



**THE DOWNS SIXTH FORM  
September 2018  
APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018**

<p align="center"><b>STUDENTS NEW TO The Downs School ONLY</b></p> <p>Please staple a recent photograph with your name written on the</p>
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Student Details (please print clearly)	
First Name:	Surname:
School:	Gender:
Date of Birth:	Age as of 1 September 2018:
Home Phone Number:	Mobile Number:
Address:	
	Postcode:
Email address:	
Parent / Carer Details (please print clearly)	
Title:	First: Surname:
Relationship to Applicant:	
Home Phone Number:	Mobile Number:
Address:	
	Postcode:
Email address:	

Students will study three or four A Levels across the two years of Sixth Form study. To study at A Level, students need to have achieved seven or more GCSEs at grade 4 (or equivalent) or above as well as meeting the entry requirements for individual subjects. It is recommended that students wishing to take more than three A Levels should achieve seven or more GCSEs at grade 6 (or equivalent) or above

A combination of BTEC Level Three and A Levels is also acceptable. Students predicted five GCSEs at grade 4 (or equivalent) or above should choose this route. Note: BTEC Level Three courses are a two-year commitment.

Students who have achieved four or more GCSEs at grade 2 (or equivalent) or above are eligible to study BTEC Level Two courses

Note: The Downs only accepts students on a full time basis, studying a minimum of three subjects.

**1. Subject Choices:** Which subjects would you like to study *in priority order*, stating whether BTEC (L2 or L3) or A Level

	Subject (in priority order)	Level
1.		
2.		
3.		
4. (optional)		
Reserve		

**All students should be aware that certain subjects may be withdrawn if insufficient student demand.**

2. I would like to study (tick one):  3 subjects  4 subjects

If you would like to study four subjects rather than three, please explain why:

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3. Qualifications:

Please list the subjects that you are currently studying, with your teachers' predicted grades (P). Make sure you include all of your subjects. **\*Students new to The Downs must include a copy of your most recent progress report along with your completed application form.**

GCSE subject	P	GCSE subject	P	GCSE subject	P

4. Other Interests and Needs:

<p>Please tell us about your other interests such as sport, music and other extra-curricular activities.</p>	
<p>Please tell us if you have any physical disability or illness where additional help or support may benefit you.</p>	
<p>Do you have any particular <b>learning needs</b> or <b>difficulties</b>? e.g. Dyslexia. If so, please note them here <b>including whether you have had access arrangements for examinations, such as extra time, rest breaks, a scribe or a reading pen.</b></p> <p><i>Note: This information will be treated in confidence and will not influence the outcome of your application</i></p>	
<p>Do you intend to apply for or would you like information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund aimed at supporting students from low income families?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

**5. Agreement**

- I understand that the combination of subjects chosen may not be possible due to timetable constraints and staffing. I will be given the opportunity to discuss any queries at my admission meeting.
- I wish to apply for the Sixth Form courses indicated above. I understand that an offer of a place on these courses is subject to my examination performance and references received from my subject teachers.
- **I agree to inform The Downs Sixth Form if I decide not to take up my place.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this to Sixth Form Admissions by Monday 22 January 2018.**

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**Late Applications:** Applications for entry to Year 12 in September 2018 should be returned by the deadline of Monday, 22 January 2018. Late applications will be considered up until September 2018, however priority for courses will be given to those who meet the deadline.

**5. Personal Statement (Refer to Appendix for guidance)**

In the box below please explain why you would like to attend The Downs Sixth Form and briefly explain any future career and study plans you have after leaving the Sixth Form.

## Appendix

### **Application Form – Personal Statement Guide**

In the first section you should explain why you would like to study each of your subject choices. This is to ensure that you have researched your subject choices and you understand what you will be studying in each of your subjects. If you are unsure about anything go and see the teacher in charge of that subject at break time or lunch time. Please include any future career and study plans you have after leaving Sixth Form.

*Example: I would like to study Psychology because the workings of the human brain have always fascinated me. I have two small siblings and I am fascinated observing the way children often take on gender roles without any outside prompts. I feel that working with people to help them understand their own behaviour would be a fascinating career choice.*

The next section should explain what personal skills you've got. Sixth Form requires a high level of independence and self-discipline to succeed. The studying is demanding. At A Level you need to study for around 10-15 hours a week outside of lessons. At Level 2 you need to have a fantastic attendance rate to maximise your grade. For example, you could talk about team work, work ethic, helping people in your spare time, creativity, time management, study skills, sportiness, leadership skills, and adventurousness. In each case you should support with appropriate examples.

*Example: I believe that I have the personal skills to succeed in the Sixth Form. Out of school I have been helping at Riding for the Disabled for the last year and this involves working in challenging situations and using my caring nature both with the riders and the animals. In school I have kept on top of my coursework throughout GCSE and my teachers have all commented upon my mature approach to homework.*

The next section should be about what you like to do when you are in the Sixth Form. How are you going to contribute to the Sixth Form community? Here is a list of things you could do:

House sports, House Music, House Performing Arts, helping at the primary school, House captain, helping out in lower school lessons, paired reading with the younger students, Head Boy, Head Girl, prefect, going on the expedition, sports teams, organising Sixth Form social events, joining the debating club, Duke of Edinburgh award, peer mentoring, School council etc.

*Example: I am looking forward to Sixth Form life. In particular, I would like to be involved in...*

Finally, provide a sentence or two in summary to say why you have chosen the Downs Sixth Form.

*Example: The Sixth Form at The Downs School is my first choice for studying next year. This is because of... (Please explain what appeals to you about the Sixth Form).*