

# Carshalton Boys **sixth form**



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# What are my choices?

GCSE grades achieved	Level 3	
	AS/A level	Cambridge Technical, AAQ, WJEC & BTEC
Five grades 9–5 (or equivalent), incl. grade 6 in English language & grade 5 in mathematics	✓	✓
Five grades 9–4 (or equivalent), incl. English language & grade 4 in mathematics		✓

*Two pathways: one destination*

## A level Pathway

*Two years*

This pathway will suit those students who have achieved at least five GCSE **9–4** grades in separate subjects, including a grade 6 in English language and a grade 5 in mathematics.

You will study three subjects – where entry criteria are met. You can combine A level subjects with a complementary applied subject if you wish.

*Please note: **all A level subjects** have formal examinations.*

## Cambridge Technical, AAQ, WJEC & BTEC Level 3

*Two years*

This pathway will suit those students who prefer to be assessed partially through coursework. A levels can be combined with applied courses where entry requirements are met.

Students on applied courses must be committed to meeting deadlines throughout their course.

## English Language & Maths GCSE

There may be a small number of sixth form students who need to re-sit English language or Mathematics GCSE. This is a compulsory addition to sixth form programmes of study.

# Entry criteria

*a grade 6 or above in English Language, plus specified requirements below*

## Art & Media

<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	<b>A level Art</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in GCSE Art. BTEC students considered at HoD's discretion.</i>
<i>Graphics</i>	<b>A level Graphic Products</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in Graphics or Resistant Materials GCSE.</i>
<i>Media Studies</i>	<b>A level Media Studies</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in GCSE English Language, English Literature or Media Studies, if taken. Students with no prior Media qualification will be considered at the HoD's discretion.</i>
<i>Photography</i>	<b>A level Photography</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in GCSE Photography or Art. Students with strong creative background will be considered at HoD's discretion</i>

## English

<i>English Literature</i>	<b>A level English Literature</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher at GCSE English Language &amp; English Literature. Also requires a strong passion for reading.</i>
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## Modern Foreign Languages

<i>Spanish</i>	<b>A level Spanish</b>	<i>Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish</i>
<i>French</i>	<b>A Level French</b>	<i>Grade 6 in GCSE French</i>

## Physical Education

<i>PE</i>	<b>A level PE</b>	<i>Grade 6 in PE, examination element of GCSE PE is required to be strong. Plus one strong practical sport, this will be assessed during transition to sixth form. Also 6-6 in Science Profile.</i>
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## Humanities & Social Sciences

<i>History</i>	<b>A level History</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher at History GCSE, plus Grade 6 in English Language. Students with no prior study of History may be considered at the HoD's discretion. Summer work and entry testing will be used to assess suitability</i>
<i>Psychology</i>	<b>A level Psychology</b>	<i>Grade 6 in GCSE Psychology and/or Grade 6 or higher in English Language GCSE. Students with no prior study of Psychology may be considered at the HoD's discretion</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<b>A level Economics</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in English Language and Maths GCSE.</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<b>A level Geography</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher at GCSE Geography. Examination element of GCSE Geography is required to be strong.</i>
<i>Government &amp; Politics</i>	<b>A level Government &amp; Politics</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in GCSE English Language or Literature. Citizenship &amp; History GCSE are advantageous, but not essential</i>
<i>Sociology</i>	<b>A level Sociology</b>	<i>Grade 6 or higher in English Language</i>

## Mathematics

<i>Mathematics</i>	<b>AS level Mathematics</b>	<i>Grade 7 in GCSE Maths.</i>
<i>Further Mathematics</i>	<b>AS level Further Mathematics</b>	<i>Grade 8 in GCSE Maths. Students are required to study A level Maths</i>

## Science—Students who wish to study two Science subjects are required to achieve 7 in English Language

<i>Biology</i>	<b>A level Biology</b>	<i>Grade 6-6 Science Profile</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<b>A level Chemistry</b>	<i>Grade 6-6 Science Profile. Grade 6 in GCSE Science &amp; Grade 7 in Maths. A Level Chemistry students are advised to also study A level Maths</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<b>A level Physics</b>	<i>Grade 6-6 Science Profile. Ideally A level Physics students should also study A level Mathematics</i>

# Entry criteria

*a grade 5 or above in English Language, plus specified requirements below*

Level 3 equivalent courses – Cambridge Technical, AAQ, WJEC & BTEC		
Level 3 BTEC	<b>Sport Single (one A level equivalent)</b>	<i>Merit or above in BTEC Sport, grade 5 or above in GCSE PE, grade 5 in science. Students must demonstrate a keen interest in sport or sports leadership</i>
	<b>Sport Double (two A level equivalent)</b>	<i>Merit or above in BTEC Sport, grade 5 or above in GCSE PE, grade 5 in science. Students must demonstrate a keen interest in sport or sports leadership</i>
	<b>Law</b>	<i>Level 5 or above in GCSE English Language, evidence of extended writing ability, e.g. Grade 5 or 6 in History, Sociology etc</i>
	<b>Music</b>	<i>Grade 5 in English Language, 5 in GCSE Music, Merit or above in BTEC Level 2 Music</i>
AAQ	<b>Applied Science</b>	<i>Merit or above in BTEC Science, grade 5 or above in GCSE Science</i>
Level 3 Cambridge Technical	<b>Business (one A level equivalent)</b>	<i>Grade 5 or above in GCSE Business or Merit in BTEC Business</i>
AAQ	<b>Digital Media</b>	<i>Grade 5 in English Language, 5 in Media Studies. Students with no prior study of Media considered at HOD's discretion</i>
	<b>Computing: Applications Development</b>	<i>Grade 5 or above in a GCSE/level 2 ICT qualification (BTEC, GCSE, etc.), Grade 5 or above in maths</i>
Level 3 WJEC	<b>Criminology</b>	<i>Level 5 or above in GCSE English Language, evidence of extended writing ability, e.g. Grade 5 or 6 in History, Sociology etc</i>

## How do I apply?

After the Open Evening on **Wednesday, 15 October 2025**, you should have an idea what you wish to study in the sixth form.

Applications are online. **Your application for September 2026 must be received by Friday, 12 December 2025.**

Once your application form is received, it will be processed. Some students with a good track record and reference will immediately be offered a place conditional upon their GCSE results. Other students may be asked to attend an interview, which would

usually take place from October.

Some students' places may be linked to targets that will be set: these will be agreed at the interview. External students will have their references called from their current school and invited to attend an applicants event.

The majority of students will attend meetings for enrolment to finalise their courses the day after GCSE results. This is an opportunity to make sure that all students pick the courses that are right for them both now and in the future.

## What happens next?

During the next few weeks you need to consider which courses are best for you.

Make sure you think about what you want to do after the sixth form. If you have a specific career or university course in mind then you must follow the courses you need. If you are not sure what you want to do in the future then you should follow courses

that you will enjoy and that you are good at. It is very important that you pick carefully and have a passion for the subjects you are studying.

However, do not panic if you change your mind: all students will have an interview either before or after their results to finally choose their courses.

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