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John Colet School
Sixth Form

Entry Requirements and Admissions Process
2027-28

CURRICULUM AND SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

September 2027

All students who apply to join John Colet Sixth Form studying A Levels and BTECs must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSE grades 9 - 5 (or equivalent) in separate subjects AND must meet the grade entry requirements for each of their chosen subjects. Students must hold a minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

GCSE Grade System

GCSE Grade	Points Equivalent
9	9
8	8
7	7
6	6
5 Strong Pass	5
4 Standard Pass	**4**
3	3
2	2
1	1

All students entering the John Colet School Sixth Form students must select three subjects to study from Year 12 throughout their time in Sixth Form until the end of Year 13. Three Level 3 courses are standard for university entrance.

PLEASE NOTE that some courses may not run if there are insufficient student numbers

SUBJECT	QUALIFICATION	SUBJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
FINE ART	A LEVEL	GCSE Art or Photography Grade 5
BIOLOGY	A LEVEL	Triple science: GCSE Biology Grade 6 and GCSE 6-5 in two other disciplines **OR** GCSE Combined Science Grade 6-6 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5
BUSINESS	A LEVEL	If studied, GCSE Business Studies Grade 5 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5
CHEMISTRY	A LEVEL	Triple science GCSE Chemistry Grade 6 & GCSE 6-5 in two other disciplines **OR** GCSE Combined Science Grade 6-6 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5
COMPUTER SCIENCE	A LEVEL	GCSE Computer Science Grade 5 and/or Information Technologies Merit L2 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5
DRAMA	A LEVEL	GCSE Drama Grade 5 GCSE English Language Grade 5
ENGLISH LITERATURE	A LEVEL	GCSE English Literature Grade 5 GCSE English Language Grade 5
FURTHER MATHS	A LEVEL	GCSE Mathematics Grade 7 Students must also study A Level Mathematics
GEOGRAPHY	A LEVEL	GCSE Geography Grade 5
HISTORY	A LEVEL	If studied, GCSE History Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5
MATHEMATICS	A LEVEL	GCSE Mathematics Grade 6
MEDIA STUDIES	A LEVEL	If studied, GCSE Media Studies Grade 5 GCSE English Literature Grade 5 GCSE English Language Grade 5
POLITICS	A LEVEL	GCSE English Grade 5
SPORT	BTEC	GCSE Science Grade 5-4 GCSE English Grade 5
PHYSICS	A LEVEL	Triple science: GCSE Physics Grade 6 & GCSE 6-5 in two other disciplines **OR** GCSE Combined Science Grade 6-6 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5
PRODUCT DESIGN	A LEVEL	GCSE Design and Technology OR GCSE Art Grade 5 GCSE English - Grade 4 GCSE Mathematics - Grade 5
PSYCHOLOGY	A LEVEL	GCSE Science Grade 55 GCSE English Grade 5 GCSE Mathematics Grade 5
SOCIOLOGY	A LEVEL	If studied, GCSE Sociology Grade 5 GCSE English Grade 5

Application Process 2027/2028

Thursday 12 November 2026 - 'Into the Sixth Evening'
This exciting and popular event provides prospective students and their families the opportunity to hear details of our different courses and decide whether their skills and aspirations match our course offer. All courses will be represented by students currently studying in our Sixth Form who are able to offer real insights to potential John Colet Sixth Formers. Wider information about life in the Sixth Form is shared during an informative talk.

Monday 23 November 2026
Initial expressions of interest are to be completed online by internal Year 11 students. Students select three courses (in preference order) and 1 reserve.

Early January 2027
Option blocks will be released to students and formal applications will be invited to be submitted online. Students select 3 courses in preference order.

Friday 12 February 2027
Students are asked to make formal, initial choices online by Friday 12 February 2027. **This is an important deadline to secure your conditional offer.**

Mid March 2027
Successful applicants receive a letter offering them a conditional place subject to meeting the entry requirements.

Friday 25 June 2027
Applicants holding a conditional offer will be invited to our 'Offer Holder Days' to experience a series of transition activities and the opportunity to attend taster lessons. **It is important that offer holders attend as important information will be shared.**

Thursday 19 August 2027
On GCSE results day internal and external offer holders will be able to enrol and confirm their place online. A senior leader will be available to discuss choices in person if needed.

Friday 20 August 2027
External and internal students who are not offer holders, are invited to come in and meet with a member of the senior team to discuss their results and choices and to enrol.

September 2027
Students start their courses. Course changes may be considered on a case by case basis during the first 3 weeks of the Autumn term. Students are invited to add (Cyber) EPQ or Further Maths, as well as the Level 3 Community Sports Leaders Award to their study programme.

October 2027
All students will complete assessments in each subject. This assessment is a measure of independent learning and work ethic which are key to success at A Level. Students who do not pass the majority of assessments will have a structured level of support put in place.

FAQ's

How many courses will I study?

Most of our students take three A levels/BTECs. Those students with a high average point score from GCSE will be encouraged to complete a EPQ (Extended Project Qualification – Level 3) or possibly a fourth A-Level. Universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group, base their offers on three good A-Levels.

How do I decide what is best for me?

Deciding upon A level courses can be a challenging process which needs careful consideration. It is important to try and balance subjects that you enjoy and want to pursue further beyond A levels with subjects that, academically, you can achieve in. It is important that you consider carefully your career aspirations as most degree courses and apprenticeships require qualifications in specific subjects.

What grades do I need to attend JCS ?

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Can I change a course once I have selected it?

Ideally we would like to ensure you select the right courses from the onset. However, occasionally students do change their minds about courses or career plans over the summer holidays. Equally, a few students start a course only to discover it is not suiting them. We would only recommend a course change within the first four weeks of term as, after this point, there is a considerable amount of work you would have missed from the course you are intending to move onto.

What happens if I don't get the grades I need?

If this happens then don't despair – we are available on results day to discuss your options. There are a range of opportunities available to you in the local area.

What pastoral support will I receive?

All students are monitored and many are mentored regularly by their Form Tutor or Head of Sixth Form and guidance is provided to ensure they are able to achieve their full potential. Students can request a mentoring meeting as they feel necessary. Three times a year, students will complete the Sixth Form Survey; this will assist staff in identifying those students in need of mentoring and ensure that they are being properly supported.



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