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Dear Prospective Sixth Former

On the evening of Thursday 5 November 2020 you have the opportunity to learn more about what your future may bring at the online Wolgarston Sixth Form Open evening. I urge you to join us by logging on to participate. All you will need to do is to click on this link <https://www.wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk/6thopen> ready for a start at 6pm. (We intend to finish the evening by 7pm but this may depend on the extent of the questions posed on the evening.)

The evening will give you the opportunity to hear from the Headteacher, Head Boy & Head Girl and myself about what Sixth Form entails and have a chance to ask any questions you may have. The Prospectus will be available from the Wolgarston web site as will subject information videos in due course.

If you are not currently a student of Wolgarston, but would like to join the Sixth Form, please email office@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk, indicating what you would like to know and whether you might like a tour of the School. (Tours are not being organised currently given the Covid-19 situation however, we will contact you when they are possible.)

The rest of this pack outlines how to decide on your courses, what happens after the application, minimum entry requirements and an application form. I would ask you please to apply by the end of December 2020, where possible.

Choosing to come to Wolgarston means you will become part of a large, vibrant, Sixth Form community. If you would like to know more details of the student view, I would be more than happy to put you in touch with Sixth Form Councillors or our Head Girl and Boy.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01785 788400 or email office@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Simmonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr A C Simmonds, MA
Head of Sixth Form

Deciding on courses

You will be accepted into the Sixth Form, subject to the courses you choose, with a minimum of five grade 4's, or higher in GCSE subjects. This means there should therefore be plenty of choice whatever your career goals.

Most students would choose 3 options although it is possible to study 4 options. (Whether to consider doing 3 or 4 options and the best option combination for your chosen destination will be discussed at the welcome meeting following the application. Alternatively, feel free to speak with Mr McCosh or myself and we will gladly talk you through potential option choices.)

In order to study any course there are subject specific requirements, which are located over the page.

Note: In the unlikely event that a course you have chosen is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Regrettably, sometimes a course recruits insufficient numbers and is not viable, the school reserves the right to withdraw the course in such circumstances.

What happens after I apply?

After you have submitted your application, you will be invited to a welcome meeting. Following on from this meeting, you will be given an offer of a place in the Sixth Form, assuming you are likely to achieve the appropriate entry grades for each subject chosen. This is called a conditional offer.

Following the publication of GCSE results in August, you will receive a letter which will either:

- Confirm your place;
- Invite you into school to discuss an alternative programme in the Sixth Form;
- Inform you that we are unable to offer a course programme that will meet your needs.

Where it is felt that the School has acted incorrectly in declining a place, an Appeals Committee will be convened.

Note: Any student without a grade 4 in either English or Maths GCSE will be required to resit them as part of their Sixth Form (as you would whatever your education or career choice.) The resit qualification will take precedent over any subject chosen (as it is a statutory requirement) but be assured we have a very high success rate.

Minimum Entry Requirements per subject

Subject	English Lang or Lit	Maths	Required for the course
Applied Science (single)	4	4	2 Grade 4's in Science
Art & Design (single or double)			5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
Biology	5	5	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy with one component at Grade 7 or higher, or, GCSE Biology at Grade 6 or higher
Business (single or double)	4	4	5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
Chemistry		5	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy with one component at Grade 7 or higher, or, GCSE Chemistry at Grade 6 or higher
English Literature	6		5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
French			GCSE French at Grade 7 or higher
Further Mathematics		8	<i>Note: A-Grade Mathematics must also be taken</i>
Geography	5	5	GCSE Geography at Grade 5 or higher.
Health & Social Care (single)	4	4	5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
History	5		GCSE History at Grade 5 or higher
Mathematics		7	GCSE Maths at Grade 7 or higher. <i>(Note Consideration will be given to those students who score a high Grade 6 and have a teacher recommendation)</i>
Media	4		5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
Physics		6	GCSE Combined Science Trilogy with one component at Grade 7 or higher, or, GCSE Physics at Grade 6 or higher
Politics	5		GCSE Geography at Grade 5 or higher or, GCSE History at Grade 5 or higher
Psychology	5	5	A GCSE Science at Grade 5 or higher.
Sociology	5		5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher
Spanish			GCSE Spanish at Grade 7 or higher
Sport (single or double)	4	4	5 subjects passed at Grade 4 or higher

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First name/s : _____ Surname: _____

Select 3 or 4 subjects by circling them from the options below

Notes:

- Only one subject can be chosen from each option block.
- French or Spanish (if chosen) must be a fourth choice.
- Double award subjects account for 2 option choices.
- If you are interested in completing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) please circle here: EPQ
(Lessons for the EPQ will be bespoke so are in addition to the subject choices below)

A	B	C	D	E	F
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Maths or, Further Maths*	Maths	French
Sociology	English Literature	History	Psychology	Geography	Spanish
Business (single)	Health & Social Care (single)	Sport (single)	Applied Science	Media	
Business (double)	Business (double)	Art & Design (double)	Art & Design (double)	Politics	
	Sport (double)	Sport (double)	Art & Design (single)		

*Students wanting to study Further Maths must also study Maths in Block E

Note: French and Spanish would be studied in tutor time with on-line assistance

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Please hand in completed applications to the Student Reception

In addition to the subjects selected, I would also like to participate in the following enrichment activities.
Select as many as you wish:

Book club	Debating Society	Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme	Mentoring of main school students
Music	Sixth Form Council	Sports club/s	Something else

If you have selected "Something else", please write your suggestions below and we will endeavour to offer this additional enrichment activity in September 2021:

For external applicants only please complete the information below:

Address

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Home telephone number

Mobile telephone number

Email address

Current school

Date of birth

Please also attach a copy of your latest school report.

Please return your completed application to:

Mrs S Cooper
Wolgarston High School
Cannock Road
Penkridge
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST19 5RX

Or email your completed application to: sixthform@wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk