



Three | **SIXTH**
Spires | **FORM**

'Life in all its fullness'

Admission Policy

Owner:	Director of Post-16 and Pathways
Review by:	Full Board of Governors
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Students currently in Year 11 at St Peter's Academy will be asked to complete an online application, indicating whether they wish to continue into Sixth Form and their preferred subjects. This will enable curriculum planning to take place. Applications should be made online via the Academy website (details will be shared at the Sixth Form open evening). External students will also apply online via the Academy website using the Applicaa Admissions platform.

All students both internal and external require our minimum entrance requirements of at least 6 GCSE grades at 4 or above (BTEC Qualifications can also be counted). There are minimum entry requirements for individual subjects and you'll find these outlined below. A 4 in both GCSE English and GCSE Maths is also required.

In addition to the Sixth Form's minimum academic entry requirements students will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements they will be given the opportunity of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements. Course requirements are published annually in the academy's prospectus and on the website.

Age of students: Students enter the Sixth Form in Year 12 in the September after they reach the age of sixteen and leave at the end of Year 13, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Offers of places to join the Sixth Form: Year 11 students who submit an application by the published deadline will be offered a conditional place in the Sixth Form, subject to them meeting the entrance requirements. It should be noted that this is an **offer** of a place, and **not a specific course of study**. External applicants who submit an application by the published deadline will be offered a conditional offer of a place in the Sixth Form, subject to them meeting the entrance requirements. St Peter's Academy reserves the right to withdraw courses that are undersubscribed and similarly to limit numbers of students on courses that are oversubscribed.

Late Applicants: Applications received after the published deadline (details shared at the sixth form open evening) will be dated and considered in date order. This will be done once all on time applicants have enrolled (usually on the day following GCSE results day), unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Course changes: Applicants (internal or external) who have applied on time and wish to make changes to the courses selected on their application form should do this by contacting the Sixth Form administration team before 1st July 2024. Changes to courses following GCSE results can only be made on the day after GCSE results day and providing there are spaces available.

Acceptance of places: **Acceptance of places** by applicants takes place on GCSE results day. Detailed arrangements will be published on the Academy website. Places not accepted on the day will be assumed to have been declined. External students must attend in person to accept their place, bringing evidence of their GCSE results. Where external students have not accepted their place by the end of the enrolment day, it will be assumed the place has been declined.

Exceptional circumstances protocol: These details will be used by the St Peters Admissions Committee (consisting of the Principal and Director of Sixth Form) to ensure the exceptional circumstances are applied fairly and consistently. Where spaces are available the committee will consider offering places in the sixth form for students who do not meet the published academic admissions requirements but do meet one (or more) of the following criteria:

- a. GCSE results are very close to the published academic admissions requirements (e.g. one grade away or a 4 in Maths or English where chosen subjects are unrelated to Maths or English).
- b. The student is part of a multiple birth and sibling(s) enrol into St Peter's Sixth Form. In these cases, the student's academic record would need to show that he/she was capable of A Level study.
- c. The student has a medical condition which has impacted on examination performance.
- d. The student has a history of mental health issues where re-location at Post-16 would be considered severely detrimental to their mental health.
- e. The student has known and extensive safeguarding concerns where re-location at Post-16 would be considered to be severely detrimental.

Policy reviewed by director of Post 16 TST November 2023. Updated policy to go to consultation for admissions 2025 - 26.

Ratified by Board of Governors8 December 2020.....

Governor Signed.....

Date.....

6th Form Subject Entry Requirements

Subject	Maths	English	Subject Specific Grade Requirements
Art			GCSE grade 4 in Art and Design or a portfolio of art and/or design work
Biology	6	5 (desirable)	GCSE grade 6/6 in Double Award Science or GCSE grade 6 in Biology for separate science.
Business BTEC	4	4	
Business Studies	5	4	Students who did not take GCSE Business may still be considered.
Chemistry	6 on Higher Paper	5 (desirable)	GCSE grade 6/6 in Double Award Science or GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry for separate science.
Classical Civilisation (online course)	5	5	Grade 5 or more in a humanity subject
Computer Science	4	4	GCSE grade 5 from either Computing, Science, or English
Economics	5	5	Grade 5 in Maths & English
Electronics	5		GCSE grade 6 in Physics
Engineering			GCSE grade 5 in Design & Technology or L2 Engineering at Merit Level
English Language & Literature		5 in both lang and Lit	GCSE grade 5 in English Language and GCSE grade 5 in English Literature
English Literature		6 in both language and Literature	GCSE grade 5 in both English Language and English Literature. Must be an avid reader
Extended Project Qualification			Usually taken in addition to 3 A levels and suited where there is a strong aptitude or ability to a subject
Film Studies		4	Grade 4 GCSE in a humanity subject. Grade 4 In GCSE English Language or English Literature
Further Maths	7 as a minimum		Must be taken alongside A level maths.
Geography	5	5	GCSE grade 5 in Geography
Health & Social Care BTEC		4	
History		5	GCSE grade 5 in History
Law (online course)	5	5	Grade 5 or more in a humanity subject (online)
Maths	6		GCSE grade 6 in Maths

Modern Languages French/German/ Spanish			GCSE grade 6 in French, German or Spanish
Music			GCSE grade 6 or higher in Music or Performance. Audition to at least Grade 4/5 standard
Performing Arts (Acting) BTEC		English Language or Literature Grade 4	Evidence of performance skills / Could be subject to an audition.
Performing Arts (Dance)		English Language or Literature Grade 4	Evidence of performance skills / Could be subject to an audition.
Philosophy (online course)	6	6	Grade 6 or higher in humanity subject. Online
Photography			GCSE grade 5 in Art/Photography. Portfolio of work examples of photography
PE	4	4	GCSE grade 6 in PE or BTEC Level2 at Merit. Level 5 GCSE Sciences preferred. Must attend a local club
Physics	6	5 (desirable)	GCSE grade 6/6 in Double Award Science or GCSE grade 6 in Physics for separate science. It is also desirable for applicants to study Maths with Mechanics.
Politics		5	GCSE Grade 5 or more in a humanity subject
Product Design			GCSE grade 5 in Design & Technology or BTEC Engineering at a Merit Grade
Psychology	5	5	3 GCSEs above level 5 inc Maths and English
RE		5 (desirable)	GCSE grade 5 in RE. Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Science BTEC	4	4	GCSE grade 5 in Science or BTEC Level 2 Applied Science Merit
Sociology	5	5	3 GCSEs above level 5 inc Maths and English
Sports BTEC	4	4	GCSE grade 5 in PE or Merit at BTEC or adequate sporting knowledge. Grade 4 in Science
Textiles			GCSE grade 4 in Textiles or Grade 4 in Art and Design