

Reading School

Admission to Year 12 in September 2019

Frequently Asked Questions



Q	What is the minimum points score requirement for Reading School for entry in September 2019?
A	The minimum points score for entry into Reading School in September 2019 is 54 points from your top 8 GCSE. Meeting or exceeding the qualifying score only means that the candidate may be offered a place at Reading School because, if the number of applicants exceeds the Admission Number for 2019 the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please see our Admission Policy for Entry into Sixth Form in September 2019 on our website for more details on our oversubscription criteria.
Q	How do I apply for the Sixth Form?
A	All Internal and External students are asked to complete the online application form which can be found at the following link: https://www.reading-school-admissions.co.uk/ . The online application process commences on 1 st December 2018 and closes on Friday 25 th January 2019.
Q	How many external applicants were admitted in 2018?
A	A total of 90 external students were admitted in 2018.
Q	Did every applicant (internal and external) get to study their preferred option choices?
A	Where possible we will accommodate as many option choices as possible. However, not all applicants will be able to study their first choice subjects due to some subjects being oversubscribed. If a subject is oversubscribed and all sets are at full capacity, students with the lowest predicted grades may be asked to choose an alternative subject or take up their reserve choice.
Q	Can I change my option choices?
A	After offers have been made, any requests to change subject into a department that is oversubscribed will be put on hold until GCSE results are published. At this point a combination of the best 8 GCSE point scores and the mark achieved in the relevant subject will be used to determine ranking.
Q	The option blocks appear to have every subject available to select. How does this work?
A	Option blocks are in place to optimise the number of students who are able to study their preferred combination of subjects. We will therefore look at all option choices after the deadline of 25 th January and work on our blocks to accommodate as many selections as possible. However, the option blocks are anticipated to be as per page 9 of the Sixth Form Information Booklet.
Q	Do I have to take a test or be interviewed as part of the admissions process?
A	No tests or interviews will take place as part of the admissions process. Once offers of places have gone out, all students who receive a conditional offer will be invited to a consultation meeting to discuss subject options, career pathways and extra-curricular interests. The purpose of these appointments is to make transition into the Sixth Form as easy as possible. In addition, all successful applicants will be expected to attend the sixth form registration day on Tuesday 27 th August 2019 to confirm subject choices, to sign a sixth form agreement and to confirm GCSE results.
Q	My son currently lives and studies overseas and is not taking GCSEs. What do I need to do?
A	For entry into the Sixth Form, students must have achieved the equivalent of a total of at least 54 points from 8 GCSE subjects and at least a grade 5 at GCSE in Maths and English Language or a DfE recognised equivalency. For students studying other exam boards we ask you to contact NARIC direct at: www.naric.org.uk . NARIC may be able to convert grades for alternative qualifications into a GCSE equivalent. All NARIC statements will need to be emailed to the admissions department at Reading School.
Q	Why do students wishing to study Chemistry, Economics or Physics need a minimum of 60 points if they are wanting to study four A Levels?
A	We are aware that students studying Chemistry, Economics or Physics as part of four A Levels are very often aspiring towards the most competitive university admissions. Students in this position are not well served by achieving anything less than top grades and historically students with slightly lower GCSE profiles have underperformed when taking four A Levels including one or more of these subjects. To achieve well in four A Levels requires a track record of significant independent study especially in these challenging courses. Therefore, if you wish to study four A Levels and opt for one or more of these subjects, then you need a minimum of 60 points.
Q	How do I find out more about boarding?
A	For year 12 entry in September we will have 12 weekly boarding places available. Tours of the Boarding Houses will be available at the Sixth Form Open Evening. We will also be offering a "trial evening" in boarding for applicants who attend the Consultation Meetings scheduled in March.

Q	When do I need to register formally for a sixth form place following my conditional offer?
A	Registration for internal students of Reading School will take place after students have received their GCSE results on Thursday 22 nd August 2019. External applicants are asked to send an electronic copy of their examination results to the admissions office by 11am on Thursday 22 nd August 2019. They are then asked to attend a sixth form registration on the morning of Friday 23 rd August 2019. Further details will be sent out with conditional offers in March 2019.
Q	Which postcodes make up Reading School's designated area?
A	<p>RG1, RG2, RG4, RG5, RG6, RG7, RG8, RG10, RG12, RG18, RG19, RG30, RG31, RG40, RG41, RG42, RG45.</p> <p>RG9 1, RG9 2, RG9 3, RG9 4 & RG9 5 RG14 1, RG14 2, RG14 3, RG14 5, RG14 6 & RG14 7 RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6 & part of RG20 7 (east of A34) RG26 3, RG26 4 & part of RG26 5 (north of A339) RG27 0 & parts of RG27 8 & RG27 9 (north of M3)</p> <p>GU15 1, GU15 2, GU15 3 & GU15 4 GU17 0 & GU17 9 GU19 5 GU46 6 & GU46 7 GU47 0, GU47 8 & GU47 9</p> <p>OX10 0, OX10 8, OX10 9 & part of OX10 6 (south of A4130) OX11 9</p> <p>SL4 4 SL5 0, SL5 7, SL5 8 & SL5 9 SL6 1, SL6 2, SL6 3, SL6 4, SL6 5, SL6 6 & SL6 7</p> <p>For a map of the designated area, please see: Map of Designated Area</p>