

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 13 – 2017/2018

There are two strands to the entry requirements for St Michael's College;

- (a) Academic Criteria and*
- (b) Good Conduct*

All students must make a formal application to enter Year 13 after they receive their GCSE results.

**Interviews will take place in St Michael's College**  
only for  
**Year 12 pupils currently at St Michael's College and who wish to return to study at A Level**  
on  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**An Open Evening will take place**  
for  
**Year 12 pupils from other schools who wish to study at A Level in St Michael's College**  
on  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

### 1. Academic Criteria

St Michael's College will consider for admission to Year 13 only those students who have demonstrated a level of academic ability appropriate to Post-16 studies.

***Entry to Year 13 is dependent upon;***

- (a) Students achieving Grade C in at least five GCSE subjects including English or Mathematics. However given the specific subject requirements indicated in (b) Five grade C results does not guarantee entry to Post-16 studies.

**NB: All Universities require GCSE Mathematics and English.**

*and*

- (b) Students meeting the academic criteria stated in the Careers Booklet in the subjects to study at AS/Applied A-Level.

**2. In light of the nature and assessment structure of Applied A-Levels and of the learning approach required for these courses the following criterion will be applied.**

Evidence of ability to complete with minimum direction, GCSE coursework to a satisfactory standard and to meet all prescribed deadlines for submission.

**3. Good Conduct Criteria**

- (a) The College will consider for admission to Year 13 only those boys who have a consistently positive record of good conduct, attendance, punctuality and attitude in Years 8 – 12.
- (b) Applicants who have taken GCSE examinations in the College will be assessed by the College Principal and Senior Management in relation to matters mentioned in (a) above.
- (c) Applicants from other schools must provide a reference from the Principal of their previous school or from a Deputy acting on behalf of the Principal giving their record under (a) above.

**4. Subject Areas**

The school reserves the right to decide

- (a) That a course of study in a subject is 'filled' and that there are no more places available.
- (b) That because of his previous academic record a particular choice of subject is unsuited to an applicant.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 1. The Board of Governors delegates to the Principal and a Selection Committee consisting of at least two others the responsibility of applying the criteria above.
- 2. St Michael's College is a Voluntary Grammar School. A Capital Fee of £100 is levied on all pupils annually and will be collected by Direct Debit.
- 3. Application to attend the College is presumed to indicate a willingness on the part of pupils to accept and observe school rules and regulations and a willingness on the part of parents to support the school's aims and objectives.

## **SUBJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

**The following are subject specific requirements that are necessary to gain entry into individual subject areas to study at A Level. These are additional to the minimum entry requirements.**

Pupils must gain grade **B or higher** in the equivalent GCSE subject to gain entry into the following subjects:

**Biology** (BB or higher in GCSE Science Double Award or a B in GCSE Biology)

**Geography** (B grade at GCSE is a minimum requirement)

**History**

**Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry** (GCSE PE at grade B **OR** a CC in GCSE Science Double Award)

**Religious Studies**

**Technology**

**AS Business** (Recommended that students have grade B or above in English Language)

**Government and Politics** (A grade B in any of the following: History, Geography, RE, English Literature)

**Digital Technology** (A grade B in GCSE Maths and a keen interest in ICT)

Pupils must gain grade **A or higher** in the equivalent GCSE subject to gain entry into the following subjects:

**Mathematics** (Must have achieved grade A at GCSE Mathematics. In exceptional circumstances, a student who has not achieved a Grade A in GCSE Mathematics but who has passed GCSE Additional Mathematics may be considered)

**Modern Languages** (French, German and Irish. A grade **A** is strongly recommended)

**Art** (A grade **A** is strongly recommended in GCSE Art)

**Chemistry** (Students wishing to take Chemistry at AS Level should have a score of 70% or above in the individual Chemistry module of GCSE Science: DA)

**Physics** (Students wishing to take Physics at AS Level should have a score of 70% or above in the individual Physics module of GCSE Science: DA)

**English Literature** (GCSE English Language at Grade A or GCSE English Literature at grade A)

**Music** (Must have achieved GCSE Music grade A. A grade 5 in the practical exam is expected also)

Pupils must meet the following GCSE grades to gain entry into the following subjects:

**BTEC Construction** Applicants must meet the minimum college entry requirements and then each applicant will be dealt with on an individual basis.

**Business & Management** (Formerly Applied Business)-Grade C or higher in GCSE Business Studies.

St. Michael's College have, and will continue to, take into account individual circumstances in exceptional cases. Ultimately St. Michael's College have to ensure that your son has the capability to successfully complete A levels and the above guidelines are to ensure that your son is placed in the subjects that are best suited to his needs according to his ability.