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# SIXTH FORM INFORMATION BOOKLET




# BARCLAY ACADEMY

Work Hard | Aim High | Be Respectful

# WHO WE ARE

Choosing where to continue your education after GCSEs is a big decision - one that shapes not only your academic future but also the person you become.

At our Sixth Form we offer a vibrant, supportive and ambitious environment where students are challenged to grow, explore their passions and achieve their full potential.

Whether your aspirations lie in university, apprenticeships or the world of work, our dedicated team of teachers are here to guide you every step of the way.



***"Although the workload is higher, the smaller class sizes mean you receive a lot of focused teaching and support, which really helps you stay on track"***

# PRINCIPAL WELCOME

It is with great pride that I introduce our Sixth Form, a place where ambition, character, and achievement come together. Year after year, our students secure outstanding results that open doors to top universities, competitive apprenticeships and exciting careers. These achievements are a testament to their hard work, the support of our staff, and the culture of ambition that defines our school.

I am continually inspired by the maturity, drive, and compassion shown by our Sixth Form students. They are not only scholars but mentors and leaders who play a vital role in shaping our wider school community. Their example sets the tone for what it means to be a responsible, thoughtful, and aspirational young adult.

One of the things that makes our Sixth Form truly special is the strength of the relationships at its heart. Students are known, supported, and challenged to be their very best. With expert teaching, strong pastoral care, and a shared commitment to excellence, they thrive both academically and personally.

To those considering joining us for the first time, you will be in very safe hands. And to those continuing their journey with us, we are excited to help you build on your successes and take the next steps with confidence.

**Scarlett O'Sullivan**
**Principal**



# WELCOME TO BARCLAY SIXTH FORM

I wholeheartedly believe that every young person has the potential to achieve remarkable things when they are challenged, encouraged and given the right opportunities. Our aspirations for every student are exceptionally high. We want you to achieve excellent qualifications, embrace new experiences and leave ready to pursue a future that genuinely excites you, whether at university, through an apprenticeship or in employment.

Sixth Form is a momentous chapter in your life. It is a time when your future begins to take shape, but also one of growing independence, lasting friendships and experiences that you will genuinely treasure.

Achieving your ambitions requires hard work, courage and commitment, but you will not undertake that journey alone. We will take the time to understand your strengths, aspirations and individual circumstances. We will celebrate your successes, listen when things feel difficult and provide the guidance you need to move forward. There will always be someone ready to support you, while continuing to encourage you to aim higher than you may initially think possible.

I promise that you will leave Barclay proud of what you have achieved, excited about what comes next and grateful for the people and experiences that shaped your journey. I look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important chapter with you.

Miss Melissa Jakes
Head of Sixth Form



# ENRICHMENT

At Barclay Academy Sixth Form, we believe education extends beyond the classroom. Our comprehensive enrichment programme enhances academic study and equips students with the skills and experiences they need for life after school.

Students take part in a wide range of subject-related, cultural, and career-focused visits that bring learning to life and open doors to new opportunities. We regularly welcome inspirational guest speakers from universities and industry, giving students valuable insights and broadening their horizons. Every Wednesday afternoon is dedicated to Enrichment whilst other activities take place at the end of the school day.

Our Future Scholars Programme provides tailored support for high-achieving students aiming for competitive university places, including Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions.

***"Barclay Sixth Form has given me opportunities because they offer enrichment. I support run Classics club for the younger students. Which has helped develop my confidence. Barclay also gave me the opportunity to work with 'MCR Pathways'. I have helped develop a well-being app which has helped with getting my voice heard".***



# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond academics, sixth formers can develop leadership and communication skills through mentoring younger pupils, representing their peers on the Student Council, and acting as ambassadors for the school.

Subject ambassadors help support activities for younger students, from school productions, leading clubs and being at the forefront of charity events. These experiences help students build confidence, independence, and a clear sense of purpose; qualities that will serve them well in higher education and future careers.




*"Doing mentoring at Almond Hill Junior School has given me a huge confidence boost".*

# DESTINATIONS

Our students progress to a wide range of exciting and ambitious destinations after Sixth Form.

At Barclay Academy, we are proud of the personalised support and guidance we offer every student, ensuring that each individual leaves us confident, ambitious, and fully prepared for their next step.

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| Anglia Ruskin University |
| Brunel University of London |
| Buckinghamshire New University |
| Cardiff University |
| Coventry University |
| De Montfort University |
| Keele University |
| King's College London, University of London |
| London College of Contemporary Music |
| Loughborough University |
| Manchester University |
| Newcastle University |
| Nottingham Trent University |
| Oxford Brookes University |
| Queen Mary University of London |
| Queens University Belfast |
| Royal Veterinary College, University of London |
| University of Bath |
| University of Bedfordshire |
| University of Birmingham |

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| University of Brighton |
| University of Cambridge |
| University of Cardiff |
| University of Durham |
| University of Exeter |
| University of Hertfordshire |
| University of Keele |
| University of Kent |
| University of Leeds |
| University of Leicester |
| University of Lincoln |
| University of Manchester |
| University of Norwich |
| University of Nottingham |
| University of Reading |
| University of Sheffield |
| University of Suffolk |
| University of Surrey |
| University of Warwick |
| University of Westminster |
| University of Winchester |
| University of York |



# COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**A Level pathway:** **Generally Grade 5s across your subjects, including Maths and English**

**BTEC or blended pathways:** **5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Maths or English**

| SUBJECT | ENGLISH GRADE | MATHS GRADE | RELEVANT SUBJECTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| Art & Design | 5 | 4 | At least a Grade 6 GCSE Art or Level 2 BTEC Art |
| Biology | 5 | 6 | Two Grade 6s GCSE Science, including Biology/Combined |
| BTEC Sport | 4 | 4 | |
| Business Studies | 5 | 5 | Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies |
| Chemistry | 5 | 6 | Two Grade 6s GCSE Science, including Chemistry/Combined |
| Classical Civilisation | 5 | 4 | English literature 6, Classical Civilisation (if done at GCSE) 6 |
| Computer Science | 5 | 6 | Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science |
| Economics | 6 | 6 | |
| English Literature | 6 | 4 | At least a Grade 6 GCSE English Literature and Level 6 GCSE English Language |
| Further Maths | 4 | 8 | At least a Grade 8 GCSE Mathematics |
| Geography | 5 | 5 | At least a Grade 5 GCSE Geography |
| Health & Social Care BTEC | 4 | 4 | |
| History | 5 | 4 | At least a Grade 6 GCSE History |
| Latin | 5 | 4 | At least a Grade Latin 7 |
| Mathematics | 4 | 7 | At least a Grade 7 GCSE Mathematics |
| Media Studies | 5 | 4 | |
| Music BTEC | 5 | 4 | Grade 5 GCSE Music or Merit in Level 2 BTEC Music |
| Performing Arts BTEC | 5 | 4 | Grade 5 GCSE Drama/Dance or Merit in Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts |
| Physical Education | 5 | 5 | Grade 6 in GCSE PE and Grade 5 in Science. |
| Physics | 5 | 6 | Two Grade 6s GCSE Science, including Physics/Combined |
| Politics | 5 | 4 | |
| Psychology | 5 | 6 | At least a Grade 6 GCSE Science |
| Sociology | 5 | 4 | |
| Spanish | 5 | 4 | At least a Grade 6 GCSE Spanish |

# APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in studying at Barclay Academy.

If you are an external student wanting to make an application to join our sixth form, or if you are a Barclay student ready to confirm initial subject choices, please complete the online form which will be sent out.

The deadline for initial subject choices is Friday 18th December 2026, although these can be adjusted later on.

All students will be invited to a one to one guidance meeting in January.



***"Lessons have helped me build skills that last a lifetime"***

***"Sixth Form lessons have taught me skills appilicable outside of subjects"***

# KEY DATES 2026-2027

Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 25th November 5pm-7pm

Initial subject choice deadline – Friday 18th December

1:1 Transition Guidance Meetings - w/c 25th January 2027

Sixth Form Induction Days – Monday 28th June and Tuesday 29th June 2027

Course selection confirmation – Thursday 19th August 2027

First day of Sixth Form - Friday 3rd September 2027

***"I joined Barclay Sixth Form as an external student and felt extremely welcomed from the very beginning. Within just a few weeks, it felt I like I had been here for years. The supportive environment and friendly atmosphere made the transition smooth and enjoyable. I would highly recommend Barclay Sixth Form to any student looking to fulfil their post-16 journey"***



# HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education institutes each have their own specific entry requirements. Below are generalised requirements for you to consider when choosing your subjects, though you should carefully check you desired universities as well.

| | ESSENTIAL A-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS | USEFUL A- LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS | Entrance Exam |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Accountancy (also Banking/Finance/Insurance)** | Some universities require Mathematics and Further Mathematics. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Business Studies. | Usually, TMUA |
| **Aeronautical Engineering** | Mathematics and usually Physics. Other sciences are often desirable. | Further Mathematics, Computer Science. | ESAT if applying to UCL, Imperial or Oxbridge. |
| **American Studies** | Requirements vary but English and/or History are often asked for. | Politics. | |
| **Anthropology** | None | Sociology, Biology. | |
| **Architecture** | Some courses require an Art/Science mix. | Art, Mathematics, Physics. A portfolio of drawings and ideas may be asked for. | |
| **Art & Design** | Art | | |
| **Biochemistry** | Always Chemistry and some universities will say you must have Biology as well, while some will say Chemistry plus one from Mathematics/Physics/Biology. Doing Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics or Physics will keep all Biochemistry courses open to you. | Biology, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science. | |
| **Biology** | Biology, usually Chemistry. A few universities specify two sciences. | Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science. | |
| **Biomedical Sciences (Including Medical Science)** | Normally two from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. Chemistry is essential for most courses. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics. | |
| **Business Studies** | None. | Mathematics, Business Studies. | |
| **Chemical Engineering** | Chemistry and usually mathematics with another science as well. | Physics, Biology, Further Mathematics, Computer Science. | ESAT if applying to UCL, Imperial or Oxbridge. |
| **Chemistry** | Chemistry and normally Mathematics. Most courses require Chemistry and would like Mathematics and one other science. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Computing/Computer Science. | |
| **Classical Studies** | Not all courses require Greek or Latin. | Modern Foreign Language, English Literature, Latin, History, Classical Civilisation. | |
| **Computer Science** | Computer Science, For some courses Mathematics. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics. | Usually, TMUA |

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| **Dentistry** | Chemistry and Biology for most courses but some require Mathematics or Physics as well. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics. | Yes, the UCAT is the most widely used medical applicant test. |
| **Drama** | Some courses require English Literature and for a few courses English and/or Theatre Studies. | English Literature, Performing Arts. | |
| **Economics** | Mathematics and an academic essay-based subject depending on the university. | Further Mathematics, Computer Science, History, Business Studies. | Usually, TMUA |
| **Engineering (General)** | Mathematics and Physics. Other sciences are generally desirable. | Further Mathematics, Computer Science. | ESAT if applying to UCL, Imperial or Oxbridge. |
| **English** | English Literature or combined English Language & Literature (some courses will accept English Language). | History, Modern Foreign Language. | |
| **Geography** | Most degrees require Geography. | Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics. | |
| **Geology/Earth Sciences** | Usually two from Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. | Geography, Computer Science. | |
| **Health and Social Care** | BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care | | |
| **History** | Most degrees require History. | English Literature, Politics, Sociology, A Modern or Classical Language. | |
| **Law** | Usually none, although a few universities require English. Many require essay-based subjects. An analytical subject such as a science is often favourable. | History. | |
| **Mathematics** | Mathematics and sometimes Further Mathematics. | Further Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science. | Some universities use TMUA |
| **Medicine** | If you do Chemistry, Biology and one from Mathematics or Physics you will keep all of the medical schools appliable. If you do Chemistry and Biology, you will keep open the vast majority. If you do Chemistry and one from Mathematics and Physics, you will limit your range of choices much more. | Further Mathematics, Computer Science. | UCAT is used universally for medical applicants.<br><br>The BMAT is also used by some universities. |
| **Music** | For most traditional courses, Music and Grade 7/8, although some universities will consider candidates without A-Level Music. | Some universities prefer at least one essay-based subject. | Yes, often performance based. |
| **Nursing and Midwifery** | Usually, Biology or another science. | Biology, Sociology, Psychology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics. | |
| **Philosophy** | None. | Mathematics, Classical Civilisation. | |

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| **Physics** | Mathematics, Physics. | Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Computer Science. | |
| **Politics** | Usually none. | Politics, History, Sociology, English Literature, Business Studies. | |
| **Psychology** | A few courses ask for one from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics. | Biology, Mathematics, Psychology, Sociology, Computer Science. | |
| **Religious Studies/Theology** | None. | English Literature, History. | |
| **Sociology** | None. | Sociology, Psychology, Geography, Computer Science. | |
| **Spanish** | Spanish. | English Literature, History, Politics. | |
| **Sports Science/Physical Education** | Many courses want either Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics (some courses will treat Physical Education as a science equivalent). | Physical Education, Psychology. | |
| **Teacher Training (Primary and/or Secondary)** | At least one from Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Performing Arts, Physics, Physical Education, Spanish. | Another of the subjects listed to the left. | |
| **Veterinary Science** | You should do Chemistry and Biology and one from Mathematics or Physics | Further Mathematics. | |

***"Barclay Academy has inspired me to aim higher and work harder. The support and opportunities I've received have given me the confidence to pursue my academic goals, including securing the grades I need to study at a Russell Group university. I also got support from Future Scholars"***



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