

Year 11 Parents – Frequently Asked Questions for the Sixth Form after GCSE Results Day

What are the entry requirements to the Arnold Hill Sixth Form?

*A place in the Sixth Form is subject to the entry requirements of five GCSE Grades 9 - 5 including Maths and English Language at Grade 5 or higher. Some individual subjects that you may wish to study require a **minimum GCSE Grade 6** or higher including the separate sciences and humanities subjects. A Level Maths requires a minimum GCSE Grade 7 or higher and A Level Further Maths requires a Grade 8 or higher. Likewise the Level 3 BTEC courses require Merit grades or higher. Entry requirements for each subject are listed in the Sixth Form Prospectus which can be found on the school website.*

What if I get a Grade 5 in English Language – can I study A Level Psychology?

Afraid not. To study A Level Psychology we do ask for a Grade 6 or higher in English Language.

What if I get a Grade 7 on my Physics paper but only a Grade 4 in GCSE Maths Can I still study A Level Physics?

Afraid not. To study A Level Physics, you will need a Grade 6 or higher on your GCSE Physics paper as well as a Grade 6 or higher in your GCSE Maths.

Can I change my options on the Sixth Form Registration Day?

Yes of course. As long as we can get the timetable to work with the options you have chosen, and you have met the entry requirements, we are happy to make changes to your options for you.

I am on holiday for GCSE results day, when can I register for the Sixth Form?

There is a second registration day on Wednesday 4th September from 09.00-12.00am in the Sixth Form Centre, so please attend this day instead and we will get you registered.

I haven't achieved any of the entry requirements for the Sixth Form. What shall I do now?

Ring one of the local colleges such as Nottingham College and see if there are any courses that they can offer you. They offer the options to re-take GCSE exams too. Alternatively, you may want to consider an apprenticeship so have a look at the GOV website and see if there are any suitable apprenticeships for you.

I have achieved a Grade 3 in my GCSE English Language. Can I still attend the Arnold Hill Sixth Form?

Afraid not. We would consider a Grade 4 in some circumstances (dependent on your other entry requirements) but not a Grade 3.

I haven't achieved the entry requirements for some of the subjects I wanted to study, but have met the overall entry requirements for the Sixth Form. What shall I do now?

Come and speak to us on Registration Day and we will look at the other options available to you. Don't be put off studying a BTEC Level 3 course – these are the equivalent to A Levels and earn you the same UCAS points which will allow you to go to University. If you want to arrange a meeting with us and your parents please make an appointment and we will be happy to meet with you in the first week back in September.

When will I start my timetable for the Sixth Form?

Year 12 will start their timetables on Friday 6th September. You will report to your tutor room at 8.35am and will be given your timetable then.