

University of Birmingham School

Welcome from Senior Assistant Vice Principal

Welcome to University of Birmingham School Sixth Form.

Your Sixth Form years will be the most exciting years of your education.

At University of Birmingham School we believe that all of our Sixth Form students have the potential to go to University to study either an undergraduate degree or a degree level apprenticeship. Our vision is simple; that our Sixth Form students go on to their chosen destination fully prepared and confident for the fantastic challenges and opportunities that await them.

Our Sixth Form is a friendly, thriving, and exciting place to study. As a student here you will combine a busy academic timetable along with two hours per week of enrichment and also take part in 'Learning for Life' sessions with your form tutor.



Sixth Form students are at the very heart of our School, our expectations are high, we see you as exemplary role models and we have the highest standards of behaviour and attitude. In return you'll receive inspirational teaching as part of a Sixth Form that cares about your personal development and will do everything it can to ensure you reach your potential.

University of Birmingham School offers a Sixth Form experience that is unique in our city, we are proud of what our Sixth Form students have already achieved and we are excited about the future.

Liam Dwyer Senior Assistant Vice Principal - Sixth Form



Subjects Offered

University of Birmingham School offers a traditional academic curriculum in its Sixth Form. We want our students to have a wide range of options when they consider their next steps into employment, training, or higher education. Our A level courses are full two year linear qualifications with examinations at the end of Year 13.

Art & Design Mathematics

Biology Music

Business Studies Physical Education

Chemistry Physics

Computer Science Politics

English Literature Product Design

French Psychology

Further Mathematics Religious Studies

Geography Sociology

History

Join a Sixth Form built with YOUR future in mind



Explore how we can help you discover your passion on our website www.uobschool.org.uk or scan above, where you can also find out more about individual subjects and exam boards.

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for entry into the Sixth Form, you will need to meet the following:

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- At least five GCSEs at Grade 6 or above.
- Applicants must also achieve a minimum of GCSE Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least a Grade 6 at GCSE in the subject you want to study at A level.
- If the subject is not studied at GCSE, we may be able to accept associated subjects (these are available to view on our website).
- If a subject is oversubscribed, applicants may need to achieve at least a GCSE Grade 7. For entry into current Year 12 (Sept. 2023), the subjects oversubscribed were Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, and Computer Science.





Applying to our Sixth Form

Applications should be submitted directly to the Sixth Form through our online web portal on our website.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 07 November 2023

Online applications open.

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Sixth Form Open Evening | 17.30 - 20.00

Wednesday 31 January 2024

Deadline for applications to be submitted.

February - March 2024

Confirmation of predicted grades to be collected from school referee.

April 2024

Conditional Offer decisions will be made.

Thursday 22 August 2024

GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment Day.

School Day & Dress Code

Sixth Form is an important time in your life, and we aim to prepare you as much as possible to develop into a well-rounded citizen able to flourish in the world.

Students in the Sixth Form are role models and leaders for pupils in younger years. As Sixth Form students, you are expected set a positive example in your conduct, attendance, approaches to learning, and appearance. Our Sixth Form dress code is designed to meet the requirements of a professional office environment.

See our website for full details uobschool.org.uk.





School Day

A typical day for a Sixth Form student runs from 08:50 - 15:45 currently with optional study support sessions after School. Students are expected to remain on-site for the full timetabled day.

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08:50 - 09:00
AM Registration

09:00 - 09:55
Period 1

09:55 - 10:50
Period 2

10:50 - 11:05
Break

11:05 - 12:00
Period 3

12:00 - 12:55
Period 4 (or early lunch on Friday)

12:55 - 13:55
Lunch & PM Registration (or Enrichment on Friday, 13.00 - 15.00)

13:55 - 14:50
Period 5 (or Enrichment on Friday)

14:50 - 15:45
Period 6 (no Period 6 on Monday or Friday)
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Student Support

Discovering your passion

We want students to leave University of Birmingham School Sixth Form with the skills, virtues (personal qualities) and experiences that will help you discover your passion, and give you the confidence and skill to pursue this. We also wish to prepare you with the experiences that employers and higher education institutions seek. We believe that active participation in all that the Sixth Form has to offer will allow each student to achieve this.

You will benefit from lectures, seminars and enrichment opportunities with a considerable number of external partners, including with our corporate partners and the University of Birmingham.

Supporting you to apply to University

Students are encouraged to visit a wide range of university and college open days. Speakers from the University of Birmingham give presentations, guest lectures, and seminars to the Sixth Form to help students prepare for transition to university study.

Students hear talks from the admission team at the University of Birmingham, as well as take part in personal statement writing masterclasses. Students will also receive ongoing support from Sixth Form tutors and other staff to help create a compelling personal statement.

Work Experience

Work Experience at the Sixth Form is designed to gain valued employability skills, but also to inform future career decisions. We expect students to arrange work experience placements independently, to ensure that each placement is tailored to meet individual needs and interests, however our dedicated Sixth Form team are able to provide ongoing support and direction throughout the process.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at admissions@uobschool.org.uk or call the Sixth Form on 0121 796 5000.



Enrichment & Character Education

Inspiring you to flourish

As humans, we learn and grow from new experiences. Enrichment is a vital part of our 'taught, caught and sought' character education curriculum, where these additional learning opportunities enable students to put into practice virtues such as courage, curiosity, and resilience. Enrichment is not extra-curricular, it's a core part of our timetabled week.

Our varied programme of enrichment options allows students to mix and match options throughout the year. Whether a student is looking to develop their communication skills, let off some steam, or simply try something new - there is an activity to suit everyone.

Our sporting enrichment options include access to world-class facilities at the University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre.

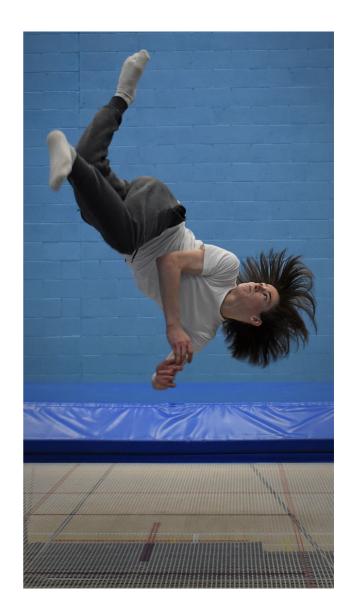
Some of the enrichment options include:

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- Creative options (Music, Media, Fashion, Jewellery Making, Cross Stitch).
- Subject & Career related (Law, Sociology, Documentary Club, Biology Journals).
- Pathways to Competitive Courses (preparing for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, & Veterinary Science).
- Sports (Basketball, Swimming, Trampolining, Tennis, Karate, & Yoga).

Practising your character each day

Our core curriculum is supported by our daily Learning for Life (L4L) programme, developed in liaison with the world-leading Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, based at the University of Birmingham. The L4L programme aims to develop character virtues as well as skills which will benefit students' A level work and also support a successful start to higher education, employment, or professional training.

We aspire to guide our students in becoming fully flourishing individuals, who live with increasing good sense, courage, fairness, gratitude, and self-control. This will naturally lead you to becoming high performing, active, and engaged citizens.



Results & Destinations

We are incredibly proud of all our Sixth Form students. They have worked extremely hard for two years and fully deserve the impressive grades they have received. We are excited for them as they embark on the next steps in their educational journey – for many, this will be at Universities throughout the country with a significant number going on to study at Russell Group Universities, including the University of Birmingham.



Esther

Esther achieved A* A* A A at A level and is now studying Chemistry at Imperial College London.



David

David achieved A A B at A level and is now studying Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at the University of Warwick.



Zainab

Zainab achieved A* A* A at A level and is now studying Business Management at the University of Birmingham.



Rohan

Rohan achieved A B B at A level and plans to start a higher apprenticeship with Rolls Royce.



Kainat

Kainat achieved A* A A at A level and is now studying Dentistry at the University of Manchester.

