



The Sixth Form

March 2025

Dear Student,

We are now on the next step of the process for applicants to the Joint Sixth Form.

If you have not yet applied but are considering Sixth Form there is still time, so please do fill in the form and Mrs Walters will contact you to discuss possible ways forward.

Please be aware that the basic entry criteria for A Level courses of **five GCSE passes at grade 5 or above** is the same as, or more demanding than, other local providers. To help with our planning, please indicate on the form the likelihood of you joining our Sixth Form.

You now need to select the **three A Level courses** that you wish to study from the four columns on the form. If you select BTEC Sport Extended Diploma (equivalent to three A Levels), you need to do so in all three columns with 'BTEC Sport'. If you select BTEC Sport Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels), you need to do so in both 'Dip' columns and choose a complementary A Level. Unfortunately, some courses will not run next year due to low expressions of interest, so these subjects do not appear in the columns. ***If you have any issues, or are considering four A Level courses, please contact your Head of Sixth Form as soon as possible.***

All A Level students should select at least **one enrichment** course. Details of the courses are below.

Ideally, all forms should be completed online using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GptpLzV0Ma>

Alternatively, forms can be submitted to Reception at Beaminster, or emailed to LBaker@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

All completed forms must be returned by **Friday 25th April 2025**.

We will do all that we can to support our Sixth Form students, however, it is worth reminding you of the challenge you should expect in the Joint Sixth Form; exams in Year 13, which cover the two year linear courses, are demanding, so you will need to approach your studies with commitment, hard work and resilience.

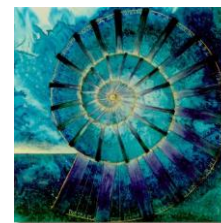
Sixth Form Induction will take place in the summer term. This is a chance for students to meet their new classmates, visit both school sites and take part in induction activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs Walters: SWalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Finally, let us take this opportunity to wish you all the best in the summer. Try your best, work hard and demonstrate just how good you are! Good luck!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Walters and Mr Adam Teasdale
Heads of Sixth Form
Beaminster School and The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Joint Sixth Form Options Form

Ideally, complete the form using the link below by **Friday 25th April** at the latest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GptpLzV0Ma>

Alternatively, please complete the form below and hand in to Reception.

Name Tutor Group

Step 1. Select **3 subjects** that you wish to study from the four columns B – E (only one subject per column).
Write your choices in the space provided below the option blocks

OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D	OPTION E
Core Maths Further Maths EPQ Ancient History Financial Studies Food Enrichment	BTEC Sport Dip. Sociology PE Physics Biology Spanish Art	BTEC Ext. Dip English Language Film Studies English Literature Psychology Music Tech Computer Science	BTEC Sport Dip. Psychology Geography Biology Maths History Art	Philosophy & Ethics Drama Business Studies Chemistry Photography Maths
Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here
<p>*Remember BTEC Sport <u>Extended</u> must be selected in columns B, C and D BTEC Sport <u>Diploma</u> must be selected in columns B and E plus an extra A Level to complement</p>				

Step 2. Select at **least one** of the enrichment options listed below.

Core Maths	Select Core Maths if you are <u>not</u> taking Maths A Level but intend to take any Science subject: Psychology, Geography, or Business Studies. One year course.
EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)	Select EPQ if you want to work independently (in a university style) to produce an essay or artefact on a topic of your choice. Two year course.
Further Maths	A Level qualification available only to students taking Maths A Level. Two year course.
Ancient History	An 'AS' qualification. Two year course.
Financial Studies	An 'AS' equivalent qualification. One year course.
Food Enrichment	A course designed to help you cook balanced and nutritious meals. Ideal for university! One year course.

Note: Maths and English GCSE retakes are compulsory for any student who does not achieve a grade 4.

Step 3. I confirm that it is my firm intention to enrol in The Joint Sixth Form: **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

If **NO**, please provide details of your intended place of study / employment:

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Step 4. Return your completed form by **Friday 25th April 2025**.