

Joining the Senior School

Joining the Senior School marks a defining stage in a student's education. As such, we take our responsibilities very seriously, to ensure that students are ably supported through challenging A level programmes, are prepared for their life after leaving school through our empowering and ambitious St Paul's Programme, and given the tailored pastoral support and guidance that young people need as they reach adulthood.

To join our Senior School, students must be able to demonstrate that they are academically, socially and emotionally ready to join our exciting but rigorous working environment. It is a condition of entry that students are keen and personally capable of playing an active role in Senior School life, taking full advantage of everything we have to offer. We expect students to show maturity, resilience and increasing independence in order to thrive within the demands of our full programme.

Academic Requirements

Our general academic requirements are as follows (full details on individual subject prerequisites are outlined in Appendix A on the next page):

The offer of a place is conditional on a candidate achieving a minimum of eight (I)GCSE passes at grade 7, of which at least six are at grade 8 or 9 (including the subjects to be studied at A-level).

Our Expectations

The St Paul's Programme is a compulsory part of our curriculum, and we expect all students to attend and participate fully. This includes the expectation that all students will engage actively in PSHE, the Friday afternoon programme comprising micro internships, service and electives, and our varied PE offer each Wednesday. Alongside this, our expectation is that all students will participate enthusiastically in the co-curricular life of the school.

We also expect parents to commit to working in positive partnership with the school. Ongoing collaboration is essential to support each student's wellbeing and success throughout the Senior School.

Appendix A: A Level Subject Requirements

SUBJECT	PREREQUISITES
ART AND DESIGN	Minimum grade 8 in Art at (I)GCSE
BIOLOGY	Minimum grade 8 in Biology at (I)GCSE
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Minimum grade 8 in Computer Science at (I)GCSE
CHEMISTRY	Minimum grade 8 in Chemistry at (I)GCSE
DRAMA AND THEATRE	Minimum grade 8 in Drama at (I)GCSE. If you have not been able to study Drama at GCSE, a minimum grade 8 in English Literature is required.
ECONOMICS	Minimum grade 8 in an essay subject at (I)GCSE
ENGLISH	Minimum grade 8 in English Literature at (I)GCSE
GREEK	Minimum grade 8 in Greek at (I)GCSE
HISTORY	Minimum grade 8 in History at (I)GCSE. If History was not studied at (I)GCSE, a minimum of grade 8 in English Literature is required.
HISTORY OF ART	No subject specific requirements
LATIN	Minimum grade 8 in Latin at (I)GCSE
MATHEMATICS	Minimum grade 8 in Mathematics at (I)GCSE
MATHEMATICS (FURTHER)	Minimum grade 8 in Mathematics at (I)GCSE. It is also recommended that you have followed the FSMQ course (or equivalent) during year 11.
MODERN LANGUAGES	Minimum grade 8 in the chosen language at (I)GCSE
MUSIC	Minimum Grade 8 Music at GCSE. We also welcome applications from students who have not studied Music in KS4 but have developed significant musical skills and understanding through other routes.
PHILOSOPHY	No subject specific requirements