



# ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



## SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY

Students may be admitted to the Sixth Form, if they have obtained the relevant academic entry requirements.

### **What qualifications are needed for a Sixth Form course?**

To qualify for entry to Arthur Mellows Village College Sixth Form, all students need to meet the following criteria:

1. To have passed at least seven full subjects at grades A\* - C in their GCSE examinations (or equivalent) including four at grade B or above. A vocational subject can count as a maximum of **two** GCSE equivalents.
2. To be recommended by their current school, as suitable for successful Sixth Form study in four subjects of their choice, from the range offered by the College.
3. To have satisfied the entry requirements specified for each Sixth Form course.

**Applicants from other schools** should apply in writing, to Head of Sixth Form, who is responsible for Sixth Form Admissions. Applications will be accepted from **1 October**. The closing date for applications will **be the last day of the Autumn term**. A copy of our internal assessment criteria will be sent to the applicant's current Headteacher, so that Heads of Departments in their own School will have the opportunity to comment on the applicant's predicted GCSE performance and suitability for Sixth Form study.

### **What happens if Arthur Mellows Village College Sixth Form is oversubscribed?**

The Governors will admit up to 320, less the number in Year 12, who are moving into Year 13 each September. In the first instance priority will be given to students currently attending Year 11 at Arthur Mellows Village College. After that, places will be offered to applicants from outside the School who satisfy the above criteria. In the event of oversubscription, offers will be made to external applicants on the basis of the availability of the group of subjects required by the applicant. Offers will be made to candidates giving priority to looked-after and SEN students who meet the criteria. Thereafter, applicants' names will be added to the waiting list and places offered from this list, if they become available.

## **Progression from Year 12 to Year 13**

Matriculation into Year 13 is reliant on AS Level results. Students must have achieved a minimum of 3 pass grades at AS Level and complete their Enrichment qualification. In some circumstances, students who fail to meet these requirements may be considered but this is at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form, taking into account work ethic, attitude and AS Level teachers' views. Students will not be able to continue with a subject in which they get a U (unclassified) grade. Subjects which are not continued to A2 Level will be banked as an AS qualification meaning it will be awarded UCAS points.

## **Requirement for students to pass mid-year examinations**

Students are expected to pass (A-E) in any January AS module. Failure to do so will result in meetings with a senior member of staff to discuss future prospects on the course. Any student who continues with an AS after gaining a U at the March Results Day must re-sit that examination in the June examination series and is liable for any costs incurred.



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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SUBJECT



Subject	Entry Requirements
Fine Art	GCSE Art B
Art Textiles	GCSE Textiles B
Biology	Students must pass GCSE Core and Additional Science at an overall grade of AA or above, or Biology in the Triple Award at grade A or above, plus at least one other grade A from a Triple Science subject. The College may consider AB or BB at the teacher's discretion, based on performance and effort in classwork, homework and controlled assessment. The College will not accept BTEC Science or Applied Science as an appropriate entry requirement for this course
BTEC Business Studies	AMVC usual entry requirements. If students have studied Business at Level 2, they must have achieved at least a Pass or C grade. Enthusiasm for the subject and a good work ethic are also vital for success
BTEC Sports Studies	AMVC usual entry requirements. If students have studied Sport and Exercise at Level 2, they must have achieved at least a Pass or C grade. Enthusiasm for the subject and a good work ethic are also vital for success
Business Studies	GCSE Grade B or above in English and Business Studies if studied. Students should have achieved a Merit or better if BTEC First Business Certificate or Diploma has been studied
Chemistry	Students must pass GCSE Core and Additional Science at an overall grade of AA or above, or Chemistry in the Triple Award at grade A or above, plus at least one other grade A from a Triple Science subject. The College may consider AB or BB at the teacher's discretion, based on performance and effort in classwork, homework and controlled assessment. The College will not accept BTEC Science or Applied Science as an appropriate entry requirement for this course
Dance BTEC Level 3	GCSE Dance or BTEC Level 2 Dance
Drama / Theatre Studies	A passion for Drama in all aspects – reading, directing, designing and acting. Teamwork is vital
Economics	GCSE Maths and English B. If GCSE Economics has been studied, a grade B or better
English Combined	GCSE Language and Literature B
English Language	GCSE Language and Literature B
English Literature	GCSE Language and Literature B
Food	GCSE Food B
French	GCSE French B (higher tier papers in the listening and reading exams)
Geography	GCSE Geography B
Graphics	GCSE Graphics/RM B
Health and Social	GCSE English C
History	GCSE History B. Students achieving a grade C will be considered at the discretion of the Head of department
ICT	GCSE Level B or Merit in vocational course in ICT
Maths	GCSE Maths minimum grade A, students achieving grade B will be considered at the discretion of the Head of Maths
Maths Further	GCSE Maths grade A* with grade A considered at the discretion of the Head of Maths

Media Studies	AMVC usual entry requirements
Music	Music GCSE AND Ability to play an instrument to grade 5 standard
Music Technology	AMVC usual entry requirements. Meeting to take place with student to gauge interest in the subject
Philosophy and Ethics	GCSE Religious Studies C and grade B at GCSE English
Physics	Students must pass GCSE Core and Additional Science at an overall grade of AA or above, or Physics in the Triple Award at grade A or above, plus at least one other grade A from a Triple Science subject. The College may consider AB or BB at the teacher's discretion, based on performance and effort in classwork, homework and controlled assessment. Students must have GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language at grade B or above to be able to cope with this course. Students are strongly recommended to take AS or A Level Maths The College will not accept BTEC Science or Additional Applied Science as an appropriate entry requirement for this course
Psychology	GCSE English and Science grade B or above, GCSE Maths grade C or above. Also desirable is grade B or above in a Humanities or Modern Foreign Language subject
Resistant Materials	GCSE Graphics/Product Design/RM grade B. Students who obtain a high grade C will be considered at the discretion of the Head of Department
BTEC Applied Science (Medical Science)	Students wishing to study Applied Science (Medical Science) will need to satisfy the entry requirements to Arthur Mellows Sixth Form. Students must also have achieved 2 grade C / Pass in GCSE Science or suitable level 2 equivalent. Enthusiasm for the subject and a good work ethic are also vital for success
Sociology	GCSE English Language B
Sports Studies	Science based GCSE C
Travel and Tourism	AMVC usual entry requirements