



## Post 16 Admissions Policy and Criteria for September 2017

These criteria are founded within our School ethos which provides a caring, friendly and safe environment for all members of our community.

## **1 Sixth Form Admissions September 2017**

- 1.1 Pupils already attending Heston Community School in Year 11 and who meet the academic standards required by the School will normally transfer directly in to the School's Sixth Form in the September following the publication of GCSE results. Applicants from other schools who meet the same academic standards will be admitted using the criteria set out below. These standards will be reviewed annually
- 1.2 The academic standards required by the School for study at post-16 level are as follows:

Year 11 students will be sitting the new style GCSE assessments in English and Mathematics whilst all other subjects will maintain the existing arrangements in the Summer Examinations for 2017.

English and Mathematics grades will be graded using numbers on a 1–9 scale, with 9 being the highest. There is no neat overlap between the new and old grading systems. Additionally, the new A levels have become more challenging. The entry criteria below will provide a broad indication of our expectations concerning requirements to begin a course. Given this is the first year of the new assessment in English and Mathematics, we expect there will be a need to assess student's suitability for courses on a more individual basis if the full requirements are not met. One to one conversations with a Senior Leader on the day of enrolment will make the final decision for students who do not automatically fulfil the entry requirements.

### **A Levels**

Students must have achieved a Grade 5 in English and Mathematics and an average point score of 43 in the remaining subjects. In addition to this minimum entry requirement, it is preferable for students to have achieved at least GCSE Grade B/6 in any subject that they intend to study at A level.

However, the following subject specific requirements will apply:

AS Further Mathematics      Grade 7+ in GCSE Mathematics

A Level Mathematics              Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

A Level Biology                    Grade BB in GCSE Double Science

A Level Chemistry                Grade BB in GCSE Double Science

A Level Physics                    Grade BB in GCSE Double Science

A Level Sciences will expect students to also have a Grade 6 in Mathematics

### **BTEC National**

You must have achieved a minimum Grade 4 in English and Mathematics and an average GCSE Point Score of 37 – 42<sup>1</sup> for the remaining subjects.

### **VCERT Diploma in Business: Sales & Marketing (Level 2)**

You must have achieved a minimum Grade 3 in English and Mathematics and an average GCSE Point Score of 30 – 36<sup>1</sup>.

### **GCSE English**

You will have achieved below a grade 4 in GCSE English.

### **GCSE Mathematics**

You will have achieved below a grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics.

Where courses are oversubscribed, students' average GCSE point score, English and Mathematics grade will be used to allocate places.

1	<b>Old GCSE Point Scores</b>	<b>New GCSE Point Scores (English and Mathematics)</b>
	A* = 58 points	A* = 8 points
	A = 52 points	A = 7 points
	B = 46 points	B = 6 points
	C = 40 points	C = 5 points (2017 only 4 points = Pass)
	D = 34 points	D = 4 points
	E = 28 points	E = 3 points
	F = 22 points	F = 2 points
	G = 16 points	G = 1 point

## **1.3 Sixth Form Application Process**

Autumn Term – Open Evening

January, Spring Term - External Candidates Interviews (1)  
March, Spring Term - External Candidates Interviews (2)  
Summer Term - External Candidates Interviews (3)  
Late August - Sixth Form Enrolment Day