



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22nd October 6-8pm

Welcome to Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Offer

Oriel Sixth Form is an exciting, supportive and innovative place to spend your post-16 studies. We work with our students to build upon the foundations from years 7-11 at Oriel High School or elsewhere, increasing the expectation of students to work independently whilst using your relationships with expert teachers and tutors to enhance your progression.

It also allows you, as one of the most senior members of the school, to take on responsibilities as a role model and leader for our younger students. The focus is squarely on academic success, but we will also encourage you to develop your life skills, aspirations and employability. You will leave the Sixth Form as an independent learner and thinker and a responsible young adult.

What can you expect tonight?

Each of our Sixth Form subjects is represented tonight by expert teachers and current students. Find out about the course, the experience, our successes and where studying each course could take you.

Please use the map provided to find the subjects on offer.

Do also take the time to visit the Common Room and the Sixth Form corridor where you will see the range of spaces and facilities our Sixth Form students have exclusively for their use including:

- Silent/ Quiet/ Conversational workspaces with laptops available for their use
- Common Room and Sixth Form Café with Pool Table and Student-led display boards and community resources



Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

Our Results

We are proud of the results achieved by our students. Progress being made by students in the Sixth Form is good and we are always looking for ways to make it even better.

Taking our Sixth Form students from their starting point on GCSE Results Day through 2 years of quality teaching, independent work and support means our students achieve their expected grades and can follow their dreams into whatever their next steps may be.

We consistently outperform the local and national picture in the number of students that stay with us from Year 12 into Year 13 – and support our students into the right pathways for them to thrive when they leave us:

Student destinations after 16 to 18

Students that left 16 to 18 study at this school or college in 2023, who either stayed in education or went into employment from October to March the following year, or stayed in an apprenticeship for at least 6 months:

Oriel Sixth Form 88%

West Sussex 78%

England average 79%

We will always celebrate the successes of the full range of students who join our Sixth Form- look around you tonight and you will see many different stories with many different combinations of subjects achieving their 'next step' after Sixth Form. That is what we are all about.

2026 outcomes	A*/Distinction*	A/Distinction	B	C/Merit	D	E/Pass
% at grade	13%	26%	11%	30%	12%	8%
Cumulative %	13%	39%	50%	80%	93%	100%

We know that great outcomes look different for different students- the most important thing for us is to treat you as individuals and get you to where you hope to be in 2029!

*ISDR 2025 (2026 not yet published by UK Government)



Building a Sixth Form Programme

Most of our Year 12 students begin the Sixth Form studying 3 A Level courses or equivalents, for example:

A Level Biology/ A Level Mathematics/ A Level French

Or

Applied Science National BTEC/ Business CTEC Diploma

Or

A Level Media Studies / A Level Psychology/ Health & Social Care CTEC Extended Certificate

We encourage all A Level Scientists who are not studying A Level Maths to take CORE Maths; this should be a fourth option.

Other students are also welcome to add this as a fourth subject.

Students wishing to study a fourth subject that is not Further Maths will need a strong academic profile including 5x Grade 8 at GCSE.

Students have the option to further enhance their profile by completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in the second year providing their academic progress is strong in year one.

Most students progress from Oriel's Year 11 into Sixth Form. However, you don't need to live in the catchment area or even to have been to Oriel High School to join our popular and supportive Sixth Form and every year we welcome students from other Crawley schools and from further afield.

Sixth Form Admissions criteria:

- 5 or more grades 4-9; including equivalents across at least 4 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 3.5 (average of ALL GCSE full courses taken)

Entry Requirements for A Level courses

- 5 or more grades 5-9; including equivalents across at least 5 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 4
- Maths and Science subjects require average GCSE grade of at least 4.75

Subject specific requirements available from subject teams at our Open Evening and in the [course information](#) on the website.

Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

Our support for your ambitions

Whatever you hope to achieve in the future we will support your personal and professional growth over your time in the Sixth Form.

You will complete a Personal Statement in your application and discuss this in your interview with the Sixth Form team – this is the start of a two-year journey to success. As you move through Sixth Form you will experience:

- Weekly Tutorials focussed on University and the World of Work/ Apprenticeship pathways
- Careers interview for independent advice and guidance
- Work experience week in Year 12
- University Trips and UCAS Fair
- National Apprenticeship Show
- Mock interviews
- Legends@Lunchtime- weekly opportunities to meet Sixth form alumni, hear about their careers, ask advice and build your professional network
- Application support for all pathways- including intensive coaching for application materials (UCAS) and professional brand building (CV/LinkedIn)
- Specific pathway support- for example Oxbridge coaching and MedSoc (Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary) and entry testing support for university
- Subject trips and visits to enhance your application
- Parents Information Events and termly newsletters with a Futures focus
- Parents Consultation Evenings
- Progress Interviews for every student to review Year 12 and set up success in Year 13



Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

Our support for your personal development

Life in the Sixth Form will also offer you a wealth of opportunities to have fun and develop your skills beyond your studies, including:

- Weekly Tutorials with a focus on wellbeing and personal development
- Workshop assemblies with visiting speakers
- Raising and Giving events, run by the students and for the students including the annual Festive Fair for Years 7 & 8
- Sixth Form Student Leadership Team- Year 13 appointed team who oversee the Raising and Giving work of the Sixth Form and work with Senior Staff to continually improve the Sixth Form experience
- Year 12 Tutor representatives- a student voice opportunity
- Overseas trips and visits – including Poland; Amsterdam; Munich; New York and Florence.
- Money Matters competition, planning for financial independence
- Brighton Trip – teamwork and an end of year celebration in Year 12
- Volunteering e.g. Reading Buddy to Year 7 students; Sponsored walk marshalling and Sports Day
- School Football team
- Discounted gym membership
- Leavers Ball

Any questions?

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A few final words from our Senior Student Team

I hope to go to university next year to become a primary school teacher. Choosing to stay at Oriel was the best choice for me because I loved all the effort and support given by teachers, as well as all the fun opportunities we are given here. The highlight moments for me so far in Sixth Form were during Activities Week, where we got to do the Money Matters Day with our friends and then go on a trip to Brighton the next day.

Next year, I hope to study either Law or Geography at university. I chose to stay at Oriel Sixth Form because I felt the smaller classes and high teaching quality were best suited to me, as well as being local. The highlight of my Sixth Form experience has been going on the New York trip with all of my friends.

I chose to stay at Oriel Sixth Form because I have been given opportunities to develop my passions over the years. The positive relationships with teachers, as well as personalised feedback and smaller class sizes have greatly benefited my learning, allowing me to receive individual support and feel nurtured throughout my education. One of the things I value most about Oriel is the supportive environment, which has helped me grow in confidence and make the most of my Sixth Form experience.

I picked A Level subjects that provide a solid foundation for what I want to do in the future. I chose to stay at Oriel Sixth Form because of its high standards and because I wanted to be in a familiar place after doing my GCSEs here. Being part of the student leadership comes with different responsibilities, and I want to take part and be involved in whatever that needs my presence.

I chose to stay at Oriel because it feels like home to me. My teachers make me confident in myself and realise my ability in difficult subjects. I am also completing an EPQ.

Next year, I want to go to university to study Law with Politics and International Relations. A highlight of my time at Oriel Sixth Form is the collaborative aspect of our community and taking part in open evenings.

I chose to stay at Oriel Sixth Form due to the passion and effort the staff team put into our lessons, ensuring they're engaging and we're constantly learning something new and interesting about the world we live in. A key highlight of my experience at Oriel has been engaging with other students and participating in the Sound and Light club, which allowed me to assist in school productions.

I'm studying Art, History and Performing Arts at A Level. I chose all three subjects because in past experiences with them inside and outside of school I thoroughly enjoyed them and wanted to ensure I would enjoy Sixth Form. Next year I hope to attend Drama School and do a Musical Theatre course to help me pursue that career. I chose to stay at Oriel because throughout my journey in lower school the staff and environment always made me feel welcome and comforted. A highlight of my Sixth Form experience has been the number of opportunities for school trips, especially the Brighton trip at the end of Year 12.

I am studying Sociology, Business, English Language and Performing Arts, and next year I hope to get an Apprenticeship in Marketing. Choosing to stay at Oriel Sixth Form was a decision I made very early on because I knew my teachers would see me as an individual and be invested in my future success. The highlight of my Sixth Form experience has definitely been the trip to New York. It was such a fantastic and surreal opportunity that I think is so unique to our school.

I chose to remain at Oriel because of the wonderful time I had during my GCSE years. I recognised that I held an in-depth passion for my chosen subjects and would be supported by some incredible teachers, all of whom have helped me achieve the best results I can whilst allowing me to develop as an individual. After Sixth Form, I aspire to join the British Army through a specialised internship programme before studying History and Politics at university.





SIXTH FORM APPLICATION PROCESS

Key dates

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 22nd October 6-8pm

Applications open

Friday 23rd October

Applications close

Friday 8th January

Interviews

February / March 2027

Provisional offers made

Late March 2027

Deadline for replies

Thursday 25th March 2027

**Results day & enrolment:
Advice and guidance on
pathways**

Thursday 19th August 2027

Sixth Form Induction Day

Tuesday 7th September 2027