

Application Procedure

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

Sixth Form students follow a two-year GCE A Level or BTEC curriculum. Students can usually only be admitted into Sixth Form (Year 12) at the beginning of each academic year. Entry after this time will be limited to those who have successfully started their A Level/BTEC course elsewhere and whose courses and examination boards are in alignment with those at the College.

Year 12 applicants will be required to indicate their preferred Sixth Form subject choices when applying. Full A Level and BTEC course details and entry requirements for the 2021/22 academic year will be published in January 2021. In the meantime, please download the 2020 Sixth Form Options booklet from the 'how to apply' page of our website to give you an idea of our current subject options and entry requirements.

COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- The online application form can be accessed at <https://englishcollegedubai.openapply.com/>
- Please ensure that ALL sections of the online application form are completed and that you click on 'submit' once you have reviewed the details entered.
- 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
 - When available, 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

· All applicants will be required to sit an entrance assessment and attend an online interview. If the applicant is able to submit a CAT4 test report, which has been completed within the last six months, an entrance assessment may not be necessary.

INTERVIEW

· All applicants will then be invited to an online interview with a member of our Sixth Form Team to discuss their suitability for further study and subject choices.

OFFER LETTER

· Successful applicants will receive an offer letter and terms of acceptance by email. Offers for Sixth Form will be conditional upon achieving the required (l) GCSE grades for their chosen A Level or BTEC subjects. For applicants coming from other international curricula, offers are conditional upon submission of a satisfactory End of Year Report and review of their CAT4 scores.

· To accept the place, you must return the terms of acceptance, accompanied by a tuition fee deposit of 10% of the annual fees. This will be deducted from the first term's tuition payment.

· The tuition fee deposit is non-refundable, except in the event that the applicant does not achieve the required entry grades and we are unable to offer any mutually agreeable alternative subjects.

SIXTH FORM OPTIONS EVENING

· Applicants will be invited to attend the Sixth Form Options Evening in January 2021 and will be required to submit their chosen subject choices based on the available option blocks.

FINAL GCSE RESULT VERIFICATION & ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION

· Once GCSE results are released in August, external applicants who have been offered and have accepted a place, should submit their results to the Admissions team. In the case of applicants who are transferring from a different curriculum, their End of Year Report should be submitted when available. Results and reports will be reviewed by the Sixth Form team and applicants will be sent a confirmation of enrolment and subject options. If entry requirements are not met, you will be contacted by a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss alternative options.

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment can be made via:

- **Bank transfer***
- **Cash deposit at an ENBD branch***
- **Cheque drop-off** at our security gates
- **Credit card** through the Skiplly app. To enable a credit card payment through this app, please email accountant@englishcollege.ac.ae with your child's name.

The English College bank details are as follows:

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

*For bank transfer and cash deposit payments, please email a copy of the payment receipt to accountant@englishcollege.ac.ae and admissions@englishcollege.ac.ae so that we can track your payment. Please take into account any bank charges when you are making your payment.

LEAVING CERTIFICATES

Students joining The English College from within Dubai will be required to provide a KHDA Leaving Certificate from their current school at least one week before the start of the academic year.

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 or by telephone on +971 4 394 3465.

Sixth Form Pathways for Academic Year 2021-22

At The English College, we offer pathways that create a personalised, meaningful, and challenging timetable for our students. Keeping inline with the majority of UK schools, we offer 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 3 main academic pathways offered are:

1) GCE Advanced Level (A Levels) 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
- The College will review a students application to study four A levels on a case-by-case basis. As an indicator we would expect the student to have achieved a minimum of 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 currently 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 students complete 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 Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher of the Secondary 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 three 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 Entrance Requirements

We recommend that students attain a minimum of a grade 6 at (I)GCSE in the subject to gain access entry onto an A level in the same subject. For example, if a student wishes to study History A level, they should have attained a minimum of a 6 at GCSE. 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 Secondary School leadership team to determine suitability for a course.

Certain subjects require higher (I)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 7, 7 in Combined Science or 7 in Separate Science (Biology, Physics, Chemistry) at (I)GCSE [1] [2]

Our knowledgeable and supportive Secondary School leadership team will meet with students and parents to ensure that all students are taking the most suitable courses for their ability and future plans.

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.