



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Post Year 11 OPTIONS other than staying at QMGS

Background

The QMGS 6th form entry requirements are **54 points** obtained in your best 8 subjects, including a grade 6 in Maths and English (either Literature or Language) and a grade 7 in the A-level subject to be taken.

Introduction

The aim of this resource is to provide alternative OPTIONS to studying A-levels at QMGS, such as post 16 study at another education facility or an apprenticeship.

What to do next...

1. Continuing with A-levels (and/or vocational subjects) at another school
2. Apprenticeships
3. Further Education (Vocational qualifications)

Other MAT schools

Aldridge School, 01922 743988

A-Levels: Minimum of five Grade 5s or above in separate subjects. A minimum of a Grade 5 in English or Maths and at least a Grade 4 in the other. Additional entry criteria are also specified for each subject on the relevant prospectus pages.

Vocational: Minimum of five Grade 4s or above in separate subjects. A minimum of Grade 4 in English or Maths and at least a Grade 3 in the other. Students will be required to retake either Maths or English where they obtained a Grade 3. Additional entry criteria are also specified for each subject on the relevant prospectus pages.

Shire Oak school, 01543 452518

A-levels: Average Point Score of 4.5 or higher (Maths and English Language: – obtained at grade 4 or higher). However you must have achieved the required grades for your chosen subject.



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Vocational: Average Point Score of 4.0–4.4 (At least a grade 4 in either Mathematics or English Language. You must retake GCSE English Language or Maths where a 4 or above is not Achieved).

Other Local schools

Streetly school, 0121 353 2709

A-Levels Total point score 37 or higher from best 7 GCSEs including English Language and Mathematics graded 5 or higher

Mixed programme (A-levels and/or vocational) Total point score of 31 or higher from best 7 GCSEs including English Language and Mathematics graded 4 or higher

Other Grammar schools

BVGS, 0121 250 5400

A minimum score of 52 points will be required to gain entry to Sixth Form, Admission to the Sixth Form is based on performance in a student's best 6 GCSE subjects plus GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

Aston, 0121 327 1130

Minimum seven passes at grades 5–9, including at least grades 6 in English and Mathematics. In order to study a subject at A-level a student must have achieved at least a grade 7 at GCSE in that subject

Local Colleges

Walsall, 01922 657000

Vocational: 5 GCSEs at grades 4 or above including English Language and/or Maths both at grade 4 or above

Sutton Coldfield, 0121 446 4545

A-Levels: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above however you will need a Grade 5 in Maths, English and Double Science, or a Grade 5 in your chosen Single Science subject.

Vocational: For Level 3 advanced You will need a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Science, Maths and English.



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2. Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you'll:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

An example of a company that assist with apprenticeships:

<https://www.3aaa.co.uk/apprentice/>

There are many agencies that advertise apprenticeships:

<https://www.indeed.co.uk/jobs?q=Apprenticeships&l=Walsall&jt=apprenticeship>

Walsall College offer a link to a number of apprenticeships:

<https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/jobs/psidebar/apprenticeship-jobs>

3 Further Education

Walsall Studio School

Students will be expected to have grades 4+ at GCSE.

A Vocational Specialist Pathway provider using Tutorial / Personal Coaching, Work-related Live Projects, Commissions and Work Experience/Placements.

The main vocational pathways are:

Business Social Enterprise, IT & Creative Computing (Business), Music & Music Technology, Performing Arts, Broadcast, Digital & Social Media, IT & Creative Computing (Digital Media) and Design and Applied Arts (Interactive Media and Visual Communication)



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BTECs

BTECs are work-related qualifications. There are three main types: BTEC Firsts (a Level 2 qualification), BTEC Nationals (a Level 3 qualification) and BTEC Higher Nationals (a Level 5 qualification).

BTEC Nationals are the ones that are equivalent to A-levels, recommended for those who have achieved at least four A*-C grades at GCSE. There are over 250 qualifications to choose from covering a range of industries.

Unlike A-levels, BTEC Nationals are assessed through coursework rather than exams and focus on skills that are relevant to the workplace.

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/qualifications-you-can-take/btec-diplomas>

National Vocational Qualification

An NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) is what's commonly referred to as a 'competence-based' qualification. Students are assessed 'on-the-job', where an NVQ assessor measures an individual's performance when undertaking a particular process or task.

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/qualifications-explained/nvqs-svqs-keyskills-vocational-skillsforlife>

What to do now..

1. Contact the individual school/further education provider/apprenticeship to find out their admissions policy and to see if they have a place (this is a priority as PLACES will fill fast!)