

Reading School - Admission to Year 12 in September 2026
Frequently Asked Questions regarding Offer of Places

Q	I have been offered a place at Reading School but have not had any communication from the school itself.
A	Communication via Applicaa was sent to students w/c 9 th March. If you have not received your email by 16 th March please contact the school via sixthformadmissions@reading-school.co.uk
Q	I qualify for entry with 56 predicted GCSE points or above, but I have not received an offer. Why?
A	Reading School has received an unprecedented number of applications this year and regrettably we have been unable to offer a place to all qualifying applicants. Places have been offered based on predicted GCSE scores and availability in the combination of subjects requested.
Q	How many Sixth Form applications were received?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 156 Internal Applications • 371 External Applications • 483 Day Applications • 44 Boarding Applications
Q	How many places are available in the Sixth Form?
	The school offers around 180 places for entry into the Sixth Form each year which includes 12 weekly boarding places. In a typical year about 145 internal students will qualify to enter the Sixth Form, leaving a minimum of 35 further places for external students. The school will offer additional places if there is availability in certain subjects.
Q	What was the cut off points score for external day applicants?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 points - for applicants wanting to study Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics • Lower point offers were made to some students who had selected less subscribed subjects.
Q	Waiting List
	With regret we have had to place a number of qualifying students on our waiting list because we do not have availability on our courses. We will contact you if we are able to offer you a place prior to the 26 th June 2026. If we do not contact you by this date, please do contact us on GCSE results day if you are still interested in a place at Reading School. Occasionally students withdraw creating vacancies.
Q	I wanted to study 4 A-levels but I have only been offered 3 A-levels
	The minimum points score to study 4 A-levels is 64 GCSE points. You have been offered 3 subjects because your points score is below 64 or because there are no available places in a subject.
Q	Four versus Three A-levels
A	Currently more than 60% of applicants for the Sixth Form at Reading School have applied for four or more A-levels, 50% of Sixth Formers in the past two years have ended up taking just three A-levels in Year 13 rather than the four they started with. The overwhelming priority for any student in deciding how many A-levels they start with should be a consideration of what gives them the best possible chance of three top grades, as the overwhelming majority of University offers are made on the basis of three grades. We have a high percentage of students going to elite universities and taking three A-levels does not prevent them from doing so. The only discernible advantage of taking more than three has been noticed for "early entry" university applicants applying for Oxbridge or Medical courses. If you have opted to take four A-levels, we would encourage you to consider your workload and whether your fourth option might prejudice your achievement in the other three. We find that every year half of the cohort end up withdrawing from one subject in an untimely manner, when it would have been to their advantage to start with three

Q	How many applications were received for each A-Level subject?	
A	A-Level Course	Applications
	Mathematics	481
	Physics	263
	Chemistry	244
	Further Mathematics	212
	Economics	168
	Biology	149
	Computer Science	136
	History	44
	Geography	58
	Philosophy	14
	Spanish	13
	French	7
	Classical Civilisation	5
	English Literature	16
	Theatre Studies	5
German	22	
Physical Education	15	
Fine Art & Photography	9	
Music	6	
Latin	8	
Q	I have not been offered my preferred choice of the A-level subjects	
	This will be because we are full in the subjects that you want to study and places have been offered to students predicted the highest GCSE grades. Alternatively, it may be because the subjects you have requested are not compatible with the finalised option blocks. In this situation we aim to offer your reserve subject.	
Q	Can I change my subjects?	
	It is not possible to change your subjects until GCSE results day. There will be the option then to request a subject change. We always endeavour to accommodate student requests if possible, but can make no guarantees that this will be possible.	
Q	I would like to meet with your Senco	
	Please email sixthformadmissions@reading-school.co.uk if you would like to meet with our Senco, and an appointment can be arranged.	
Q	Year 12 Bursary Fund	
	The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to support Sixth Form student who are eligible for free school meals. Please email tevans@reading-school.co.uk for further information.	
Q	Catchment Area	
A	A reminder that if you live outside of our catchment area and have applied for a day place, the Schools Admissions Policy states that places will be offered to qualifying applicants who reside within the catchment area at the time of application. Applicants for day places from outside the catchment area will only be considered if all the available places cannot be filled by students from within the catchment area or by boarders.	

Q	Sixth Form Handbook and Summer Reading List
A	The Sixth Form Handbook and Summer Reading List will be emailed to all applicants in receipt of an offer at the end of June, when the GCSE exams have concluded.
Q	Sixth Form Transition Days
A	Students in receipt of an offer will be invited to attend two Sixth Form Transition Days on 2 nd and 3 rd July 2026. Attendance at these days is not mandatory. Boarding applicants will be invited to spend the evening in boarding on Tuesday 2 nd July 2026.
Q	Consultation Meetings for External Applicants
A	All external applicants in receipt of an offer will be invited to attend a consultation meeting with a member of staff. The purpose of this meeting is to get to know you as well as discuss the suitability of subjects chosen to study at A-level. The meetings will be scheduled to take place during the Transition Days on the 2 nd and 3 rd July 2026.
Q	Sixth Form Registration Day
	Sixth Form Registration Day will take place on Thursday 20 th August 2026. Further information with regards the registration process will be emailed before the end of the summer term.
Q	Can I appeal?
A	<p>If your child is not offered a place at the school of your choice, you have a right to appeal against this decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. In appealing, you should feel that there are very good mitigating circumstances for your son not gaining a place at Reading School which you believe affected his performance on the day of the entrance test. Please also consider the appeal in light of your son's overall score and ranked position.</p> <p>Appeals should be lodged to:</p> <p>School Appeals Clerk, Committee Services, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU</p> <p>Julie Quarmby – Tel: 0118 937 2368 – Email: julie.quarmby@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>Jemma Durkan – Tel: 0118 937 2432 – Email: jemma.durkan@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>Andrew Wood – Tel 0118 937 2744 – Email: andrew.wood@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>You can find information on the appeals process or submit an appeal online by clicking here</p> <p>For entry in September 2026, the deadline for submitting an appeal is 1st September 2026.</p> <p>Appeals will normally be heard during May or June.</p>