

FAQS

Admissions Process

What are your Entry Requirements?

Our Minimum Entry Requirements for all students are as follows;

- All Sixth Form students must achieve at least five GCSE's at Grade 6 or above
- Students must also achieve a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics

In addition to this, students must also meet the [Subject Specific Entry Requirements](#) for their chosen A-Level subjects.

How many subjects can I apply for?

Most Sixth Form students at UOBS study three core A-Level subjects, unless they opt to study Mathematics with Further Mathematics (which can be added as an additional A-Level).

On your application, you should select your three preferred subjects, but may also list an additional 'Reserve Subject' choice, which may be considered in the event that we are unable to offer your preferred subject combination (i.e. due to timetable clashes, oversubscription etc)

Do you offer AS Levels?

Our courses are linear 2-year A-Level qualifications, with exams at the end of Year 13. We do not offer AS level courses.

How many spaces are available in your Sixth Form?

Our planned intake for 2021 will be 200 students into Year 12.

Students currently in Year 11 at UOBS will receive priority for Sixth Form places, providing they meet the relevant Entry Requirements. However, the remainder of places will be open to external applicants from any school.

Can I transfer or re-start my A-Level studies at UOBS?

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications from students who have previously started AS, A-Level or Level 3 courses at another institution.

Does where I live have an impact on my application?

Unlike our secondary school admissions, our Sixth Form applications are open to students from across Birmingham and the surrounding areas. We do not have a catchment area and your postcode will not have any affect (positive or negative) on your application.

All we ask is that you carefully consider the time it would take to travel to and from the school on a daily basis. As spending a long time commuting across the city can have a negative impact on both your academic studies and your personal wellbeing.

Do you accept applications from students with international qualifications?

Yes – we will consider international (GCSE equivalent) qualifications on a case-by-case basis. Students who are looking to apply with international qualifications should contact admissions@uobschool.org.uk with a copy of their latest academic reports.

How do I apply?

Applications should be submitted online via our [Sixth Form Admissions Portal](#)

> uobschool.applicaa.com

Internal UOBS students have been set up with an account and should log in as 'Registered Users' with their school email address. The password will have been shared with you via email.

External Applicants should create an account using their personal email address. This email address will need to be verified before you can log in to complete your application.

I have lost/forgotten my login details – should I create a new account?

If you cannot remember your details, please do not create a new account, as this will create duplicate applications in the system – which may result in both of your applications being rejected!

Forgotten Password?

Use the 'Forgotten Password' link on the portal homepage to reset your password

Forgotten Username?

This will be the email address used to create the account (check your inboxes for a welcome message) If you cannot remember which account you used, please contact admissions@uobschool.org.uk with your full name, date of birth and current school.

How long will it take to process my application?

Once applications close on 31st January 2021, we will contact school referees for confirmation of predicted grades. Once all references have been received, we will begin to process Conditional Offers and hope to let all applicants know the outcome of their application by the end of the spring term.

Will I have an interview?

No – as a non-selective school, our Conditional Offers are made purely based on academic attainment (i.e. your predicted grades).

We hope to offer successful applicants an opportunity to visit the school later in the year (depending on government restrictions), however any such visit would not influence the outcome of our admissions decisions.

Since submitting my application, I have changed my mind about what I would like to study. What do I do?

You can log in to your account at any time before 31st January 2021 to change your subjects or update your details. However, after the deadline applications will be locked and no further changes will be possible, as we will begin processing Conditional Offers.

If I get an offer, am I guaranteed a place with you?

Offers for a Sixth Form place are conditional on the basis that the Offer Holder must achieve the [Minimum and Subject Specific Entry Requirements](#) when their final GCSE results are received in August 2021.

If all requirements are met, you will be invited to confirm your place during Sixth Form Enrolment on 27th August 2021.

What if my grades do not meet the requirements for one of my chosen subjects?

As our Conditional Offers are based purely on academic grades, we must apply our [Entry Requirements](#) fairly to all applicants. Unfortunately, if your predicted grades do not meet the relevant requirements needed to study your chosen or reserve subjects, then we will not be able to make a Conditional Offer.

If you later achieve the grades required, you may be able to visit us during Sixth Form Enrolment in August, where we would be able to re-consider your application if we still have spaces available in your chosen combination of subjects.

If I study A-Levels at UOBS, will this guarantee progression to an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Birmingham?

Whilst our partnership with the University of Birmingham offers many benefits, A-Level students from UOBS do not receive special consideration for admission when applying to study at degree level.

However, as a [Pathways to Birmingham](#) Partner School, each year many of our students do receive offers through one of their access programmes, which include lower entry requirements and financial support to study at the University of Birmingham

We also have our Mike Roden Scholarship scheme, which is unique to UOBS students and offers financial support of up to £5000 per year for students who go on to enrol at the university.

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