



Prospectus

For Sixth Form entry in September 2020



Choosing the next step after GCSEs is an important decision for every Year 11 student. There are a variety of options to choose from and many providers. It is important that each student makes the choice that is right for them and we hope that the information in this prospectus, and your experience at our Sixth Form Open Evening, will help inform your decision making.

At Bourne Grammar School, we aim to provide the best atmosphere, best support and best results for our Sixth Form students. We want to ensure that you leave us well-rounded, well-qualified and well-prepared for whatever challenges lie ahead, be that university, apprenticeship, employment or a gap-year.

The best choice of subjects

With 26 A-Level subjects on offer, there has never been a more exciting time to study with us - the best range of academic subjects, taught by the best staff, in and with the best facilities. Working with our subject specialists, students just like you consistently go on to achieve superb results across the ability range, giving the widest range of options for when you move on after your Sixth Form career. The Sixth Form is a happy, vibrant place and has a truly special atmosphere.

The following A-Level subjects are available for September 2020:

Subject	Specification Number	Exam Board	Average class size (2019)
Biology	H420	OCR	19
Business	9BS0	Edexcel	16
Chemistry	H432	OCR	17
Computer Science	7517	AQA	11
Design Engineering	H404	OCR	19
Economics	9EC0	Edexcel	14
English Language	7702	AQA	18
English Literature	7712	AQA	17
Fine Art	9FA0	Edexcel	15
French	7652	AQA	3
Further Mathematics	H235	OCR	8
Geography	H481	OCR	21
German	7662	AQA	3
History	7042	AQA	14
Law	7162	AQA	17
Mathematics	H240	OCR	19
Media Studies	7572	AQA	23
Music	7272	AQA	5
Physical Education	7582	AQA	6
Physics	7408	AQA	20
Politics	9PL0	Edexcel	7
Psychology	7182	AQA	15
Religious Studies	WJEC Eduqas	WJEC Eduqas	24
Sociology	7192	AQA	15
Spanish	7692	AQA	22
Theatre Studies	7262	AQA	11

There is no minimum set size so all subjects will run from September 2020.

Visit our website for full details of the specification for each A-Level subject offered:

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk → Sixth Form → A-Level Subjects

The Sixth Form study programme

Students who join the Sixth Form in Year 12 can choose to study the following:

- Three A-Level subjects, *or*
- Four A-Level subjects (by agreement with the Head of Sixth Form). Please remember that university applications require only three A-Levels.

The A-Level qualification is a two-year course which students will start in September 2020 and take their final A-Level exams in May/June 2022.



2019 A-Level Results Day

A new way to study

Sixth Form is the bridge between school and university, training or employment. Our unique programme of study is designed to allow independence and flexibility. You manage your time and we minimise obstructions.

You will have nine hour-long lessons per two-week cycle for each subject, and ten periods of supervised study in our Sixth Form Centre.

A typical timetable for a Year 12 student studying three A-Level subjects looks like this:

Week	Day		Period 1	Period 2		Period 3		Period 4	Period 5
		08:50 - 09:10	09:15 - 10:15	10:20 - 11:20	Break	11:40 - 12:40	Lunch	13:30 - 14:30	14:35 - 15:35
1	Mon		Maths	Biology		Study		Art	
	Tues		Lecture	Art		Biology		Maths	Maths
	Wed	Tutor Meeting	Biology	Study		Maths		Enrichment	Enrichment
	Thurs					Study		Art	Art
	Fri			Biology		Study			
2	Mon		Maths	Study				Biology	Biology
	Tues	Assembly	Lecture	Maths		Biology		Maths	Art
	Wed			Study		Art		Art	Study
	Thurs		Study	Biology		Art		Maths	Study
	Fri		Biology	Art		Maths		Study	

Ultimate flexibility

In our Sixth Form, you will be afforded the freedom to focus on what matters. From 08:15 you can arrive early to study or socialise if you wish. Once you have finished your last lesson, whenever that is, you are free to go home or to relax, perhaps with a freshly-made panini and barista coffee in our Sixth Form-only café.

If you have a free period during the day you can sign out to work from home, or nip off-site for an early lunch at McDonalds, Costa, Subway or Tesco - whatever works best for you. A personalised lanyard allows you to sign in and out securely.

Personal mentoring

The Sixth Form is an exciting next step in your education but we recognise that it is very different from your previous school experience. We have completely reimagined tutoring to ensure that our Sixth Form students enjoy a vibrant programme to help them get the most from their time with us.

You will have a one-to-one meeting with your personal tutor once every 2-3 weeks to go through what matters to you. Perhaps you want a hand getting organised with your notes; maybe your CV or personal statement for university needs reviewing or you have an academic or pastoral issue. Whatever the case, your meetings with your personal tutor are the opportunity to have a private, supportive discussion focused on helping you achieve your potential.



The best support from a specialist team

The Head of Sixth Form, **Mrs Shales**, leads the Sixth Form team. She is also a Mathematics teacher.

Our **teachers** are all **subject specialists** who will help you to develop your knowledge throughout the Sixth Form. In some subjects it is normal to have two teachers although for others you will have just one.

Your **personal tutor** will help to support your academic progress and well-being as well as helping you to address any concerns that you may have during your time with us.

UCAS and Careers are led by **Mrs Hawkins**. As well as careers advice, she can provide advice on choosing and applying for university courses and alternatives such as apprenticeships and employment. You will also have access to *Unifrog*, an online system designed to help you research university courses, apprenticeships and other post-18 opportunities.

Our Student Manager, **Mrs Ford**, is located in the Student Office near the main school reception. She is your first port of call if you have any pastoral concerns. She is available throughout the school day. You do not need to make an appointment to see her.

Mrs Purcell and **Mrs McCrudden** share the role of Sixth Form Administrator. They supervise the Year 13 study room and deal with administrative matters such as authorised absence (medical appointments etc.), study leave arrangements, 16-19 Bursary applications and general queries. You can also see them for pastoral issues or if you need to see Mrs Shales.

Mrs Everist is located in the Sixth Form Centre and deals with administrative matters for Year 12 students.

Please contact Mrs Hawkins via sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk if you have any questions regarding A-Level subject choice, university requirements, careers advice, apprenticeships or any other information that you need to help you make the right choice

What to wear

There is no Sixth Form uniform. This is one of the big changes you experience as you move from Year 11 to Year 12. The guiding principle for dress in the Sixth Form is that you should wear clothes which are smart and not casual. This gives you the freedom to wear clothes in which you feel comfortable and which reflect your personality, style and preference.

Visit our website for further guidance on Sixth Form dress:

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk → Sixth Form → Sixth Form Dress Guidelines



Results

Subject	2019 A-Level Results				2018 A-Level Results			
	Entries	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-E	Entries	%A*-A	%A*-C	%A*-E
Biology	74	23%	74%	100%	40	53%	83%	100%
Business	22	14%	77%	96%	16	50%	94%	100%
Chemistry	40	35%	73%	100%	31	45%	84%	100%
Computer Science	8	50%	63%	100%	10	50%	90%	100%
Design Engineering	15	33%	87%	93%	5	40%	80%	100%
Drama (Theatre Studies)	22	60%	100%	100%	18	33%	94%	100%
Economics	27	19%	74%	96%	22	23%	82%	100%
English Language	22	18%	100%	100%	28	21%	96%	100%
English Literature	26	15%	81%	100%	30	27%	83%	100%
Fine Art	8	25%	100%	100%	7	29%	71%	100%
French	7	43%	100%	100%	4	100%	100%	100%
Further Mathematics	5	80%	100%	100%	16	69%	88%	100%
Geography	28	14%	89%	100%	21	29%	91%	100%
German	2	100%	100%	100%	2	100%	100%	100%
History	30	20%	87%	100%	21	24%	91%	100%
Law	20	15%	70%	100%	16	6%	63%	100%
Mathematics	51	49%	75%	96%	49	63%	92%	98%
Media Studies	20	20%	95%	100%	12	17%	84%	100%
Music	4	25%	100%	100%	3	33%	100%	100%
Physical Education	8	50%	75%	100%	9	11%	100%	100%
Physics	28	25%	71%	96%	28	46%	75%	100%
Politics	13	0%	85%	100%	<i>First results in 2019</i>			
Psychology	45	18%	71%	100%	28	18%	82%	100%
Religious Studies	17	24%	100%	100%	16	19%	88%	100%
Sociology	<i>First results due in 2020</i>							
Spanish	19	32%	100%	100%	7	57%	100%	100%

Our proven track record of consistent, excellent results gives you the best chance of success for whichever path you choose to follow once you leave our Sixth Form.

Above and beyond

It is not all about results. Outside of lessons we have a packed enrichment and lecture programme to help ensure that you develop a diverse range of experiences and skills ready for when you move on to your next step. Some students use the time for work experience or volunteering; others work with students lower down the School or participate in sporting activities. Our weekly lecture series attracts high-profile speakers from professional sports-people to charity-workers and business-people.

Post-18 destinations

2018/19 - Year 13 (188 students)

- 144 (76%) applied to university
- 132 (92%) of students who applied to university, secured a place

Of those who applied to university:

97	students (67%) secured their first-choice place	54	students (38%) gained a place at a Russell Group university
12	students secured an unconditional offer	2	students secured Oxbridge offers
8	students secured their second-choice place	7	students secured a place to read Medicine or Dentistry
12	students gained a place through Clearing	2	students went to Dance Schools
		1	student went to a Music Conservatoire

The number of students choosing alternatives to university is gradually increasing. Good A-Level grades are still a prerequisite and they helped to secure apprenticeships and employment opportunities for those who choose an alternative to university.

Sixth Form Entry Criteria for 2020

Students require a minimum of seven GCSE passes comprising:

- In every case you must achieve a Grade 4 or better in each of English Language and Mathematics
- In addition to the above, you must achieve a minimum of five 9-4 grades in any other subjects

Biology	Grade 6 in Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 7 in Statistics, <i>and either</i> : Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Biology
Business	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Chemistry	Grade 7 in Mathematics <i>and either</i> : Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Design Engineering	Grade 6 in GCSE Design Engineering/Design Technology <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Economics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics <i>and</i> Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Fine Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art, if studied, <i>or</i> portfolio of artwork to be assessed by the Art Department
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics with a fourth subject taken in addition to Further Mathematics
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
German	Grade 6 in GCSE German
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History
Law	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Media Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music, if studied, <i>or</i> must be an able performer (Grade 5+) and will have undertaken theory work of Grade 5 standard
Physical Education <i>Students who wish to study PE at A-Level should be active participants in competitive sport; the PE department can advise</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE PE, if studied, <i>or</i> Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology

Physics	Grade 7 in Mathematics <i>and either:</i> Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Physics
Politics	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature, and Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology
Religious Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Sociology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
Theatre Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE Drama <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature

Visit our website for our Sixth Form Admission Policy including oversubscription criteria:

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk → Sixth Form → Applying to the Sixth Form

How to apply for a Sixth Form place

All applications must be made *via* the School website and before the deadline date of 09:00 on Friday 10 January 2020

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk → Sixth Form → Applying to the Sixth Form

We do not interview students and do not ask for predicted GCSE grades prior to offering a Sixth Form place. Offer letters will be issued before the end of March 2020 and students will be invited to attend a Sixth Form Induction Day shortly after the end of the GCSE exams.

GCSE results are issued on **Thursday 20 August 2020**. Bourne Grammar School students may collect their GCSE results from 06:00. All Sixth Form applicants must confirm their A-Level subject choices and complete their enrolment by 15:00 on **Thursday 20 August 2020**. *It is advisable to not be away on holiday on GCSE Results Day.*

We aim to email confirmation of your Sixth Form place and A-Level subject choices on **Friday 21 August 2020**.