



Langley
Grammar School

FAQ

SIXTH FORM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

STUDYING IN THE SIXTH FORM

01

Courses, subject choices, lessons and academic success

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How big are classes in general?

This varies considerably depending on the subject. Some classes only have a few students; our largest classes are around 20-25 students.

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Is it required to drop a subject for Year 13?

No. A minority of students continue with four subjects in Year 13.

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How far into the course can we change our subjects?

There is a two-week window in which you can change your subjects when the Autumn Term begins, including your enrichment course. Due to the fast-paced nature of A Level courses, changing subjects later can result in a substantial amount of work to catch up on.

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What is the process for changing subjects? Can it be done on Results Day or during admission?

The timetable blocks are planned around students' original choices. You may be able to change subjects if the new combination works within the timetable blocks and there is space in those subjects. You can request a change on your enrolment form and we will arrange a Teams call to discuss it with you.

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How many lessons will we have for each A Level subject?

You are taught for nine hours per fortnight for each subject.

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For A Level Music, must I be Grade 5/6 on an instrument?

The entry requirement is that you have an in-depth knowledge of Music. Ultimately, suitability for the course would be decided by the Director of Music after a discussion with you.

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Will there be waiting lists for certain subjects?

We would only confirm your place if we knew that space was available in the subjects you wish to study. Our oversubscription criteria mean that, in these cases, we admit on the basis of APS rank order.

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How do I ensure that I achieve the best grades possible from the beginning of Year 12?

Be organised from the beginning and complete reading, notes and topic questions consistently. Engaging with your teachers and asking lots of questions is also a crucial element.

SIXTH FORM LIFE

02

Uniform, parking, enrichment and physical education

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What are the expectations in terms of dress code?

We are a uniformed Sixth Form and students wear black professional business wear. For girls: a black knee-length skirt or tailored trousers made from a woven fabric, a white collared shirt and black jacket, with a school brooch. For boys: black tailored trousers and a black blazer, worn with a school tie and school badge. Please see the Uniform pages on our school website for more details.

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When we have obtained driving licences, is school parking free?

Usually there is student parking and it is free.

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What extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities are available?

We have enrichment courses that you opt for and which are taught for one hour each week, plus a fortnightly Lecture Series and a wide range of student leadership opportunities. These range from working with staff and younger students to working with children in local primary schools.

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Do I still have to do PE?

Yes. There is a Games afternoon each Wednesday and you select an option to take each term.

CAREERS AND NEXT STEPS

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Work experience, UCAS and further information

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Are there any work experience opportunities provided by the school?

We have an allocated period at the end of Year 12 for you to use for work experience placements, and we advertise general opportunities to everyone.

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When do A Level students register on the UCAS website?

The UCAS website opens for student registration in the middle of May each year, so guidance on the application process begins in the Summer Term. Much of the research towards this, together with careers guidance, starts at the beginning of Sixth Form.

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Where can I find more information about EPQ, facilities, class sizes, extra-curricular opportunities and work experience?

Our Sixth Form event will answer many of these questions. The Sixth Form Information Booklet and Course Guide also provide further information and are available to download from the Sixth Form Admissions page of the school website.