



Liverpool College

## SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS 2018



**INFORMATION BOOKLET**

## Welcome from the Principal



Dear Student,

Your choice of Sixth Form is an important one. There are many options available to well-qualified candidates and it is important for you to consider not only which subjects but also which programme and ethos will suit you best.

We are convinced that students are best served by a broad Sixth Form experience. For this reason, we expand the classroom to include leadership education, competitive sports, extensive artistic and cultural opportunities, travel, and a broad programme of learning activities outside of the academic subjects studied.

All our Sixth Formers receive the broadest possible preparation within the A level system which includes a guided independent study project based on a student's interests, community and leadership involvement, and a rigorous preparation in A level subjects.

Our sixth formers are offered opportunities to participate in high level sports team, the Combined Cadet Force, the Duke of Edinburgh programme, and in an extensive programme of performing arts. They are guided to top university destinations by a tried and tested system of mentoring and UCAS preparation which uses our partnerships with the University of Liverpool to deliver academic challenge and intellectual variety.

We are big enough to offer a broad range of subjects in a diverse and talented student body, but small enough to know, mentor and guide every one of our pupils. Best of all, we are a community where people are not only taught, but are known and supported.

There is something about Liverpool College which prospective students quickly recognize. The relationship between teachers and students is open and constructive, and it is the strength of our teaching which leads to excellent results and high levels of ambition and confidence in our pupils.

Liverpool College Sixth Form is not for everyone. But for a student with a desire to do well, wishes to be part of a vibrant and close-knit community of teachers and students, and has enthusiasm for life beyond the classroom, it offers a unique and transformational opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming you on our campus.

Yours sincerely,

*Hans van Mourik Broekman*

Principal

## Introduction from the Head of Sixth Form:



## Sixth Form Study

Sixth Form should be a fruitful time in the personal and intellectual development of every student.

Our aim is to provide our students with a purposeful and challenging experience which strengthens their capacities and interests, develops their character, and gives them the confidence to take the next step on their academic and life journey. Liverpool College students leave the College with the academic habits, personal qualities and sense of purpose to pursue their ambitions.

The Sixth Form at the College provides countless opportunities to students to discover and develop their academic and extra-curricular interests. We offer a wide range of A Levels, BTEC Sport & BTEC Computing which are taught by experienced subject leaders in an inspiring learning environment. All pupils undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). A lecture programme and an extensive programme of cultural opportunities further enhance a broad and challenging curriculum. The average class size in Sixth Form is 16. This ensures a focus on the individual as well allowing for group work that can challenge all to reach their potential. Our A level results are consistently amongst the best in the city.

Our Sixth Form is based on strong relationships between pupils and teachers. The tutor system and the leadership structure in the sixth form are formulated to provide College sixth formers with the best careers advice and pastoral care available. We have a dedicated and experienced team of tutors who understand the complexities of pre adulthood, the UCAS system and deliver a purpose made pastoral programme.

Our school motto, which means “*Not only the intellect but also the character*”, inspires the pupils to rise to the challenges of learning and develop greater fortitude and resilience. They are encouraged to embark on the wide range of activities on campus and in the community. Most are engaged in competitive sport, the CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme as well as community service and work experience.

The Sixth Form has its own centre housed in The Gladstone Villa. Here students have access to study facilities and common rooms. The Sixth Form is further strengthened by our boarding programme which brings a diverse and highly motivated group of young people to the Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form at Liverpool College is a vibrant and successful. Our students thrive and strive in a caring collegiate atmosphere.

*Stephen Brady*

Head of Sixth Form

## **A Curriculum to develop the whole person**

Sixth Form at Liverpool College develops and stretches the whole person. Sixth formers follow an individualised programme:

- Three A Levels and EPQ
- One BTEC (Sport or Computing) and two A Levels and EPQ
- Two BTEC (Sport and Computing) and one A Level and EPQ
- In exceptional circumstances, by negotiation, a student may undertake the study of four A Levels + EPQ

In addition to their academic studies a Sixth Form pupil will also take part in a Games afternoon, attend a weekly lecture of general interest and participate in at least one activities period, possibly leading an activity for younger pupils. A Sixth Form pupil will also have a small number of private study periods, some of which will be supervised.

### **Choosing A Level subjects**

You will need to consult many people as you make your decisions about the future. You should take the opportunity to talk to individual teachers and Heads of Faculty to discuss the courses in more detail. Your parents will also want to do their research so that they can discuss the options with you and help you make the right choice. Our Assistant Head of Sixth Form/UCAS coordinator and our Careers Officer are available to provide specialist information and advice, especially on subject combinations for certain degrees and careers. All applicants will be invited to have a course discussion and we will also hold a series of evening taster sessions in many areas of the curriculum. Dates and times will be published on the website.

### **Consider the following:**

- Enjoyment of the subject and your aptitude for it are your first considerations.
- You will be studying the subject for at least five hours per week for two years.
- A Level provides an opportunity to specialise, but that does not mean that it is necessarily good for you to do so. Sciences can be mixed with Humanities, the Arts and Languages.
- Some degree courses specify certain subjects at A Level. You will need Chemistry and at least one other science for Medicine; you will need Maths and/or Physics for Engineering. For most degree courses, however, there is considerable flexibility. Check typical course requirements in discussion with teachers or through the UCAS website [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## SIXTH FORM OPTION BLOCKS 2018

The grade in brackets is the minimum GCSE grade needed to ensure that students can meet the demands of the Key Stage 5 course. **Music** can be studied as an A-level subject and will be timetable blocked in accordance with demand. If there is no grade shown for a subject then a student simply needs to meet the overall entry requirements which are currently:

**5 or more GCSE passes at Grade C / Level 5 or above**

**to include at least a 5-4 combination from one English subject and Mathematics**

You should select one subject from 3 blocks to show your current preferences

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Maths</b> (7)	<b>Biology</b> (7 in Biology Triple Science <b>OR</b> 7-6 in Science Trilogy <b>OR</b> 7 7 6 in Triple Science)	<b>Maths</b> (7)	<b>History</b> (6)
<b>Chemistry</b> (7 in Chemistry Triple Science <b>OR</b> 7-6 in Science Trilogy <b>OR</b> 7 7 6 in Triple Science)	<b>English Literature</b> (6)	<b>Physics</b> (7 in Physics Triple Science <b>OR</b> 7-6 in Science Trilogy (and a 7 in Maths) <b>OR</b> 7 7 6 in Triple Science (and a 7 in Maths if the 6 grade is in Physics))	<b>Biology</b> (7 in Biology Triple Science <b>OR</b> 7-6 in Science Trilogy <b>OR</b> 7 7 6 in Triple Science)
<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>Economics</b> (7/6 grades in either combination in Mathematics and English)	<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>Chemistry</b> (7 in Chemistry Triple Science <b>OR</b> 7-6 in Science Trilogy <b>OR</b> 7 7 6 in Triple Science)
<b>Spanish</b> (6)	<b>Sport <u>BTEC</u></b>	<b>English Language</b> (6)	<b>Design Technology</b> (B)
<b>Media Studies</b>		<b>Politics</b> (6 in a Humanities subject or English)	<b>Art</b> (6)
		<b>Computing</b> <b><u>BTEC</u></b>	<b>Geography</b> (6)
		<b>Classics</b> (B in Classics or 6 in English Literature or History)	<b>Further Maths</b> (7)
<b>Music</b> This will be timetabled subject to demand so please circle if it is one of your preferences			

## **CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

You may find it helpful to look at these website links which give more detail about the courses.

<b>ART</b>	<a href="http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design/as-a-level/">http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design/as-a-level/</a>
<b>BIOLOGY</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402">www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402</a>
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES</b>	<a href="http://eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/business/as-a-level/">http://eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/business/as-a-level/</a>
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404">www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404</a>
<b>CLASSICS</b>	<a href="http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-classics-latin-h039-h439/">http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-classics-latin-h039-h439/</a>
<b>COMPUTING (BTEC)</b>	<a href="http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/computing-2016.html">http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/computing-2016.html</a>
<b>DESIGN TECHNOLOGY</b>	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/design-technology-product-design-2017.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/design-technology-product-design-2017.html</a>
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	<a href="http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce15/economics/Pages/default.aspx">www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce15/economics/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702</a>
<b>ENGLISH LITERATURE</b>	<a href="http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/">http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/</a>
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037</a>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042</a>
<b>MATHS &amp; Further Maths</b>	<a href="http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2017.html">http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2017.html</a>
<b>MEDIA</b>	<a href="http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/as-a-level/a-level-media-studies-spec-from-2017-eduqas.pdf?language_id=1">http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/as-a-level/a-level-media-studies-spec-from-2017-eduqas.pdf?language_id=1</a>
<b>MUSIC A LEVEL</b>	<a href="http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/music-2016.html">http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/music-2016.html</a>
<b>PHYSICS</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407">www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407</a>
<b>POLITICS</b>	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/government-and-politics/as-and-a-level</a>
<b>SPANISH</b>	<a href="http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/spanish/as-a-level/">http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/spanish/as-a-level/</a>
<b>SPORT BTEC</b>	<a href="http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/demo/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/sport-2016.html">http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/demo/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/sport-2016.html</a>

**You will have the opportunity to find out more about these subjects when you come for your individual discussion or attend some of the taster lessons (see key dates on back page)**

## **EXAM SUCCESS 2017**

- Liverpool College is once again celebrating excellent and improving results.
- 63% of all grades were A\*-B, and the percentage of grades at A\* and A was higher than last year.
- Just under 1/3 of all grades were A\* or A. 16 pupils achieved straight As and A\*s.
- Attainment and progress, as measured by the various accountability tables, are both up overall. It is particularly pleasing that overall pupils made even more progress than our cohort last year, despite the changes to the examination system.
- There were some stellar individual performances.
  - JA achieved an incredible 4 A\*s including in his EPQ on his way to do mechanical engineering at Bath University.
  - AP achieved 3 A\* grades on his way to read electrical engineering in Sheffield.
- It is not only these top grades that should be celebrated. Some pupils achieved and progressed brilliantly from their starting points and are perhaps even more inspiring.

**These results reaffirm the excellence of our Sixth Form and are testament to the outstanding teaching which drives our pupils' success**

## **UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2017**

In terms of University destinations, 2017 was once again, another very successful year for Liverpool College Sixth Form.

Over half of all our candidates made it to a Russell Group University, including Imperial, Durham and Kings College, London.

Their results and the supportive atmosphere created by our UCAS team of tutors ensured the majority of our candidates reached their first choice university.

Several of our candidates were accepted onto what are regarded as the best universities for their particular subject choices, including Engineering at Imperial - widely regarded as one of the most difficult courses to be accepted for.

## KEY DATES FOR SIXTH FORM ADMISSION 2018

<b>Thursday 9th November 2017</b>	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 4.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>Friday 24th November 2017</b>	INTERNAL APPLICANTS TO RETURN TRANSFER FORM
<b>Thursday 11th January 2018</b>	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 4.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>January &amp; February 2018</b>	EVENING TASTER SESSIONS HELD
<b>Friday 23rd February 2018</b>	Liverpool College Sixth Form Application Form returned to College (EXTERNAL APPLICANTS)
<b>March 2018</b>	Course Discussions begin – appointments will be available before and after school
<b>23rd August to 24th August 2018</b>	Confirmation of place and subject options

If you have any questions please contact **Sally Loveridge (Registrar)**

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