



THE DOWNS SIXTH FORM
September 2017
APPLICATION FORM

**STUDENTS NEW TO
The Downs School
ONLY**

Please staple a
recent photograph
with your name
written on the back

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM IN CAPITALS AND THEN COMPLETE THE PERSONAL STATEMENT (SEE BACK PAGE.)

Personal Details - All applicants (please print clearly)

NAME: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT MOBILE NO: _____

STUDENT E-MAIL: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

POST CODE: _____

GENDER: Male/Female TUTOR GROUP: _____

PARENT MOBILE NO: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NEW APPLICANTS TO THE DOWNS SCHOOL ONLY

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

HEAD OF YEAR 11 (For Reference) _____ (Please Print Title And Surname)

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 grades C 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 B grade or above.

A combination of BTEC Level Three and A-levels is also acceptable. Students predicted between four and six GCSE A*-C passes should choose this route. **Note:** BTEC Level Three courses are a two year commitment. Students who have achieved five or more GCSE E grades are eligible to study BTEC Level Two courses

Students do not qualify as 'full time' students, irrespective of which school/college they attend if they only wish to follow one or two A-levels or L3 BTECs. The Downs only accepts students on a full time basis and therefore it is **not possible** to study only one or two A-levels or L3 BTECs here.

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All students should be aware that certain subjects may be withdrawn if insufficient student demand.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

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.

GCSE subject	P	GCSE subject	P	GCSE subject	P

4. **Other Interests and Needs**

Please tell us about your other interests such as sport, music and other extra-curricular activities.	
Please tell us if you have any physical disability or illness where additional help or support may benefit you.	
Do you have any particular learning needs or difficulties ? e.g. Dyslexia. If so, please note them here including extra time for exams, readers etc. <i>Note: This information will be treated in confidence and will not influence the outcome of your application</i>	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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 Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this application, with a copy of your most recent progress report, to:
Sixth Form Admissions c/o The Downs School.**

Late Applications: Applications for entry to Year 12 in September 2017 should be returned by the deadline of Monday, 30th January 2017. Late applications will be considered up until September 2017, 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.

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 you 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).*