



## Application Procedure Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

Admission to our Sixth Form for the 2020/21 academic year will open in January 2020.

Sixth Form students follow a two-year GCE A Level or BTEC curriculum. Students can only be admitted into Sixth Form (Year 12) at the beginning of each academic year.

The 2020/21 Sixth Form Options Booklet containing course details and entry requirements can be downloaded from the 'how to apply' page of our website.

### COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- Please ensure that ALL sections of the online application form are completed.
- Supporting documents must be uploaded at the time of application via the online checklist. This includes:
  - Copy of applicant's passport
  - Copy of Residence visa and Emirates ID (overseas students have 45 days from joining to submit)
  - Copy of both parents' Emirates ID (overseas parents have 45 days from child joining to submit)
  - Most recent school report including last end of year report
  - Actual or Predicted GCSE/IGCSE grades if transferring from a British curriculum school
  - For students applying from other curricula, please provide a CAT4 report completed within the last six months, if available
  - Completed sixth form options form
  - If applicable, any learning support reports, such as Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or external assessments
  - Photos
- Payment of the AED 500 application fee must be submitted at the time of application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Failure to disclose any relevant information may compromise your child's application.

### ENTRY ASSESSMENT

- Students applying from other international curricula, will be required to sit an entrance assessment and attend an interview. If you are able to submit a CAT4 test report, which has been completed within the last six months, and entrance assessment may not be necessary.

## INTERVIEW

- Applicants will be invited to an interview with a member of our Sixth Form Team to discuss their suitability for further study and subject choices.

## OFFER LETTER

- Applicants will be placed on a waiting list if there are no places available at the time of application.
- Successful applicants will receive an offer letter and terms of acceptance by email. Offers for Sixth Form will be conditional upon achieving the required GCSE/IGCSE grades for the chosen A Level or BTEC subjects. To accept the place, you must return the terms of acceptance, accompanied by a non-refundable tuition fee deposit of 10% of the annual fees. This will be deducted from the first term's tuition payment.

## FINAL INTERVIEW

- Once GCSE results are released in August, external candidates who have been offered and have accepted a place, will be invited to a Sixth Form Registration Day to confirm their subject choices.

## PAYMENT METHODS

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit/debit card at our Accounts office during the college's working hours. Payment can also be made via bank transfer. Please email a copy of the transfer receipt to [chiefaccountant@englishcollege.ac.ae](mailto:chiefaccountant@englishcollege.ac.ae) so that your payment can be tracked.

The English College bank details are as follows:

<b>Bank</b>	Emirates NBD, Dubai, UAE
<b>Account Name</b>	The English College Dubai
<b>Account No.</b>	1015369717201
<b>Swift Code</b>	EBILAEAD
<b>IBAN</b>	AE580260001015369717201

Please take into account any bank charges when you are making your payment.

## LEAVING CERTIFICATES

Once you have been offered and have accepted a place for your child, please note that students joining The English College from within Dubai will be required to provide a KHDA Leaving Certificate from their current school.

Students joining The English College from outside of Dubai will be required to provide an official Leaving Certificate from their current school. This document may need to be attested depending on the country of origin. Please ask the Registrar for a sample document if required.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar on [admissions@englishcollege.ac.ae](mailto:admissions@englishcollege.ac.ae) or by telephone on +971 4 394 3465.

## Sixth Form Pathways for Academic Year 2020-21

At the English College, we offer pathways that create a personalised, meaningful, and challenging timetable for our students. In the UK there has been a major shift in the Sixth Form curriculum with the majority of schools only offering three A Level subjects at Key Stage 5. Most universities offer their places based on three subjects at A level or equivalent. The English College will only offer a route equating to more than three A Levels to those students who have demonstrated outstanding GCSE results.

The three main academic pathways offered are:

1. GCE Advanced Level (A Levels) Only Pathway
2. BTEC - Level 3 Qualifications Pathway
3. Blended A Level and BTEC Pathway

### 1. GCE ADVANCED LEVEL (A LEVEL) ONLY PATHWAY

Students can study three A levels over Year 12 and 13. In the majority of subjects students, at the end of year 12, will take the AS exam in that subject. In a minority of subjects students will only sit exams at the end of year 13.

#### Requirements for this route:

- A student must have a total of six 9-5 (A\*-C) (I)GCSE grades
- **If a student is wishing to study four A levels, they must have achieved five or more grade 8 or 9 (A-A\*) at (I) GCSE.**

### 2. BTEC LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS PATHWAY

Students can choose to study two BTEC courses. The College offers BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (equivalent to two A Levels, 10 lessons a week) and BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Travel and Tourism (equivalent to one A Level, 5 lessons a week).

BTECs enable a learner-centred approach to education, with a flexible, unit-based structure and knowledge applied to project-based assessments. BTECs focus on the holistic development of the practical, interpersonal and thinking skills required to be successful in employment and higher

education. There are no external assessments and the student completes assignments which are marked by the teacher and then externally verified.

**Requirements for this route:**

- A student must have a total of four 9-4 (A\*-C) (I)GCSE grades
- Entrance onto the BTEC courses are at the discretion of the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher of the Senior School

**3. BLENDED A LEVEL AND BTEC PATHWAY**

The English College has developed its option blocks to suit a combination of BTECs and A Levels. Students can select two A levels and BTEC Travel and Tourism or one A Level and BTEC Diploma in Business. Both routes will give the equivalent of 3 A Levels.

**Requirements for this route:**

- A student must have a total of **five** 9-5 (A\*-C) (I)GCSE grades and must satisfy the entrance requirements for the A Level course they want to enroll in.

**INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS**

We recommend that a student attains a minimum of a grade 6 at (I)GCSE to gain access entry onto an A level course. All entry criteria are used as a guide to ensure that a student will be successful in a specific subject area. If the student has not taken that subject at (I)GCSE then English, Mathematics and/or Science grades will be considered by the Senior School leadership team.

Certain subjects require higher GCSE grades to ensure success at A level:

**Mathematics** - Students require a minimum of 7 at (I)GCSE.

**Science** - Biology, Chemistry and Physics require the minimum of 8 in Combined Science at (I)GCSE or a minimum grade of 7 in that science if the student completed the Separate Science course.

## SIXTH FORM COURSES

Subject	Qualification	Exam Board
Art & Design	A Level	Edexcel
Biology	IA Level	Oxford AQA
Business	A Level	Edexcel
Chemistry	IA Level	Oxford AQA
Computer Science	A Level	AQA
Drama & Theatre Studies	A Level	Edexcel
Economics	A Level	Edexcel
English Literature	A Level	Edexcel
French	A Level	AQA
Geography	A Level	AQA
History	A Level	Edexcel
Law	A Level	AQA
Mathematics	IA Level	Pearson
Media Studies	A Level	AQA
Music	A Level	Edexcel
Physical Education	A Level	Edexcel
Physics	IA Level	Oxford AQA
Politics	A Level	Edexcel
Psychology	A Level	AQA
Sociology	A Level	AQA
Spanish	A Level	AQA
Business	BTEC Diploma	Pearson
Travel and Tourism	BTEC Extended Certificate	Pearson
Extended Project Qualification	EPQ	Edexcel

### **NOTE:**

- The highlighted courses do not have an AS qualification and students will need to take them for the full 2 years in order to achieve a qualification.
- If you are an Arabic passport holder, then you will need to take Arabic for year 12.
- Muslim students are required to study Islamic at year 12.
- The BTEC Extended Certificate is the equivalent of one A Level.
- The BTEC Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels.
- Some courses may not run if there are insufficient numbers for the course.

**For further details about the courses on offer, please download the Sixth Form Options Booklet from the admissions page of our website.**