learning. Most students who study these subjects will not have achieved a grade 4 in Mathematics GCSE and/or English Language GCSE.

Dropout rates, careers and destinations

We have incredibly low drop-out rates at Southfields Academy (at around 5%) and these are among the lowest in London. We also offer a comprehensive careers programme to support all our learners. Our goal is that all our Sixth Form students go onto a positive destination. Some will get jobs, some will start apprenticeships and some will go to university.

We hope you will find enough information here and on our website but, if you have any questions regarding applying to the Sixth Form, please contact your son's/daughter's tutor.

Regards



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