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**Comberton Village College Sixth Form – Admissions Policy for September 2019**

• <b>Committee:</b>	Finance Planning and Personnel
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Applications for admission to Comberton Sixth Form should be sent directly to the college, using the online application form at [www.ucasprogress.com](http://www.ucasprogress.com), by the published deadline.

Comberton Sixth Form is a level 3 centre offering a range of courses:

- Level 3 BTECs
- A-Level Qualification
- Level 3 Pre-U Qualification
- Level 3 Extended Project Qualification
- Level 3 Core Maths Qualification

For more specific details, please see the prospectus via the website [www.combertonsixthform.org](http://www.combertonsixthform.org) or contact the college on 01223 265470.

### **Entry Requirements**

#### **A-LEVEL COURSES**

##### **Minimum Entry Requirements:**

- A minimum of 5 grade 5s at GCSE, including at least a grade 4 in English and Maths
- For a number of our subjects we require grade 6s (or 7s) to be able to study particular course at A-Level

##### **Subject Specific Entry Requirements:**

- Minimum of a grade 8 in GCSE Maths is required for A-Level Double Maths
- Minimum of a grade 7 at GCSE is required for A-Level Maths
- Minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE is required for A-Level Biology, Chemistry, and Physics along with at least a grade 6 in Maths
- Minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE Computing (if studied) or a grade 6 in Maths is required for A-Level Computing
- Minimum of a grade 6 in Maths is required for A-Level Economics
- Minimum of a grade 6 is required for Art and Design, Dance, Drama and Theatre Studies, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Physical Education, RPE and Spanish, if taken at GCSE
- Minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE is required for A-Level Music and/or at least one instrumental/voice specialism to grade 5

- Minimum of a grade 6 in a humanities subject or English is required for A-Level Politics and Sociology

### **LEVEL 3 BTEC COURSES**

#### **Minimum Entry Requirements:**

- A minimum of 5 grade 4s at GCSE, including at least a 4 in English and Maths
- If a Level 2 BTEC forms part of the offer a Pass, Merit or Distinction will be required
- A maximum of 2 Level 2 BTECs or vocational courses will be considered

#### **Subject Specific Entry Requirements**

- For BTEC Business, students who have studied the GCSE require a minimum of a grade 4 or a pass at Level 2
- For BTEC Health and Social Care, a minimum of a Pass is needed at Level 2
- For BTEC Science, a minimum of a 4 in the GCSE single sciences or a 4,4 in Double Science will be needed
- For BTEC Sport, students who have studied GCSE PE require a minimum of a grade 4 or a pass at Level 2

### **LEVEL 3 PRE-U QUALIFICATIONS**

- A minimum of 5 grade 7s at GCSE

Exceptions to the above may be made in highly exceptional/personalised circumstances.

### **SPORTS ACADEMIES**

Comberton Sixth Form is offering Sports Academy places to outstanding athletes in the following areas:

- Golf
- Cricket
- Squash

To be accepted into a Sports Academy, students will need to be able to demonstrate excellence in their chosen sporting area. This may involve assessment by the relevant lead professional coach.

#### **Admission Number**

The Year 12 cohort is expected to exceed 200 students. Please note that the availability of places in certain curriculum subjects may determine if the oversubscription criteria detailed below needs to be applied.

Entry to Comberton Sixth Form will not be determined by a formal interview, but an informal guidance meeting will be held to advise students on appropriate course selection and expectations. A written reference will be sought from the current school as to the suitability or otherwise of the course and level being considered.

### **Oversubscription of Qualified Applicants**

The revised School Admissions Code allows the opportunity for over admission if the demand for available courses can be met (see section 1.43), the College reserves the right to apply the admission criteria below where the permitted flexibility is likely to prejudice the efficiency and effectiveness of Comberton Sixth Form's provision.

Those students who have a statement of special educational needs which names Comberton Sixth Form will be admitted if appropriate courses are available as deemed by the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

The admission criteria to be used in the case of oversubscription of first choice applicants are as follows:

- Students in Care, also known as Looked After Children (LAC) and children who were looked after but ceased to be so by reason of adoption, a residence order or special guardianship order
- Students who attend CVC, Students with a sibling at CVC and students who are currently on roll at a secondary Trust school
- Students who attend CAP\* schools or who currently live with their parent(s) in the Local Authority defined areas served by these schools
- Students who make an application from outside the CAP\*
- Students who are close to but do not meet the published entry requirements

### **Oversubscription in a Category**

Priority will be given to students living nearest to Comberton Sixth Form, as measured by a straight line. The distance, for admissions purposes, is measured using the straight line distance from the centre point of the home to the main student entrance to Comberton Sixth Form. For families who live outside the area covered by the Cambridgeshire mapping system, distances are determined using a combination of local maps and on-line resources.

Parents and students have a right to appeal against any decision refusing a Sixth Form place in a school with a Sixth Form. Appeals must be heard by an independent panel within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

### **Interview Policy**

Entry to Comberton Sixth Form will not be by formal interview, but an informal guidance meeting will be held to advise students on appropriate course selection and expectations.

We aim to offer guidance meetings to all appropriate first-choice applicants who meet the admissions criteria.

Second-choice applicants will be offered a guidance meeting based on the availability of suitable courses and, in the event of over-subscription in a particular area, the criteria above will be applied.

### **Cambridgeshire Area Partnership Schools**

Bassingbourn Village College, Bottisham Village College, Chesterton Community College, City of Ely Community College, Coleridge Community College, Comberton Village College, Cottenham Village College, Impington Village College, Linton Village College, Manor Community College, Melbourn Village College, Parkside Community College, Sawston Village College, Soham Village College, St Bedes School, Swavesey Village College, The Netherhall School, Witchford Village College.