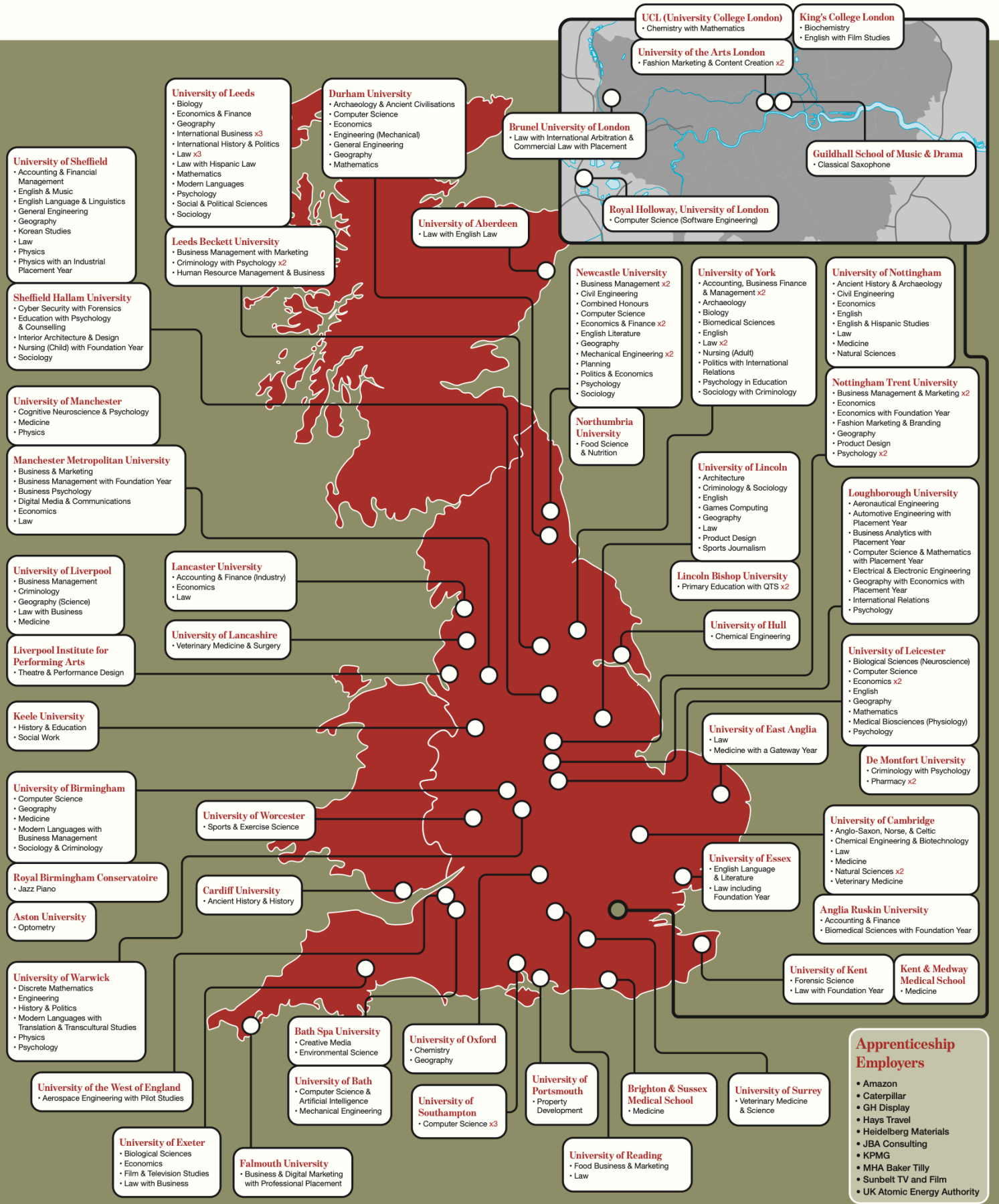




Student Destinations 2025



Choosing the right path after GCSEs is a significant decision, and it matters that every student finds the place where they can thrive. We hope that this prospectus, along with the opportunity to visit us at our Open Evening or on another occasion, will help inform and guide that choice.

At Bourne Grammar School, our Sixth Form is underpinned by an ethos of providing the best atmosphere, the best support and the best results. It is a place where students are empowered to believe in themselves and to succeed at the highest level, leaving them ready to embrace the future with confidence and ambition.



Mark Bruncker
Headteacher

I am immensely proud to be part of Bourne Grammar School and to lead a Sixth Form that supports, challenges, and inspires its students every day. Here, you will find a community where you can grow, explore, and prepare for the opportunities that lie ahead — whether that's university, training, or employment.

Our Sixth Form is built on independence, support, and choice. You will have the freedom to take ownership of your learning while benefiting from guidance & encouragement whenever you need it.

I would be delighted to welcome you to our Sixth Form, where you can make the most of your potential and enjoy two truly transformative years.



Hattie Tomlinson
Head of Sixth Form

The best choice of subjects

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 that offers a truly special atmosphere with modest class sizes - the average subject in 2025 had 15 students.

The following A-Level subjects are available for September 2026:

| Subject | Specification Number | Exam Board |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Biology | H420 | OCR |
| Business | 9BS0 | Edexcel |
| Chemistry | H432 | OCR |
| Computer Science | 7517 | AQA |
| Design Engineering | H404 | OCR |
| Drama and Theatre | 7262 | AQA |
| Economics | 9EC0 | Edexcel |
| English Language | 7702 | AQA |
| English Literature | 7712 | AQA |
| Fine Art | 9FA0 | Edexcel |
| French | 7652 | AQA |
| Further Mathematics | H245 | OCR |
| Geography | H481 | OCR |
| History | H505 | OCR |
| Law | 7162 | AQA |
| Mathematics | H240 | OCR |
| Media Studies | H409 | OCR |
| Music | 7272 | AQA |
| Physical Education | 7582 | AQA |
| Physics | 7408 | AQA |
| Politics | 9PL0 | Edexcel |
| Psychology | 7182 | AQA |
| Religious Studies | WJEC Eduqas | WJEC Eduqas |
| Sociology | 7192 | AQA |
| Spanish | 7692 | AQA |

"I will be forever grateful for my sixth form experience at BGS, thanks to passionate teachers who cheered me on at every step."

- Grace, Class of 2025

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 2026 and take their final A-Level exams in May/June 2028.



2025 A-Level Results Day

A new way to study

Sixth Form provides a bridge between school and your next steps - whether that's university, training, or employment. Our programme is designed to give you both independence and flexibility, helping you to take more responsibility for your learning while still having the right support in place.

Each subject is taught in nine hour-long lessons over a two-week cycle. In addition, you'll have ten periods of supervised study in our Sixth Form Centre, giving you dedicated time and space to focus on your work.

The EPQ at BGS

The EPQ is an optional extension to Sixth Form subjects, affording students the freedom to explore an area of interest through a research project.

The qualification is equivalent to 50% of an A-Level in UCAS points (up to 28 UCAS points) and is increasingly being used by universities to make alternate offers (e.g. AAA or AAB plus an A in your EPQ). Students can choose to opt for a research paper/essay or an artefact informed by research.

The course is especially well-suited to those students aiming for highly selective universities. We also encourage applications from students with particular talents or pursuing niche careers where an artefact project may enable some technical skills to be demonstrated.

The EPQ helps demonstrate your self-reliance as you manage your time independently, learn how to research and analyse findings, and evaluate sources used. Your EPQ will culminate in a short presentation to a small audience and answer questions to both show your expertise and justify the research methods and processes you have followed.

Last year, our EPQ students achieved 100% A*-B grades, with 54% of all EPQ grades at A*.

The best support from a specialist team

The Head of Sixth Form is Mrs Tomlinson, an English teacher, who leads the Sixth Form team. Mrs Tomlinson is supported by the Heads of Year 12 and 13, Mrs Lattimer and Mr Lawrence, who are both experienced teachers.

All our teachers are 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 form 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 Elliot. 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.

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs McCrudden are our Sixth Form administrators, who supervise the study rooms. They 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 your Head of Year.

Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Everist are our Pastoral Managers and are available throughout the school day. They are your first port of call if you have any pastoral concerns and wish to seek additional support.

Dress Code

In Sixth Form we do not have a uniform, but we do have a dress code that reflects a professional environment. Moving from Year 11 to Year 12, this is one of the key changes you'll notice.

Dressing smartly helps establish the right atmosphere for study, sets a positive example for younger students, and promotes the strong public image of BGS within the wider community.

"From the academic enrichment gained through the enthusiasm and knowledge of the teaching staff, to the incredible memories provided by extracurricular activities such as student theatre, the merit of this school lies in the strong sense of community it has created."

- Emilia, Class of 2025



Ultimate flexibility

Sixth Form gives you the freedom to focus on what matters. From 08:15 you can arrive early to study or catch up with friends. Once your final lesson is over, you're free to head home or unwind — perhaps with a fresh panini and barista coffee from our Sixth Form-only café.

At break and lunch you can stay on site in the Sixth Form Centre, or head into town — McDonald's, Costa, or Tesco are all close by. Your personalised lanyard makes signing in and out quick and secure.

Personal mentoring

The Sixth Form is an exciting next step in your education but we recognise that it is very different from your previous. That's why we've reimagined tutoring, creating a dynamic programme to help you make the most of your time with us. You'll have regular one-to-one meetings with your form tutor, giving you the chance to focus on what matters to you — whether that's getting organised with notes, refining a CV or personal statement, or talking through academic or personal challenges. These sessions provide a private, supportive space designed to help you thrive and achieve your potential.

Careers

Sixth form students benefit from a comprehensive programme of careers education with numerous opportunities to engage with representatives from universities, employers and BGS alumni. Students benefit from careers fairs, mock interview days, and a wide range of visits, talks and workshops from external organisations. The school has recently been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard which recognises the quality of our provision; our report noted that *'Students in the sixth form benefit from individual support with both university and apprenticeship applications. The students were confident and knowledgeable, giving clear examples and reflections of how their careers education had both inspired and informed them and help shape their future plans.'*

Our Head of Careers is a qualified careers professional, able to provide careers guidance as well as specialist support to students with their applications for university, apprenticeships and employment. BGS students consistently progress on to a range of apprenticeships and university courses, including the most highly selective.



"The community at BGS is extremely talented in the non-academic side, too. I led the editing team for the school magazine in both Year 12 and 13, winning "Best School Magazine" in the UK last year. The Computer Science Club had students programming code for the International Space Station. These opportunities could only be made possible with the support of the amazing teaching staff at the school,"

- Atiksh, Class of 2025

The Best Results

| Subject | 2025 A-Level Results | | | | 2024 A-Level Results | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Entries | %A*-B | %A*-C | %A*-E | Entries | %A*-B | %A*-C | %A*-E |
| Biology | 48 | 79.2% | 97.9% | 100% | 66 | 68.2% | 86.4% | 100% |
| Business | 58 | 55.2% | 77.6% | 100% | 39 | 64.1% | 94.9% | 100% |
| Chemistry | 43 | 74.4% | 95.3% | 100% | 62 | 69.4% | 87.1% | 100% |
| Computer Science | 18 | 66.7% | 72.2% | 94.4% | 23 | 39.1% | 47.8% | 100% |
| Design Engineering | 10 | 70% | 100% | 100% | 9 | 66.7% | 100% | 100% |
| Drama and Theatre | 17 | 64.7% | 88.2% | 100% | 7 | 45.5% | 81.8% | 100% |
| Economics | 50 | 70.0% | 82.0% | 98.0% | 42 | 47.6% | 85.7% | 100% |
| English Language | 26 | 76.9% | 92.3% | 100% | 30 | 76.7% | 96.7% | 100% |
| English Literature | 27 | 63.0% | 88.9% | 100% | 32 | 87.5% | 96.9% | 100% |
| Fine Art | 9 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 13 | 69.2% | 100% | 100% |
| French | 4 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 6 | 66.7% | 100% | 100% |
| Further Mathematics | 18 | 83.3% | 100% | 100% | 12 | 91.7% | 91.7% | 100% |
| Geography | 36 | 58.3% | 86.1% | 100% | 36 | 55.6% | 83.3% | 100% |
| History | 41 | 82.9% | 92.7% | 100% | 29 | 86.2% | 96.6% | 100% |
| Law | 54 | 25.9% | 50% | 100% | 41 | 34.1% | 53.7% | 95.1% |
| Mathematics | 102 | 66.7% | 79.4% | 100% | 83 | 58.8% | 79.8% | 100% |
| Media Studies | 38 | 55.3% | 86.8% | 100% | 27 | 55.6% | 81.5% | 100% |
| Music | 5 | 80.0% | 80.0% | 100% | 4 | 75.0% | 100% | 100% |
| Physical Education | 7 | 57.1% | 71.4% | 100% | 7 | 71.4% | 100% | 100% |
| Physics | 50 | 64.0% | 80.0% | 100% | 43 | 58.1% | 79.1% | 100% |
| Politics | 12 | 58.3% | 91.7% | 100% | 6 | 66.7% | 100% | 100% |
| Psychology | 56 | 62.5% | 85.7% | 100% | 64 | 65.6% | 89.1% | 100% |
| Religious Studies | 16 | 81.3% | 93.8% | 100% | 10 | 70.0% | 70.0% | 90.0% |
| Sociology | 45 | 66.7% | 84.4% | 97.8% | 32 | 65.6% | 87.5% | 100% |
| Spanish | 20 | 95.0% | 100% | 100% | 11 | 90.0% | 90.9% | 100% |

“For me, the best part of BGS Sixth Form was the people. From the supportive and passionate teachers, to the welcoming student body, I will always cherish the memories I made here. The vibrant community, academic encouragement and extracurricular opportunities make up the beating heart of the Sixth Form.”

- Kai, Class of 2025

Above and beyond

Sixth Form is about so much more than exam results. Beyond the classroom, you'll find a packed enrichment and lecture programme designed to broaden your horizons, build your skills, and prepare you for whatever comes next. You might spend time volunteering, mentoring younger students, or taking part in sport. Our weekly lecture series brings in voices from all walks of life — from NHS professionals to entrepreneurs, charity leaders to industry experts — alongside inspiring talks from our own staff. Sessions cover everything from employability skills and post-18 options to online safety, wellbeing, and much more.

It's all about giving you the experiences, confidence, and insight to succeed long after Sixth Form.

Getting to know you

We know moving from Year 11 into Sixth Form can feel like a big change — especially if you're joining us from another school.

That's why our Induction Day in June 2026 is all about helping you settle in and feel at home. You'll get a taste of lessons with our subject specialists, meet new people, and spend time with our welcoming Sixth Form team, who'll cover all the things students usually want to know.

By the time September comes around, you'll feel confident, prepared, and ready to make the most of Sixth Form life.

Post-18 destinations

In 2024/25, there were 265 students in Year 13. Of whom:

- 219 (83%) applied to university.
- 197 (82%) of students who applied to university have accepted a place

Of these...

151 students (77%) secured their first-choice place

105 students (53%) gained a place at a Russell Group university

30 students secured their second-choice place

9 students secured Oxbridge offers

4 students joined the Armed Forces

11 students secured a place to read Medicine or Dentistry

20 students started work or secured apprenticeships

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

From our most recent A-Level cohort, 20 students are now working or have started apprenticeships. 27 are taking gap years prior to putting in applications for university or apprenticeships and four are joining the Armed Forces.

Sixth Form Entry Criteria for 2026

To qualify for a place, students require a minimum of six GCSE (or BTEC equivalent) passes, comprising:
 Grade 4 or better in GCSE Mathematics, and
 Grade 4 or better in either GCSE English Language **or** GCSE English Literature, and
 A minimum of four GCSE 9-4 (or BTEC equivalent) grades in any other subjects.

All students must also meet the subject-specific entry criteria for the courses they wish to study.

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| 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 Business Studies (or Level 2 equivalent), if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature where GCSE Business Studies has not been studied |
| 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, if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics where GCSE Computer Science has not been studied |
| Design Engineering | Grade 6 in GCSE Design Engineering/Design Technology <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Drama and Theatre | Grade 6 in GCSE Drama <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Economics | Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics <i>or</i> Statistics <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| English Language | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language |
| English Literature | Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature |
| Fine Art | Grade 6 in GCSE Art <i>or</i> Distinction at BTEC Art Level 2 |
| 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 |
| History | Grade 6 in GCSE History <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Law | Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Mathematics | Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Media Studies | Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Music | Grade 6 in GCSE Music, if studied, <i>or</i> must be an able performer (Grade 5+) <i>and</i> have undertaken theory work of Grade 5 standard |

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| 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 <i>or</i> Literature |
| Psychology | Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature, <i>and</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 |
| Religious Studies | Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Sociology | Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature |
| Spanish | Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish |

How to apply for a Sixth Form place

All applications must be made *via* the School website and before the deadline date of
Friday 20 March 2026

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 May 2026, after which you will be invited to attend our Sixth Form Induction Day on **22 June 2026**, shortly after the end of your GCSE exams.

GCSE results are issued on **Thursday 20 August 2026**. All Sixth Form applicants must confirm their A-Level subject choices and complete their enrolment by 15:00 on the same day. *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 as soon as possible.

For advice on Sixth Form admissions, please contact **Mrs Revell** *via* SixthForm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

Apply online at www.SixthForm.net or scan a QR Code...



New to BGS



Current BGS Student

