



Sixth Form Admissions

Uxbridge High School welcomes students into Years 12 and 13 from within Uxbridge High School (internal students) and from the wider community (external students).

1. Entrance criteria

Students will be admitted into the Sixth Form if:

- They are a Looked After Child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption residence, or a special guardianship order;
- in the judgement of the school, a suitable course is available for them, that is appropriate and meets their needs;
- they are on a full-time course;
- they meet the minimum course entry requirements, which are detailed below.

1.1 Level 2 courses

1.1.1 BTEC diploma courses

Whilst there is no minimum academic criteria for the courses we offer, students should be fluent in written and spoken English. They should have followed GCSE or equivalent courses during Year 11 and achieved evidence of some success.

Students who have not achieved a grade 5 in English language and/or mathematics will be expected to attend resit courses in these subjects.

1.2 Level 3 courses

1.2.1 A level courses

Students should have a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 5 - 9, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE English language and mathematics. In most circumstances, students will require a minimum grade 6 in the subject they wish to study at A level. For maths, students require a grade 7.

1.2.2 BTEC/CAMTECH and other level 3 courses

Students should have a minimum of GCSEs graded 9-5, including a grade 5 in English language and mathematics. Students who have achieved a merit on a level 2 BTEC course can use these as GCSE equivalents, subject to discussion with the sixth form team. Students will be required to supplement these courses with a third level 3 course to make up a 'full-time' timetable.

1.2.3 Other courses

In order to broaden the curriculum, there are a number of extension and supplementary studies that are offered in a variety of means through flexible timetabling. These may or may not lead to formal examinations. They are considered supplementary to students' main line of study.



1.3 Progression

1.3.1 Progression from level 2 BTEC diploma courses to level 3 BTEC national certificate or A level courses

Students should achieve a minimum of a merit on their level 2 course and also hold a grade 5 in GCSE English language and mathematics. The decision to progress from a level 2 to a level 3 course should also be taken in consultation and at the discretion of an appropriate member of the sixth form team and agreement of the leadership team.

1.3.2 Progression from year 1 of level 3 study to year 2

- **A level courses** - students should achieve a minimum of a D grade in three or more subjects or be one grade away from reaching their minimum expected grade studied in year 1 and continue with a portfolio of courses that includes at least three A Level qualifications or equivalent.
- **BTEC national certificate** - students should achieve pass grade in all year 1 units.

In exceptional circumstances, and at the school's discretion, students who achieve less may continue into year 2 of level 3 study. These 'exceptional circumstances' are likely to include situations out of the student's control. All students in this situation will be interviewed by the curriculum leader of the relevant subject and the head of sixth form, who will assess their suitability for, and likelihood of, success in the second year of study.

The requirement for students to be on a full-time course applies in the same way as for Year 12 courses.

External students will be subject to the same criteria as for internal students. They will also need to discuss whether the syllabus and the structure of their previous course has prepared them appropriately for year 2 study at Uxbridge High with the sixth form team.

2. Age Limits

- Students can only begin a course if they are under 19 years of age on the first day of term for the ensuing academic year. This means that students may start either Year 12, 13 or 14, but may not continue the course or start a subsequent year if they will then be 19 years of age at the start of the next year.
- Uxbridge High School is unable to admit external students into the sixth form if they are Year 14 students or have been enrolled for two years of sixth form education at other institutions.

3. Eligibility criteria

Entrance into the sixth form is subject to the regulations regarding nationality, residency status and eligibility for study in UK school sixth forms that apply at the time. Currently, students can be admitted into the sixth form if:

- they are British citizens and/or EU nationals,
- Non-EU nationals can be admitted into the sixth form if, for example:
 - they have 'exceptional' or 'indefinite leave to remain' in this country;
 - they have refugee status;
 - their residency is a condition of their parents' legal employment status in this country.



Students who are classified as 'overseas learners' or who have 'student visas' cannot be admitted to the sixth form for funding reasons.

Uxbridge High sixth form is unable to accept students on a fee-paying basis.

4. External students

- External applicants' forms are date-stamped on arrival. They will be invited into school to discuss their application on a 'first come – first served' basis.
- External students are offered places in the sixth form on the basis of a satisfactory reference from their previous school or college and following the discussion about their suitability with a member of the sixth form team.
- The school is able to make offers of places initially to 50 external students. After this number of offers have been made, the school will place further applicants on a waiting list. The actual number of offers eventually made is judged on the previous year's admission number and the applications received from internal students who have priority.
- In some circumstances, the school may be able to make offers of places above these thresholds if there is availability on particular courses. This will be dependent on the numbers of applications for particular courses in each year.
- Applications placed on the waiting list will be date-stamped and dealt with in date priority.

5. Offers of places

An offer of a place at Uxbridge High Sixth Form is not a guarantee that a student will be admitted into the sixth form or that courses that were discussed at interview or indicated on a student's application form will be available. An offer is subject to:

- a record of behaviour that does not subsequently seriously contravene their school's behaviour policy;
- students achieving appropriate grades in the summer GCSE exams;
- attendance to our sixth form induction day at the end of the summer term;
- successful completion of the sixth form agreement and induction period;
- availability of places on appropriate courses at the time that a student enrolls. Places on courses are allocated on 'first come-first served' basis at enrolment to ensure fairness.

6. Induction period

Students entering the sixth form will undertake an induction period at the start of the first term. This is to ensure that students are on suitable courses and that their approach suggests that they will be successful.