

Welcome

- External students continue to make an outstanding contribution to Latymer
- Academic programme of A Levels. No vocational courses or diplomas
- Opportunities for personal development: Extra curricular
- We are a school sixth form and continue to monitor and intervene.

External Applicants: Last year 2011 Entry

- Approx 180 existing Latymer students entered the Sixth Form
- 400+ external applicants
- 70 external applicants started at Latymer in September 2011

The Application Process

- Details at www.latymer.co.uk Admissions / Sixth Form Admissions / External Admissions
- There are 3 parts to the application.
- An Application Form: personal details and subject choices
- A personal statement, outlining academic interests and involvement in extra curricular activities.
- A test: The tests have been designed to emphasise rational thinking. Advanced preparation or revision is not required. If you are doing GCSEs you are capable of doing the test. Don't panic and do not be put off applying.

The Sixth Form Test

- The total test time is 91 minutes.
- The test is divided into three parts:
 - verbal reasoning (using words and sentences): 25 minutes
 - quantitative reasoning (using numbers): 36 minutes
 - non verbal reasoning (using patterns without words or numbers): 30 minutes
- Each section will start with a marked example and some practice questions.

The Sixth Form Test

- Candidates will take the test on **Saturday 28th January** at Latymer School and you should have received notification of your allocated time by 16th January 2012. If not contact the school.
- There are **no** practice materials or past papers for these tests so please do not contact the school.

Selection Process

- There is a post code criterion. Please check the website for details.
- The test will be used to rank students
- A conditional offer will be made to the 60 to 80 highest ranked students. This is dependent on spaces being available in your selected subjects
- This offer will be 6 grade As at GCSE, including grade As in your chosen subject choices (where applicable.) This also applies to internal candidates. To do Further Maths you will need A* in Maths.
- Students who fail to get a conditional offer but sat the test are welcome to contact the school after GCSE results. The deadline is 12 noon the day after GCSE results are released
- If they meet the conditional offer and spare capacity in their chosen subjects exists we may be able to offer additional places. Each year between 10 and 15 students get offers in this way.
- No places will be offered to students who did not sit the entrance test regardless of GCSE results.

Available spaces

- We tend to be heavily oversubscribed for the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics
- We tend to be undersubscribed for the following subjects: Art, Design and Technology, Drama, Latin, Russian, Media, PE, Latin and Sociology
- Therefore your chances of getting a conditional offer will be greater if you select a combination of undersubscribed subjects with Economics, English, French, Geography, History, Music, Politics and Religious Studies
- Your greatest chance of getting a conditional offer is if you select a combination containing all undersubscribed subjects
- You will not be allowed to switch to the oversubscribed subjects once you have a conditional offer

A Level Programme: 4 not 5

- Your conditional offer will consist of 4 AS Levels.
- No evidence that students with 5 get better university offers than those doing 4: Better to get higher AS scores in 4 than lower in 5
- Universities expect you to have a range of other experiences and these are time consuming
- You may be sitting additional university tests
- We expect you to make a contribution to school life
- You need time to enjoy yourself and relax
- With limited places priority will go to students who select a subject as one of their main four rather than an additional 5th option.

Timeline

- The Open Evening is Monday 7th November 2011 at 6pm
- The Closing Date for applications is Friday 16th December 2011 at 4pm
- Notified of exact test time Monday 16th January 2012
- Test date is Saturday 28th January 2012
- You will be notified about your place by the end of March. If you have an issue with this date please contact me to discuss.