

Comberton Village College Sixth Form – Admissions Policy for September 2025

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Applications for admission to Comberton Sixth Form should be sent directly to the college, using the online application form at www.mychoice16.co.uk by the published deadline.

Comberton Sixth Form is a level 3 centre offering a range of courses:

- Level 3 BTECs
- A-Level Qualifications
- Level 3 Cambridge International Project Qualification (IPQ)
- Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Level 3 Core Maths Qualification

Students can also access a GCSE (Level 2) re-sit course in English Language and Mathematics if they have not achieved the required grade 4.

For more specific details, please see the prospectus via the website www.combertonsixthform.org or contact the college on 01223 265470.

Entry Requirements

LEVEL 3 BTEC COURSES

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- A minimum of 5 grade 4s at GCSE (for those without at least a 4 in English and Maths it is a requirement to complete a resit)
- If a Level 2 BTEC forms part of the offer a Pass, Merit or Distinction will be required
- A maximum of 2 Level 2 BTECs or vocational courses will be considered

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

Business	If taken as GCSE then at least a 4 If completed Level 2 then need at least a pass
Sport	If completed Level 2 then need at least a pass Students must participate in a regular sporting activity outside of college
Health & Social Care	If completed Level 2 then need at least a pass

A-LEVEL COURSES

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- To study three A-Levels, a minimum of 5 grade 5s at GCSE (for those without at least a 4 in English and Maths it is a requirement to complete a resit)
- To study four A-Levels*, a minimum of 5 grade 7s at GCSE (including at least a 4 in English and Maths)

*A trial of four A-levels is available to Year 12 students to assist with course selection/decision making during the first half term.

Additional Subject Specific Entry Requirements:

Art and Design	6 in Art at GCSE
Biology	6 in GCSE Biology if doing single sciences Or 6,7 in GCSE Trilogy Science 6 in Maths
Business	5 in GCSE Maths If taken as GCSE then at least a 4 If completed Level 2 then need at least a pass
Chemistry	6 in GCSE Chemistry if doing single sciences Or 6,7 in GCSE Trilogy Science 6 in Maths
Computing	6 in GCSE Maths 6 in Computing if taken at GCSE
Dance	6 in Dance if taken at GCSE
Double Maths	Grade 8 or 9 at GCSE Mathematics.
Drama and Theatre studies	6 in Drama if taken at GCSE
Economics	6 in Math GCSE
English Language	6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature
English Literature	6 in GCSE English Literature
Environmental Science	5/5 in Trilogy Science or a grade 5 in Biology and Chemistry if taken as 'single sciences' 5 in Maths 5 in English 5 in Geography if studied
Film Studies	6 in a humanities subject or GCSE English
French	6 in GCSE French
Geography	6 in GCSE Geography
German	6 in GCSE German
Politics	A 6 in a humanities subject or GCSE English
Graphic Communication	None
History	6 in GCSE History
Maths	7 in GCSE Maths
Music	6 in GCSE Music, if taken and at least one instrument/voice to Grade 5 If music is not taken at GCSE then Grade 5 or above in an instrument and theory is required.
Music Technology	None
Photography	None
Physical Education	6 if taken at GCSE if not then 6 in Science Must be participating in sport at club level on a regular basis
Physics	6 in GCSE Physics if doing single sciences Or 6,7 in GCSE Trilogy Science 6 in Maths
Psychology	6 in GCSE English or a humanities subject 5 in maths If taken at GCSE then require a 6
Philosophy	6 in Religious Studies if taken at GCSE Or 6 in a humanities subject
Sociology	6 in a humanities subject or GCSE English
Spanish	6 in GCSE Spanish

LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT QUALIFICATION

- A minimum of 5 grade 7s at GCSE
- Exceptions to the above may be made in highly exceptional circumstances and for those with an EHCP or designated LAC.

Admission Number

The Year 12 cohort is expected to be up to 250 students. Please note that the availability of places in certain curriculum subjects may determine if the oversubscription criteria detailed below are applied.

Oversubscription of Qualified Applicants

The revised School Admissions Code allows the opportunity for over admission if the demand for available courses can be met (see section 1.43), the College reserves the right to apply the admission criteria below where the permitted flexibility is likely to prejudice the efficiency and effectiveness of Comberton Sixth Form's provision.

Those students who have an EHCP which names Comberton Sixth Form will be admitted if appropriate courses are available as deemed by the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

The admission criteria to be used in the case of oversubscription of first choice applicants are as follows:

- Students in Care, also known as Looked After Children (LAC) and children who were looked after but ceased to be so by reason of adoption, a residence order or special guardianship order
- Students who attend Comberton Village College, Cambourne Village College or Melbourn Village College (Trust schools) at the time of admission
- Students who attend CAP schools or who currently live with their parent(s) in the Local Authority defined areas served by these schools
- Students who make an application from outside the CAP

Oversubscription in a Category

Priority will be given to students living nearest to Comberton Sixth Form, as measured by a straight line. The distance, for admissions purposes, is measured using the straight line distance from the centre point of the home to the main student entrance to Comberton Sixth Form. For families who live outside the area covered by the Cambridgeshire mapping system, distances are determined using a combination of local maps and on-line resources.

Parents and students have a right to appeal against any decision refusing a Sixth Form place in a school with a Sixth Form. Appeals must be heard by an independent panel within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Interview Policy

Entry to Comberton Sixth Form will not be by formal interview, but an informal guidance meeting will be held to advise students on appropriate course selection and expectations. These guidance meetings will normally be scheduled in February/March. A written reference will also be sought from the current school as to the suitability or otherwise of the course and level being considered.

- We aim to offer a guidance meeting to all appropriate first and second choice applicants who meet the admissions criteria
- Third-choice applicants will be offered a guidance meeting depending on the availability of suitable courses

In the event of over subscription in a particular area, the criteria above will be applied.

Cambridgeshire Area Partnership (CAP) Schools

Bassingbourn Village College, Bottisham Village College, Chesterton Community College, City of Ely Community College, Coleridge Community College, Comberton Village College, Cottenham Village College, Impington Village College, Linton Village College, Melbourn Village College, North Cambridge Academy, Northstowe Secondary College, Parkside Community College, Sawston Village College, Soham Village College, St Bedes School, Swavesey Village College, The Netherhall School, Trumpington Community College, Witchford Village College.