



The Sandon Sixth Form

Information about applications **2018**

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YOUR APPLICATION TO THE SANDON SIXTH FORM

Before completing the application form, applicants should ensure they have consulted The Sandon Sixth Form Prospectus for detailed information about our programmes of study, and also read this 'Information about applications 2018' document.

Completed applications should be submitted either electronically to djh@sandon.essex.sch.uk or sent to Mrs Hay, Student Administration at The Sandon Sixth Form by the closing date for applications, which is Friday 26 January 2018. For applications received after this date, we cannot guarantee that your preferred programme of study will be available.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When we receive your application:

- we will send you an acknowledgement of your application during February;
- we will review applications;
- we may invite you for an interview;
- we may contact you to discuss alternative subject choices, particularly if you have applied late;
- at the end of March we will send you a conditional offer of a place, with a reminder of the subject specific entry requirements for the subjects you have chosen;
- on GCSE Results Day, you must be available to confirm your preferred Sixth Form programme of study;
- if you are an applicant not currently attending The Sandon School, we will invite you into school to tour the school and to have an opportunity to meet with Sixth Form students and teachers so that you can ask questions and 'get a feel' for the school.

POST-16 TRANSPORT

For all Year 11 students intending to join our Sixth Form or to continue their full time education elsewhere, we would like to bring to your attention the following regarding school transport.

Students requiring Post-16 transport to school **MUST** apply, even if the student currently gets the school bus. The Bus Pass they currently hold **DOES NOT** automatically continue on into the Sixth Form. Please visit the Essex County Council website at www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Travel-School/Pages/Post-16-Transport.aspx or more information can be obtained from telephoning Essex County Council on 0845 603220.

For those who currently use the contract school buses, it may be possible to purchase a spare seat ticket directly from the bus company (Fourways 01245 248009).

THE SANDON SIXTH FORM - Admissions Calendar 2018

Tuesday 9 January 2018	Applications forms available
Friday 26 January 2018	Sixth Form Applications Deadline
February - March 2018	Review of applications and interviews
End of March 2018	Conditional offers made
Thursday 23 August 2018	GCSE results published

See over the page for some helpful tips for choosing your subjects.

SOME TIPS FOR CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS

Research carefully

From experience, we know that students make the best decisions when they have researched widely and asked the right questions of the right people.

- visit www.UCAS.com for links to university websites to check whether your intended future degree course requires certain subjects at A Level - for example
 - some economics degree courses state a preference for mathematics A Level (and will certainly require a good grade in GCSE mathematics)
 - some biology degree courses require chemistry A Level
 - some nursing, midwifery, and paramedic science degree courses require a science A Level (check which subjects are accepted as a science)
 - medicine, dentistry and veterinary degree courses usually require chemistry A Level
 - some architecture courses require mathematics A Level
- not all degree courses require you to have studied that subject at A Level, but many do - make sure you check!

Choose sensible combinations of subjects

- if you want to apply to a Russell Group university, consider traditional subjects
- if you want to study one science at A Level, consider a second science - especially if you think you are likely to achieve all A grades in the sciences at GCSE
- if you want to study physics, consider also opting for mathematics - students have found that studying mathematics helps understanding of physics
- if you're keen to study history, consider also studying English literature (or vice versa) as they complement each other well
- if you're unsure what you want to do after Year 13, consider keeping your options open by opting for a traditional, broad based programme that spans a range of curriculum areas
- choose subjects that you believe you will enjoy and be prepared to really put the work in for

If you have any queries at all about the application process, or if you are unsure about which subjects to choose, Mrs Newman, Director of Key Stage 5, will be pleased to talk things through - please call in to the Sixth Form Office or send enquiries via email to hne@sandon.essex.sch.uk.