

Join our Sixth Form

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL

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Welcome from the 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 our Sixth Form students have the potential to go to university to study either an undergraduate degree or complete 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 positive place to study. As a student here you will combine a busy academic timetable along with two hours per week of enrichment and 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 distinctive in our city. We benefit from a unique partnership with the University of Birmingham and are very proud of what our Sixth Form students go on to achieve.

Liam Dwyer
Vice Principal - Sixth Form & Aspiration

A level Subjects

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. Our Sixth Form students will generally study three subjects* (Note: Further Mathematics and EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) can only be studied as fourth subjects in addition to three core A levels).

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English Literature
- Extended Project Qualification*
- French
- Further Mathematics*
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology



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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 opposite, where you can also find out more about individual subjects and exam boards.

Entry Requirements



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 GCSE Grade 6 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. Typically, the following subjects are likely to be oversubscribed: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Psychology.

Key Dates

Applications should be submitted directly to the Sixth Form through our online web portal on our website uobschool.org.uk or scan below:

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November
Online applications open.

November
Sixth Form Open Evening

Mid-February
Deadline for applications to be submitted.

February - March
Confirmation of predicted grades to be collected from school referee.

April
Conditional Offer decisions will be made.

August
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, we ask you to model good character and to make wise choices. You are expected to 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.

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

08:45 - 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
12:55 - 13:55	Lunch & PM Registration
13:55 - 14:50	Period 5
14:50 - 15:45	Period 6



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 admissions 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.

Results Success



Agastya

Agastya achieved grades A* A A B at A level and is now studying Astrophysics at UCL.



Hollie

Hollie achieved grades B B B at A level and is now studying Palaeontology & Geology at the University of Birmingham.



Selim

Selim achieved grades A* A* A* at A level and is now studying Chemistry at the University of Oxford.



Junior

Junior achieved grades A* B B at A level and is now undertaking a degree apprenticeship at Mayer Brown in London.



Megan

Megan achieved grades A B C at A level and is now studying Geology & Physical Geography at Keele University.



Busayo

Busayo achieved grades B B C at A level and is now studying Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying at Loughborough University.

Character Education

Character education is part of everyday life at University of Birmingham School – it's what makes us distinctive. We believe that building character through the recognition, practice and development of virtues is just as important as doing well academically.

Through our Learning for Life (L4L) programme, weekly enrichment sessions and our teaching of subjects, we support students to practise and build on their strengths to develop intellectual curiosity, a forward-thinking approach and the practical wisdom to do the right thing for the right reason at the right time.

Our approach to character education has been developed in collaboration with the world-leading Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham. This is valued by both universities and employers, as students leave us with the ability to articulate the skills and virtues that make them a good fit for their chosen course or job.



> Learning about character development throughout my time at UoBS has shaped the way I interact with others, how I handle challenges, and how I approach responsibility. The emphasis on character at UoBS has not only helped me grow as a student, but more importantly, as a well-rounded individual prepared for life beyond education.
>
> **Kiki**

Enrichment

Inspiring you to flourish

Enrichment is a core part of our timetabled week; it takes place every Friday afternoon for two hours and is compulsory for all students.

As humans, we learn and grow from new experiences. Enrichment is a vital part of our character education curriculum, where these additional learning opportunities enable students to put into practice virtues such as courage, curiosity, critical thinking and resilience.

We want all our students to be able to experience all the enrichment opportunities we have on offer so that they can have a breadth of experience and are not limited to activities within their comfort zone. As such, all students rotate between different activities on a weekly basis. Students will get the opportunity to: develop their communication skills through activities such as debating and current affairs; learn to cook for themselves using our state-of-the-art cooking room; get creative by having a go at embroidery or photography; and experience an exercise class such as spinning using world-class facilities at the University of Birmingham Sport and Fitness Centre.

There are also opportunities for students to opt in to an enrichment activity for a half term. For example, they can volunteer to support enrichment activities in the main school, choose to take part in Gold Duke of Edinburgh or apply to complete a mini research project within the Biology department focusing on future forests using our new green house.

> I took part in a range of enrichment activities, including games club, baking sessions, and visits to a local care home where we spent time with elderly residents. Each experience offered something valuable, whether it was learning teamwork, developing compassion, or simply stepping outside my comfort zone.
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> **Hayyan**



Preparing you for life after Sixth Form

We provide tailored support to our students aspiring to gain access to top universities and apprenticeships.



University of Birmingham
We are proud of our partnership with the University of Birmingham, allowing our students to access campus visits, guest lectures, work experience, and mentoring.



Aspire Programme
Aspire sessions prepare students looking to apply to competitive courses and universities. Our Aspire group meets weekly to focus on academic reading, critical thinking, and super-curricular research.



UoBS Professionals
Our Professionals programme is for students interested in routes to apprenticeships, and features guest speakers from top employers. It focuses on developing personal skills and preparation for applications, assessment centres, and interviews.

The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme
Scholars undertake a challenging university-style course with a PhD tutor to develop research and academic writing skills and produce a final assignment which is marked and moderated using university grades. On completion, Scholars attend a graduation event at one of their partner universities.

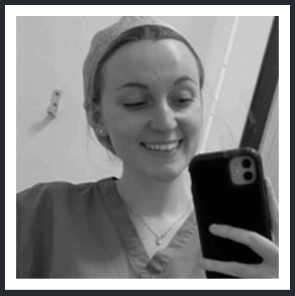
The Access Project
We partner with the Access Project to enable 15 students to take part in an intensive two-year mentoring programme focused on access to top UK universities.



Extended Project Qualification
All of our students can take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which involves completing a substantial, independent project on a topic of interest. The EPQ helps students to prepare for university study. It is equivalent to half an A level and is recognised by universities and employers.

Up Learn
All of our students studying Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Psychology have free access to the Up Learn online learning platform to support their A level studies and revision.

Our Alumni



Amy - Resident Doctor - UoBS Graduate 2018

“After UoBS, I did a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) at the University of Leeds. I now work as a resident doctor and have rotated through a variety of specialities within medicine and surgery including both hospital jobs and community jobs in General Practice. I enjoy being a doctor because it allows you to make a positive difference to patients when they are unwell and often at their most vulnerable. I believe that character education made the most difference to me during my time at UoBS and I draw on virtues like ambition, resilience, and compassion every day. Being able to appreciate that other people have their own challenges that you may not know about and being kind, empathetic, and respectful will help you to achieve things in life and in your career.”



Hayyan - Founder of Brokerfy - UoBS Graduate 2021

“The achievement I’m most proud of to date is spearheading Brokerfy’s rapid rise from four friends working off a couch in my living room to one of the fastest-growing recruitment agencies in the West Midlands and Northwest of England. In just over a year, we’ve grown to a team of eleven full time staff, secured a central city office, and helped hundreds of individuals secure employment. I’m also proud that we’ve remained at the cutting edge of the industry - becoming one of the few recruitment agencies to fully integrate AI and new technologies into our processes while retaining our team and preserving the human, personal touch that defines our company. We've evolved with the times but never lost sight of our core values and approach - and that balance has been key to our success.”



Sunnah - DevOps Engineer - UoBS Graduate 2020

"After leaving UoBS in 2020, I began a Digital and Technology Solutions (DTS) Degree Apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) and the University of Warwick. During my apprenticeship, I’ve had the opportunity to work across different teams at JLR, and I’m now finishing the programme with a confirmed role as a DevOps Engineer. I got into this career by combining my technical interests with a desire for practical, hands-on experience in a real-world environment, something the degree apprenticeship offered from day one. I really enjoy the technical side of things - such as coding and understanding new systems - as well as meeting other professionals in the industry and helping to onboard new apprentices.”

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Jeremiah - Finance Analyst - UoBS Graduate 2019

“I went on to study Business Economics at Coventry University and graduated from with a 2:1. I have now secured a Graduate Finance Analyst role which will allow me to start my CIMA qualification to become a Chartered Management Accountant. Character Education at UoBS had a positive impact on me and, looking back, I can see how the emphasis on values like integrity, respect, and resilience helped shape the person I am today. Sixth Form wasn’t just about academic results - it was about developing into a well-rounded individual. Whether being encouraged to lead, support others, or bounce back from setbacks, those experiences gave me a strong foundation for life after school.”



Archie - Trainee Solicitor - UoBS Graduate 2022

"After UoBS I went on to study Politics and International Relations at the University of Birmingham and I’m proud to have graduated with a first. I am looking forward to starting a Postgraduate Diploma in Law (PGDL), followed by the Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE) under sponsorship from an international law firm in London, where I will work as a Trainee Solicitor for two years after completing my studies. My time at UoBS enabled me to think critically, manage my time effectively, and develop a strong work ethic. My favourite memory was visiting Parliament with my A level Politics class!”



Husnain - Audit Apprentice - UoBS Graduate 2021

"I studied A level Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology at UoBS. I am currently doing an audit apprenticeship at KPMG, one of the big four accounting firms, and studying for my ACA qualification. At UoBS I learnt how to deal with many tasks at one time; applying to university while sitting my A levels required careful planning and workload management and this is one quality that I still use now! The badminton enrichment was one of the best memories I had at UoBS as it was cool to visit the University of Birmingham to play badminton with my friends and do something outside of the classroom.”



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