

Year 11 Transition to Sixth Form

FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions

What will we be doing instead of Year 11 Pre-Induction this year?

As a result of the temporary closure of schools this year, we have created some introductory videos in place of our usual Pre-Induction Day. The links to the videos will be sent to all students who are currently holding a conditional offer to study in the Sixth Form. You will hear from our Sixth Form Leadership Team, your new form tutor and our much valued Head Girl's Team!

Question: When/how do I register for the Sixth Form?

GCSE Results Day is the day when students, who have a confirmed conditional offer of a place in Sixth Form, will need to confirm their place. GCSE Results Day takes place on Thursday 20 August from 8am, and details about this year's Results Day have been sent to all Year 11 parents. Unless you need to see someone on the day, you will register for Sixth Form online this year. Full details and instructions will be provided in your Sixth Form information packs, which will be given to you on GCSE Results Day.

There will also be an enrolment for new Sixth Form students as follows:

Students with surnames beginning A - L will have enrolment on Tuesday 1 September from 2pm.

Students with surnames beginning M – Z will have enrolment on Wednesday 2 September from 2pm.

Full details about how enrolment will take place will be contained in the Sixth Form information packs you receive on GCSE Results Day.

Question: What if I will be unable to collect my GCSE results from Upton in person?

GCSE results will be issued to students on 20 August from 8am; if know in advance that you will be unable to arrive for your results in person, please contact our Examinations Officer, Mrs Whitehurst, by telephoning the school or emailing uhs@uptonhall.org before 17 July.

Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who has, should not attend school on Results Day.

If, for any reason, you find that you are unexpectedly unable to collect your GCSE results on the day, please contact the school via telephone/email at uhs@uptonhall.org. Please bear with us on the day as we will be busy issuing results, but we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Question: What if I haven't got a conditional offer but I get the results needed and I want to come to Upton Sixth Form?

We realise that students change their minds on Results Day and some students who had previously indicated an intention to study at an alternative Sixth Form may wish to remain at Upton. We welcome students who have met the entry requirements and wish to make a late application, although understandably we have to give priority to students who have already accepted a conditional offer when subjects are reaching capacity. If you would like to make a late application, please book a face-to-face appointment on the day or email sixthform@uptonhall.org

Question: What if I am joining Upton from another school?

We are delighted that students want to join us from other local schools. If you are in receipt of a conditional offer to study at our Sixth Form, we would like you to arrive with your GCSE results at the time contained in an email you will receive before the end of term. Please report to reception and only bring with you one other person, as we are limited to only having a certain number of people on site at any one time this summer. We will need to see a copy of your GCSE results (if your results are being sent to you electronically by your school this year, please forward a copy to us at sixthform@uptonhall.org before your appointment.) If you have any queries about how the day will run for you, please get in touch before Friday 17 July when term ends.

Question: What if I would like to change my subject choices for BTEC/A Level?

If you would like to change your subject choices following the publication of your GCSE results, you will need to follow some important steps, which will be contained in your Sixth Form information pack. Remember that entry requirements are in place for subjects as follows and subjects are grouped into the following 'option blocks':

Entry Requirements

Minimum requirements for entry into Sixth Form	5 x Grade 5 at GCSE, including English and Maths at a grade 5.
Plus:	
Minimum requirement to study an A Level, where the subject has been studied at GCSE	Grade 6 at GCSE in the subject
Minimum grade to study A Level Maths	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Minimum grade to study A Level Further Maths	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths
Minimum grade to study A Level Film Studies, Law, Drama, Business Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English
Minimum grade to study A Level Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Minimum grade to study BTEC IT	Grade 5 in GCSE English / Maths

Option Blocks

Option Block W	Option Block X	Option Block Y	Option Block Z
Biology	Biology	Mathematics	Further Mathematics
Physics	Chemistry	Geography	Chemistry
Health and Social Care	Geography	History	Psychology
English Literature	Mandarin	Drama and Theatre Studies	Spanish
Law	French	IT	Physical Education
Art	Business Studies	Biology	English Language
Religious Studies	Film Studies	Product Design	Mathematics
	Sociology	Psychology	

**Please be aware that whilst we will try to accommodate requests for subject changes, these will be subject to capacity and availability.*

When is the first full day of Sixth Form?

All Sixth Form students are expected in school on 3 September at 8:35am for Sixth Form Induction. Students who are joining our Sixth Form from another school should arrive at our main reception where you will be greeted by a member of our Head Girl's Team.

Question: What work should I be doing to prepare for Sixth Form?

We want students to look forward to the next step in their education at Upton Hall, and making a strong transition to the academic side of life in Sixth Form lies at the heart of that. Therefore, academic transition material for each A level/BTEC subject has been provided on this page (please use the navigation bar to the left to select a subject). Students are expected to complete this work prior to the first full day in Sixth Form on 3 September:

Question: What do I need to wear in the Sixth Form?

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form life is about preparing students for the future, therefore we expect students to be professionally attired.

Students are required to select clothing in line with the following dress code:

For items of clothing, only the following colours are permitted: black, grey, white or cream.

- A smart tailored skirt or tailored dress no more than 2 inches above the knee, or a tailored pair of trousers.
- A tailored jacket
- A smart top (Tops should cover shoulders, no low neck lines, t-shirts or logos)
- Smart, practical shoes (Heels may be worn, but practical consideration should be given to heel height. No trainers or white-soled shoes should be worn.)
- Facial jewellery should be limited to earrings or one small nose stud (No nose rings or other facial jewellery are permitted.)
- Jumpers may only be worn over a blouse and under a jacket; if worn, jumpers should be fine knit (no sweatshirts or hooded tops)
- Coats may be worn outside the buildings.
- Hair should be dyed natural colours.
- If worn, make-up should be discreet.

Question: What do I do if I have any other queries about Sixth Form?

If prospective Sixth Form students or their parents have any further questions about the Sixth Form, please contact us via sixthform@uptonhall.org. We will still be responding to emails during the summer, although we ask for your patience as we operate with fewer staff.

