



Admissions guidance for students who have not taken GCSE examinations

This guidance is designed to supplement our admissions policy and is for students who do not have GCSE results because they have:

- (i) Been educated at home and have not taken GCSE examinations
- (ii) Have been educated in another country and do not have GCSEs or equivalent qualifications
- (iii) Have been educated in another country and DO have GCSE or equivalent qualifications BUT for whom English is an additional language and who were educated in a different language

Our published admissions policy states that students must have a grade 5 GCSE in English and Mathematics to enrol at our Sixth Form. As a result, we do not offer GCSE courses in English and Maths. Where students have taken equivalent qualifications in another country, these (verified) results will allow students to enrol subject to them meeting other entry criteria for their chosen courses.

(i) Where English is the first language, students who have been educated at home or overseas and have not taken GCSEs or equivalent examinations

Students in this category are welcome to apply for Sixth Form but must demonstrate academic ability that will allow them to successfully access the A level curriculum. In order to demonstrate this, students will be required to:

- Take a GCSE Maths examination paper in controlled conditions in the Sixth Form to be marked by our maths teaching team. Students must achieve the equivalent grade to a grade 5
- Take a GCSE English (and literature as well if A level Literature is to be studied) examination paper in controlled conditions in the Sixth Form to be marked by our English teaching team. Students must achieve the equivalent grade to a grade 5

Students may also be asked to demonstrate an aptitude for their chosen A level courses which may include provision of written work completed at home prior to interview for review by A level tutors and may be asked to provide a portfolio of work for courses such as Art and Photography.

Students who wish to study courses such as Maths and Further Maths and/or some sciences will be required to demonstrate a grade 7 for Maths and grade 8 for Further Maths.

Places may be offered which are conditional on acceptance of additional academic or other support as Bohunt 6th deem appropriate to ensure any such student thrives successfully in our mainstream academic provision.



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(ii) **Where English is NOT the first language for students who have been educated overseas (or at home) and who do not have GCSE or equivalent qualifications**

Students in this category are welcome to apply for Sixth Form but must demonstrate academic ability that will allow them to successfully access the A level curriculum. In order to demonstrate this, students will be required to:

- Take a GCSE Maths examination paper in controlled conditions in the Sixth Form to be marked by our maths teaching team. Students must achieve the equivalent grade to a **grade 5**
- Take a GCSE English equivalent qualification. This can be taken at a local registered test centre or an equivalent test may be taken in the Sixth Form. Please note that only tests taken in registered test centres can be used as formal qualifications or evidence of English proficiency outside of Bohunt Sixth Form.

The British Council offers free online testing to give students an indication of their English proficiency level in advance of taking any tests.

<https://www.britishcouncil.es/en/english/register/children>

English proficiency tests at testing centres

There are three main types of tests that can be taken at a registered centre. There is a cost associated with these (around £300) but they are recognised by universities, colleges and the UK government and therefore are a good investment for students who expect to remain as students in the UK for a period of time.

Our most local testing centres are in Portsmouth but an internet search will provide details of the most appropriate centre for you.

English proficiency test at Bohunt Sixth Form

Bohunt Sixth Form is not a registered English proficiency test centre. There is no therefore no cost to the English proficiency test at Bohunt Sixth Form but it is not recognised outside of Bohunt Sixth Form.

Bohunt Sixth Form will use standardised materials from English proficiency tests to assess students' English proficiency. This will take place in controlled conditions at the Sixth Form and will be marked using standardised materials by our English team. Dates and details as well as useful preparation resources will be provided in the guidance meeting that follows an application to the Sixth Form.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY TESTS TAKEN AT REGISTERED SITES ARE FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS.

In either case, students should achieve a grade 5 GCSE equivalent as shown on the grid below.



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GCSE English	CEFR	IELTS
Grade 5	A2	3.0

Students wishing to study A levels in essay based subjects will need a higher standard of English in order to access the course and therefore, raw scores will be taken into account.

RECOMMENDED scores for essay based subjects including English, English Literature, History, Politics, RE and Philosophy are shown below:

GCSE English	CEFR	IELTS
Grade 7	B1	3.5.

Students may also be asked to demonstrate an aptitude for their chosen A level courses including through the provision of written work prepared at home prior to any interview for review by A level tutors and may be asked to provide a portfolio of work for courses such as Art and Photography.

Students who wish to study courses such as Maths and Further Maths and some sciences will be required to demonstrate a grade 7 for Maths and grade 8 for Further Maths.

Places may be offered which are conditional on acceptance of additional academic or other support as Bohunt Sixth Form deem appropriate to ensure any such student thrives successfully in our mainstream academic provision.

(iii) Students in (i) and (ii) above who have been educated in another country AND for whom English is an additional language and who were educated in a different language

Students in this category are welcome to apply for Bohunt Sixth Form but must demonstrate academic ability to read, write and comprehend English at a level which will allow them to access the A level curriculum.

Please see the guidance above regarding English Proficiency Tests.

All other equivalent qualifications will enable students to enrol on subjects of their choice providing they meet the entry criteria found in our course directory for each subject.

Students in any of (i), (ii) or (iii) above who are not able to meet the entry requirements may be offered a place in Year 11 as a mechanism for allowing them to reach the academic entry requirements for a subsequent application to Bohunt Sixth Form.