



## St Martins Admissions Policy

This document contains the specific policies and information related to gaining entry to St Martin's School.

### Entry Requirements

At St Martin's Sixth Form, all students must meet the entry requirements of a minimum level of overall success at GCSE:

- The minimum requirement is that all students achieve 5 A\*- C grades in order to study at AS Level.
- It is important to note, although students who have obtained a Grade C at GCSE will generally be admitted to AS Level, some subjects require a minimum of a B grade to enter that particular AS Level subject in order for students to cope with the demands of the course.
- A minimum of a C grade is required for AS Level, if students wish to continue a subject and have not met the minimum requirement of a C grade, they must re-sit in Year 12 and attend all re-sit lessons.
- Failure to meet these requirements will result in withdrawal from the Sixth Form.

### Sixth Form

- We aim to provide a broad range of subject choices and have varied subject entry requirements in order to ensure success at AS and A Level.
- All students should undertake four AS subjects or the equivalent in Year 12.
- The Welsh Baccalaureate is optional at St Martin's, but is highly recommended and is often chosen by students in Year 13 to gain advantages and experiences for entry into University.
- It is expected and often the case that students will reduce to three A Level subjects in Year 13 due to meeting the demands and pressures of their chosen courses, and is predominantly based on their AS grades.
- For students to continue into A2 Level, they must have gained 2 or more passes (Grade A\*-E) at AS Level. (Each student will be considered on an individual basis).
- Additional advice on apprenticeships and career opportunities can be obtained from the Sixth Form Team and Careers Wales Advisor based in the Sixth Form House and Careers Wales Office.
- The A-Level timetable will be finalised in the Spring Term in which we attempt to accommodate all student's options, including external students.
- It is important to remember that courses will only run in Year 12 if there are sufficient numbers. In such cases, courses may be available within our partner schools.
- St Martin's Sixth Form also allows for Partnership students. If another school offers a subject/s we cannot accommodate to and vice versa, we will allow and support students to attend both School's in order for them to continue further study to reach their full potential.



- Support is available for the Sixth form, from the Sixth Form Team and Subject Tutors. Regular meetings will be held to discuss any issues, monitor academic progress, discuss student's wellbeing and inform on any updates.

### External Students Application and Procedure

#### **Application Form**

- All external students must complete an Application form which can be found on the School Sixth Form Site.
- Candidates must provide a *copy* of their most recent exam results along with their application form.
- Candidates must choose a maximum of four of their preferred subjects.
- Application forms must be submitted via email to [sixthform@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk).

#### **School Reference**

- We will request confidential references from candidates' schools.

#### **Offers**

- Offers will be made and candidates will be notified via post, telephone or email.
- Both Candidates and the School will await for the GCSE results and if the minimum requirements are met, then the candidate will be successful.

#### **Please Note:**

- The online application form for 2020 entry is now available.
- If you have any questions about registration for this point of entry, please email [sixthform@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk)
- Please note we are not currently accepting registrations for St Martin's Sixth Form 2021 and beyond.

