

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ENTRY TO SIXTH FORM: SEPTEMBER 2021

**Please complete all fields and give names in block capitals.**

Student's Full Name (surname, first names):	
Date of Birth:	Gender (please tick):    F            M
Title, Initial and Surname of Parent/Guardian :	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Parental Telephone No:	Parental Email address:
Present School:	
British Citizen (please tick):            YES        NO <i>(If NO, please provide evidence of residency status)</i>	

Any GCSE results so far:

**Applicants may submit a separate statement detailing their extra-curricular interests and any prizes or distinctions that they have achieved, either within or outside school.**

### A LEVEL CHOICES:

A		B		C		D	
Biology*		Biology*		Biology*		Art*	
Chemistry*		Chemistry*		Chemistry*		Biology*	
Economics		Economics		Computer Science		Chemistry*	
French*		English Literature*		Economics		Further Mathematics*	
Geography*		Further Mathematics*		German*		Geography*	
Geology		History*		Mathematics*		History*	
Mathematics*		Mathematics*		Music*		Mathematics*	
Politics		Physics*		Physics*		Physical Education	
Psychology		Product Design*		Politics		Physics*	
Religious Studies		Spanish*		Psychology		Religious Studies	

- Students should choose **three or four** options within A-D by placing an 'x' in the box next to each preferred subject, and if they have chosen three, should leave the other option column blank. We encourage most students to study 4 A-levels. Students choosing Further Mathematics must also choose Mathematics and two other subjects.
- **Please tick only one box per column.**
- In order to study subjects marked \*, the student must have studied that subject at GCSE, and must have achieved at least a grade 7 (excepting Further Maths which requires a grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics). For Economics and Physical Education, the student need not have studied the subject for GCSE, however if they did, they should only consider the A-level course viable if they gained at least a grade 7. For English Literature, the student must have grade 7 in both English Literature and English Language. For science courses, the student must have a grade 7 in the separate subject GCSE (e.g. Biology) or in Additional Science. For Music, in addition to a GCSE grade 7, the student must also have obtained Grade 5 in Theory of Music and in an instrument at the time of admission to the School.
- Please note that, depending upon demand, we may subsequently adjust the groupings. This may render certain combinations of subjects impossible. Students who have been given offers will be informed if this affects them.
- Students who have an interest in studying a combination of subjects currently prohibited by the option block structure above are free to include a note with their application giving details. In such cases, however, students should still complete the grid, indicating a combination of subjects which they would pursue should the alternative provision they request be unable to be accommodated.

Signature of Student:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

1. If using the paper application form, it should be returned to Sixth Form Admissions, Westcliff High School for Boys, Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 0BP.
2. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Sunday 31 January 2021**.
3. The entry threshold for entrance to the Sixth Form is 52 points, calculated from your best eight subjects. A grade 9 is worth 9 points, an 8 is worth 8 points and so on. You must also achieve at least a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.
4. Non-GCSE qualifications will count only as a single subject, attracting 7 points for a Distinction, 5.5 for a Merit and 4 for a Pass. A Distinction (starred) will count for 8.5 points.
5. On receipt of an application, we will contact your current school to request predicted grades.
  - a. Where those predicted grades indicate that the 52 point entry threshold is unlikely to be met, applicants will be notified immediately.
  - b. In all other cases, as the number of applications normally exceeds the number of places available, it will be necessary to establish the applicant's position within the rank order of merit based upon those GCSE predictions. Offers will therefore be made during February-March 2021, according to :
    - i. The estimated number of places available; and
    - ii. The applicant's position in the rank order.
  - c. Occasionally, applicants may be contacted, and possibly invited in to school, if there is a need to discuss the application, in terms of subject choices, grades, etc.
6. Applicants who receive an offer will be expected to confirm acceptance in writing. If that acceptance is not received by the date specified on the offer letter, it will be assumed that the application is being withdrawn and the place will be offered to another applicant.
7. Please do not make frivolous acceptances to offers. While it is understandable that an applicant would wish to have an insurance offer from another institution, accepting offers from multiple Grammar Schools simply prevents other worthwhile candidates from receiving an offer of a place.
8. Changes to subject choices can only be made post-offer if there is space available. No guarantees are given and no assumptions can be made about the possibility of subject change; offers made are valid only for the subjects to which they refer. Where numbers of students applying for a particular course (or a particular course in a particular block) require us to change our timetable, we will contact students affected and inform them of the choices available to them.
9. Applicants who accept their offer, and therefore are declaring that Westcliff is their first choice for Sixth Form education, will be expected to attend any Sixth Form Induction Course organized by WHSB. Arrangements for the Induction Course will be given to offer holders once Summer examination arrangements have been finalized nationally, and any Induction Course would take place later in July. The school will assume that students who do not present themselves for Induction wish to withdraw their application and may make a late offer of the place to another candidate.
10. Once GCSE results have been published on Friday 27 August, applicants are asked to visit the school, to confirm their intentions, no later than 4.00 pm on that day. If this is not possible due to the pandemic, alternative online arrangements will be made for students to enrol. Where a student has anxieties about their choices, advice will be available in school on Results Day. We would expect all decisions to have been finalized by 4pm on that day. In circumstances where the school is not contacted, we shall assume that an applicant is not intending to take up their place and it will be offered to another candidate.
11. Confirmed places will be subject to receipt, by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 31 August, of a copy of the student's official results statement. Students will also be required to provide, and no later than 4.00 pm on Thursday 2 September (the first day of term for WHSB students), completed personal details forms and a signed Sixth Form Home-School Agreement in advance of being able to take up their place.

Thank you for your interest in the Sixth Form at Westcliff High School for Boys and I look forward to receiving your application.

Mr A. McGee  
Director of Sixth Form Studies