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**Vyners School – Sixth Form Open Evening  
31st October 2023**



## Vyners Sixth Form

- Strong track record of academic success
- Wide range of Level 3 Subjects
- A-level and vocational pathways
- Excellent pastoral care
- Tailored UCAS support
- Free selection of sixth form options





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## Sixth Form Team

**Head of Sixth Form**

**Mrs Coyle**

**Deputy Headteacher KS5**

**Mrs Harvey**





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## Sixth Form Team

**Year 12 Leader 2024/5**

**Mrs Lane**



**Year 13 Leader 2024/5**

**Miss Desouza**





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## Sixth Form Team

**Mrs Lopes and Miss Alonso**

**Sixth Form Study Supervisors**

**Pastoral Care/ Well Being/ Study**

**Room Support/ Organisation and**

**much more!**



**Mrs Lopes**

**Miss Alonso**





## **The Sixth Form Team:**

- **Working together to ensure high standards and support all students in reaching their potential.**
- **Ensuring standards are maintained by setting the bar high and not accepting second best.**
- **Establishing clear routines and systems to support excellent progress in all areas.**
- **Working closely with sixth form students and parents to ensure that we are supporting student well being.**



## **Sixth Form Students:**

- **Making the most of every second, working proactively to ensure that they are prepared for every lesson, reading around the topic and making the most of every opportunity.**
- **Ensuring that independent learning is completed every time it is set.**
- **Using study time and time at home wisely**
- **Looking after their well-being**





## Vision for Sixth Form Students

### What does success look like:

- Knowledgeable
- Well-read
- Employable
- 'Interview ready'
- Articulate
- Engaged in co-curricular & enrichment activities
- Leaders
- Independent
- Kind
- Committed to the community
- Successful





- **A suit jacket/ blazer must be worn**
- **Students should wear a suit/ blazer and trousers/ skirt, a shirt and tie or blouse/ plain top.**
- **Skirts should be of a sensible length. If a jumper is worn then it should be a V neck, and should fit under a jacket.**
- **An official Vyners practical uniform can be worn for relevant subjects on specified days. This comprises a Vyners hoodie, or plain black top, plain black tracksuit bottoms/ leggings/ trainers.**

## Dress Code



**Setting a smart example for the Vyners School community.**



## Study habits

Free lessons are study periods.

Students may be required to attend compulsory sessions after school if they fail to complete work set (CSS).



Please encourage good study habits at home, as students will be set pre-learning tasks and homework for every subject.

Details of work will be set on each Google Classroom area.

Compulsory timetabled **SUPERVISED** study sessions are on all student timetables. This is **SILENT STUDY**.

Students will be expected to work independently during free time.

They can use free periods/ free rooms for group work.



## Why Vyners?

**Speeches from Head Boy Himmat Jheeta  
and Head Girl Chloe Rooney**



**Maths  
Further  
Maths  
Economics  
Biology**



**Psychology  
Government  
& Politics  
PE**



## Rita Mansour

Year 13 student  
2021

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths

This school is very welcoming to new students, in a matter of days I had made a whole new group of friends, and right now I feel like I have been here along. In terms of education, the teachers are very dedicated to helping us out and whenever we're not understanding the work we can email them or turn up to their classroom and sort out any issues. We also have a new building which was recently built, it's really modern and is a breath of fresh air.

As well as this, the sixth form team are committed to getting us to the top universities and are always alerting us to new opportunities.



Rita is now studying Medicine at  
UCL



## **Benjamin Surguy**

**Year 13 student  
2022**

- English
- History
- Maths
- Further Maths

I joined Vyners in Year 7, and, when I came to decide on a sixth form four years later, I knew that I wanted to remain here. It is definitely not a choice I have since regretted. The sixth form provides many opportunities for getting involved in the wider school community. There is the opportunity to become a Prefect, House Captain, serve on School Council or be appointed to the sixth form Executive Team, closely working with the headteacher and other members of staff.

When applying to university, I received a great deal of support and guidance to help inform my decision. This is why I feel that my time at Vyners has prepared me well for undergraduate study and whatever challenges lie ahead.

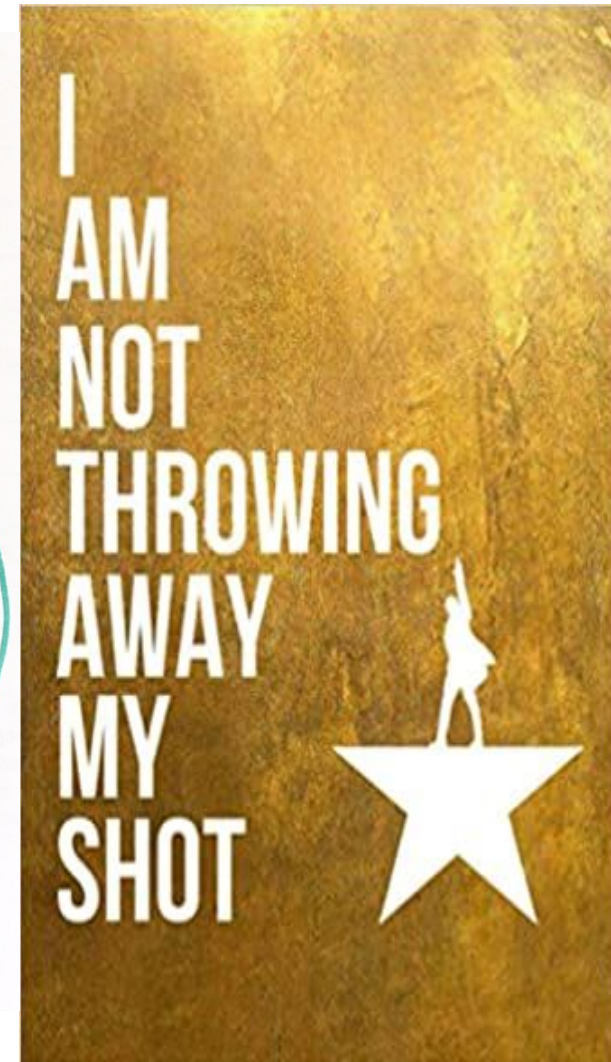
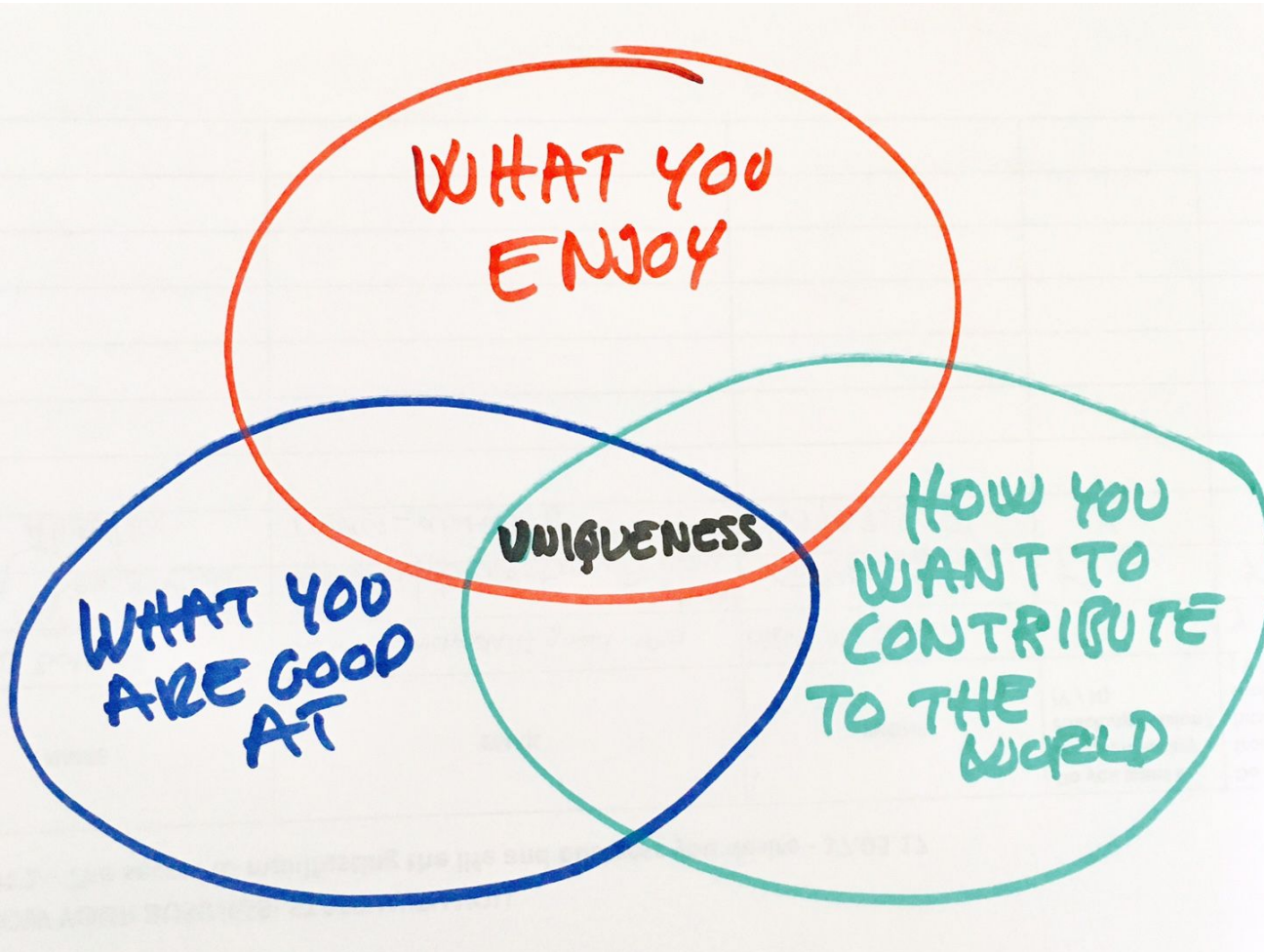


**Benjamin is now studying PPE at  
Oxford University**



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## Super Curricular Opportunities

- **Medical Club**
- **Debate society**
- **EPQ**
- **Subject specific book clubs**
- **Completing online work experience**
- **Completing MOOCs and other online based courses that complement current subjects or university courses**
- **Listening to TED talks or podcasts as a wider learning process**
- **Attending virtual lectures/signing up to online societies**
- **Engaging in university tours and talks**







## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



- Alumni talks
- Apprenticeship talks
- Work Experience
- Unifrog workshops
- UCAS guidance
- Debates
- Student voice
- Leadership groups

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- National Citizenship service (NCS)
- Jack Petchey Award
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
- Sports Teams

- Prefect
- House Events
- Musical Events
- Sports Events
- Charity Events
- Subject Ambassadors
- Peer Mentoring
- Open Evening helpers



## EPQ - EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

**Learners are required to:**

- **Choose an area of interest**
- **Draft a title and aims of the project**
  - **a 5,000 word essay**
  - **Or an artefact (with 1000 word report)**
- **Plan, research and carry out the project**
- **Deliver a presentation to a specified audience**
- **Provide evidence of all stages of project with a detailed written log book**

An EPQ is worth half an A Level in UCAS points

Grade	UCAS Points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

To undertake an EPQ, students must show that they have the capacity, enthusiasm and commitment to carry out their research, through independent study.

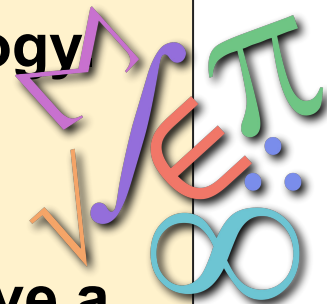


## Core Maths

**A L3 qualification, equivalent to an AS, which counts towards UCAS points**

**We are running it for students who are not studying A level Maths, but it supports the study of many subjects including Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Psychology. It runs throughout year 12.**

**Students with Core Maths on their timetable will have a reduced number of study periods.**





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**RESULTS**



## Vyners A Level / Level 3 Results

### 2019

- 25% A\*-A grades
- 54% A\*-B grades
- 72% A\*- C grades

### 2022

- 38% A\*-A grades
- 66% A\*-B grades
- 82% A\*- C grades

### 2023

- 27% A\*-A grades
- 54% A\*-B grades
- 76% A\*- C grades

Grades peaked nationally in 2020 and 2021, with CAGs and TAGs. Grading remained generous in 2022, with a movement back to 2019 levels in 2023.

We were pleased that our KS5 grading was in line with 2019 for A\*-B and was higher than 2019 for A\*-A and A\* - C.



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## Post 18 Destinations 2023

You don't need **A\* and A grades** to get into university or to secure an apprenticeship. Our 2023 range of destinations is below:

- 80% secured their first choice course and university
- 13% secured degree apprenticeships / employment
- 7% chose travelling/GAP Year/College



## Post 18 Destinations 2023

<b>Oxford Brookes University</b>	<b>Computer Science for Cyber Security</b>
<b>Middlesex University</b>	<b>Banking and Finance</b>
<b>Nottingham Trent University</b>	<b>Communications and Film &amp; Television</b>
<b>Swansea University</b>	<b>Pharmacy</b>
<b>University of Brighton</b>	<b>Architecture (with Integrated Foundation Year)</b>
<b>Utrecht University, Netherlands</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Degree Apprenticeship with Barrett Development</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>
<b>Degree Apprenticeship with Google</b>	<b>Digital Marketing</b>



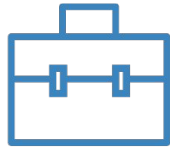
## Post 18 Destinations 2023

<b>Cambridge University</b>	<b>Law</b>
<b>Cambridge University</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
<b>Cambridge University</b>	<b>Economics</b>
<b>St George's, University of London</b>	<b>Medicine (MBBS)</b>
<b>University of Southampton</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
<b>University of Exeter</b>	<b>Economics</b>
<b>University of Nottingham</b>	<b>Modern Languages with Business</b>
<b>University of Warwick</b>	<b>Global Sustainable Development</b>
<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b>	<b>Economics</b>





## What are Degree Apprenticeships?



Employed



Paid a salary



Contract



80% work  
20% off the job



Typically  
1-4 years +

**600+**

600+ standards



Intermediate -  
Degree level



Real job =  
responsibilities



Not the easy option



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# Vyners School Sixth Form Entry 2023



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## Curriculum Offer



- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- Food
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- BTEC ICT (single award)

- Mathematics & Further Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- BTEC Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Product Design
- Spanish
- Sport Studies (OCR Nationals double award)
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology



# How Many A Levels?

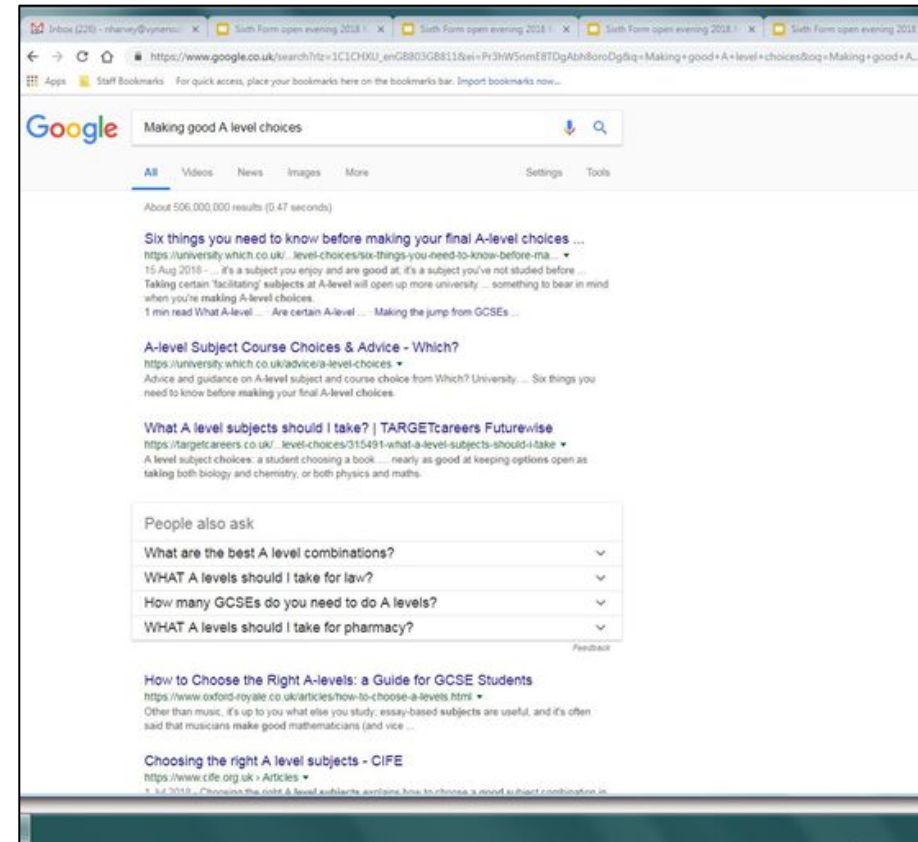
- Most students will study 3 Level 3 subjects
- 4 A Levels are very demanding
- The vast majority of universities do not require 4 A levels - including Oxford and Cambridge
- A 4<sup>th</sup> A Level is often Further Maths to support an entry into a competitive university to study Maths, Science or Medicine.
- Some students will take 4 A Levels in the first term in order to make an informed decision about which 3 to continue with if they are struggling to choose.



## So how do I choose my A level subjects?

### Do your research:

- Read prospectuses
- Look at University Websites
- Speak to sixth form students and your teachers
- Google...
- **Use Unifrog to look at higher education or apprenticeship paths based on different A Level choices and grades achieved.**





## What makes a good subject combination?

Some subjects have links with regard to content and / or skills and work well together as a combination, however we give a free range of options at Vyners as we are aware that students have differing skills and interests.

The main objective is to get the best grades possible at Key Stage 5 so that you keep your options open and give yourself the best possible range of options after Sixth Form. This will happen if you choose subjects that you are good at and that you are interested in.



# Do the subjects work for you?

## Questions for now:

- Do you like the GCSE?
  - If it's a new subject, are you willing to learn from scratch?
- Do you like the A Level specification?
- Have you spoken to the subject teachers?

## Questions for August:

- Did you do well in the GCSE?
- Did you enjoy the taster lessons?
- Did you cope with the transition work and pre-reading?





## Entry Criteria

**Pathway 1:** Average GCSE Point Score\* above 6.5 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A Level subjects and have the option of studying a fourth 4 A Level subject.

**Pathway 2:** Average GCSE Point Score between 5.5 and 6.4 (including Maths and English at grade 5): students choose 3 A level subjects.

**Pathway 3:** Average GCSE Point Score between 4.5 and 5.4 (including Maths and English at grade 4): students choose 3 A Level or equivalent subjects of which at least one is a vocational subject (e.g. BTEC).

\*APS adds up the scores from your best 8 GCSEs and divides by 8



# Entry Criteria

Some subjects have specific requirements (shown in the table below) and we strongly advise that students have at least a GCSE Grade 6 in the subjects they will study at A Level.

Some students will be offered AS Core Maths to support their A level studies if they are not already studying A Level Maths.

Minimum entry requirement = 4.5 APS



## Subject Specific Requirements

- **Sciences:** Grade 7 in the specified science plus a 6 in a second science. Minimum 77 in combined science. 6 in maths. Physics A Level students must also study A Level Maths.
- **Computer Science** GCSE grade 6 in Mathematics and GCSE Computer science grade 6.
- **Mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics grade 7.
- **Further mathematics:** GCSE Mathematics high Grade 7 (preferably 8). All students will study A Level Mathematics as well. Further Mathematics is always a fourth A Level.
- **Music:** GCSE Music grade 6 and performing/music theory at Grade 5



## Expectations

Vyners is an academic sixth form with high expectations for attainment and attitude.

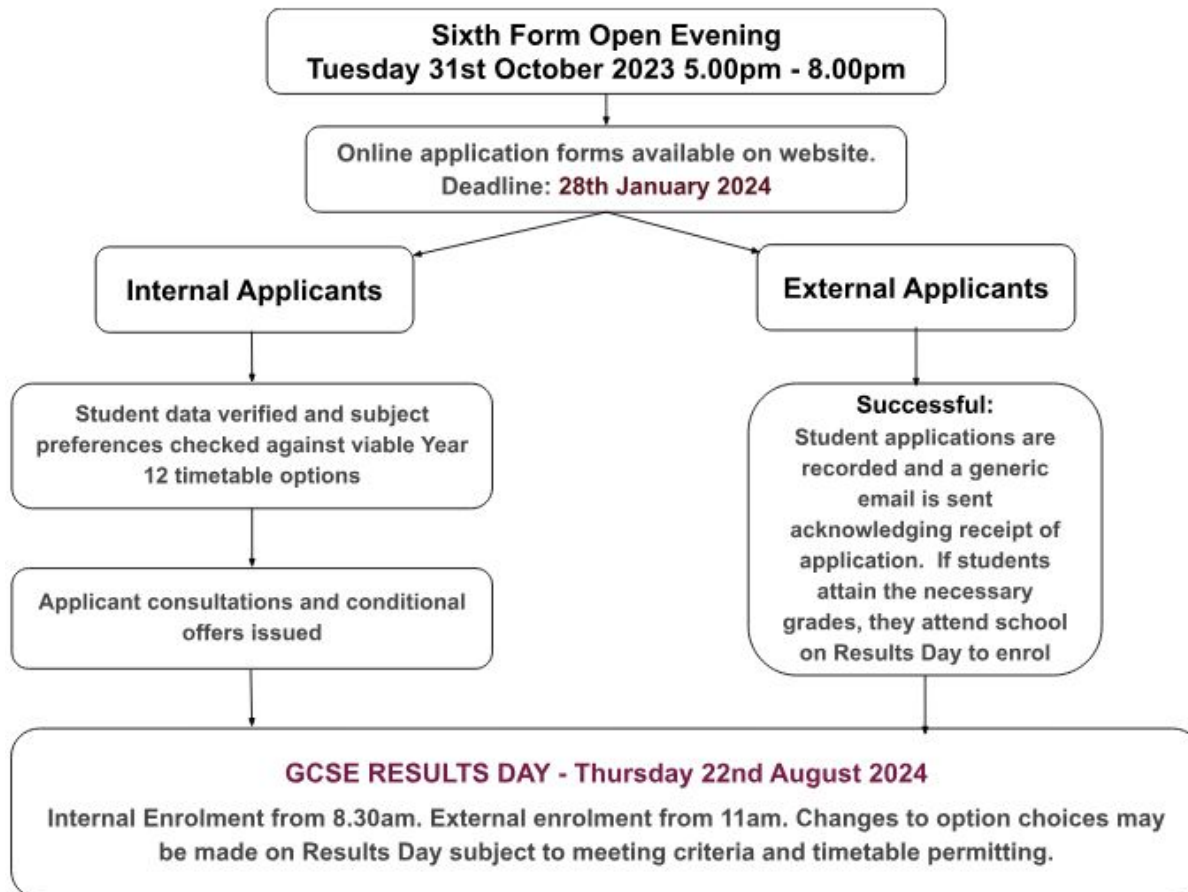
- Uniform policy
- Staying on site
- Not wasting a second

If you feel that these things don't appeal to you... have a think about different options.





## The Application Process



The online application form can be found on the School website under: Student Zone, Options.

The deadline for completing the online application is

**28th January 2024**

Applications are not dealt with on a first come first served basis.