

The Sixth Form @ The de Ferrers Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Have I got a place in the Sixth Form?**

If you meet the minimum entry criteria you will have a place to study in the Sixth Form. You will also need to make sure you have met the subject entry criteria for your subject choices. You will not hear from us; if you have achieved the necessary grades your place is automatically confirmed.

2. **Can I change my subject choices?**

Yes you can provided you meet the subject entry criteria for your new subject/s choices. You will also need to check the pool sheet (you will find the latest version on the academy website) so it does not clash with your other subjects (you can only pick one subject per pool). Once you have checked you meet all entry criteria and the pool sheet you will need to complete the summer work appropriate to your subject choices. This is available on the academy website. You can discuss your options at your interview.

3. **I didn't apply for the Sixth Form, is it too late?**

If you meet our entry criteria you can download an application form from the academy website and submit this using the email address: sixthform@deferrers.com. You will also need to complete summer work appropriate to your subject choices (available on the academy website) in preparation for starting in September. Once you have submitted your application form a member of staff will be in touch with you to arrange an interview time. If you are an external student you will also need to submit a copy of your GCSE results.

4. **I now meet the entry criteria, can I come to the Sixth Form?**

If you meet our entry criteria you can download an application form from the academy website and submit this using the email address: sixthform@deferrers.com. You will also need to complete the summer work appropriate to your subject choices which can be found on the academy website. Once you have submitted your application form a member of staff will be in touch with you to arrange an interview. If you are an external student you will also need to submit a copy of your GCSE results.

5. **I no longer meet the subject entry criteria for one or more of my subjects. What do I do?**

As long as you meet the minimum academy entry criteria you will be able to choose another subject/s. Firstly, you will need to check the subject entry criteria for your new subject/s choices. You will also need to check the pool sheet to make sure it fits (you can only pick one subject from each pool). Once you have checked you meet all entry criteria, and the pool sheet, you will need to complete the summer work appropriate to your subject choices which is available on the academy website. You can discuss your options further at your interview.

6. **I do not meet the minimum academy entry criteria. Should I still attend my interview?**

We are unable to offer you a place in the Sixth Form if you have not met the minimum academy entry criteria. We would strongly advise that you look at what other options are available to you as delaying this may affect your chances of being accepted somewhere else.

The following contacts might be useful:

Burton College Careers Advice www.bsdc.ac.uk

National Apprenticeship Website www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

7. **I'm currently at a different school. Is it too late to apply to the de Ferrers Sixth Form?**

If you meet our academy entry criteria you can download an application form for external students from the academy website and submit this, along with a copy of your GCSE results to: sixthform@deferrers.com. You will also need to complete summer work appropriate to your subject choices (which is available on the academy website) in preparation for starting in September. Once you have submitted your application form a member of staff will be in touch with you to arrange an interview.

8. I completed my GCSEs a year ago. Am I still able to apply for the Sixth Form?

Due to the overwhelming number of applications we have received for September we are only able to consider applications for students who have completed their GCSEs in the summer of 2019.

9. Can I pick 4 subjects?

We strongly recommend that students stick to 3 A levels. However, if a student has achieved 10 Grade 7s and above they might like to consider a fourth subject. See FAQ 2.

10. Can I resit any of my GCSEs?

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any GCSE resit examinations.

11. Can I change my interview time?

We should be able to offer you an alternative interview time. You will need to email sixthform@deferrers.com. Please put 'Interview time' in the subject bar.

12. Do my parents need to attend the interview with me?

Your parents are very welcome to attend but this is not compulsory. It is likely that your interview may only last a few minutes.

13. How long will my interview last?

The vast majority of interviews will only last a few minutes. If there are changes to your subject choices your interview might last a little longer.

14. Do I need to wear my uniform for my interview?

Yes. However, if you are unsure if you will definitely be staying you may not wish to buy a uniform until you have confirmed your place. If this is the case formal wear is expected.

15. Where can I buy a tie?

You will be able to buy a tie for £7 on GCSE results day or from reception at the Sixth Form Campus from Wednesday 4th September.

16. Where can I get a lanyard?

You will be able to collect a new lanyard at your interview.

17. I have contacted the academy and no-one has got back to me. What do I do?

Most academy staff are not onsite during the summer holidays. A member of the Sixth Form team will respond to emails (sent to sixthform@deferrers.com) usually within 5 working days if the query is not already answered by this document.