



**D'OVERBROECK'S
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Sixth Form admissions process

Joining our Sixth Form

Due to high numbers of applicants, we strongly encourage you to come and visit us as early as possible. Usually, you would come to an Open Event first and then follow this up with an individual visit on a school day – although we are happy to arrange for you to do this the other way around.

Entry requirements

Our Sixth Form entry requirements are dependent on whether you are a UK or international applicant:

UK applicants

- Six grade 6s at GCSE or equivalent
- At least a grade 6 at GCSE will be required in any subject that you want to study at A-Level
- At least a grade 7 in GCSE Maths to study Maths A-Level or at least a grade 8/9 for Further Maths
- Minimum grade 5 at GCSE in both Maths and English

International applicants

- Local equivalent of six grade 6s at GCSE
- Students whose first language is not English must also demonstrate at least upper B2 or above on the Common European Framework (IELTS 6 or 6.5 and above in all skills). Please note that international students are expected to continue with English as an Additional Language in the Sixth Form to support their other studies.
- International students will usually be required to sit our entrance exams in English and Maths.

The application process

Our application process is designed to get to know you as an individual and for you to find out more about being part of the d'Overbroeck's community.

Attend an Open Event

Open Events offer you a way to hear about what many of our students and parents say is what makes d'Overbroeck's special – its environment. They will talk of it having a “friendly, encouraging, unstuffy, family atmosphere” where we are ambitious and celebrate success but want the journey to be



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as interesting as the destination. We focus on the things that matter and there is a real sense of mutual respect between staff and students – to a degree you won't find in many other schools.

Apply

The next step is to make an application using our online Application Form. This is where you tell us about your predicted grades, you will give us a recent school report and write a 250-300 word personal statement about why you are interested in joining d'Overbroeck's. This is your chance to tell us everything that is important to you as we will refer to your application during your interview.

Come for an interview

Once you have submitted your application, we will arrange for you and your parents or guardians to come in and have an interview with a member of our Sixth Form Senior Leadership Team. This is a great chance for us to get to know you better, to discuss your possible subject options at A-Level, and for you to decide if d'Overbroeck's is the right place for you. Interviews usually take place with Alasdair MacPherson, our Head of Sixth Form.

Accept an offer

Once your interview and any entrance exams have taken place (applicable for international students), we will then decide whether to offer you a place. We will also contact your current school to request a reference. An offer will be dependent on a combination of factors such as your current school reports, predicted grades, interview, reference, and any exam results (where applicable). If all entrance requirements are met, we would be delighted to offer you a place! All offers are in place for 3-4 weeks to allow you time to respond.

Prepare to join d'Overbroeck's

After you accept your offer, we will be in touch with all the information you will need to prepare to join d'Overbroeck's. We understand that joining a new school can be a daunting experience, and we endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible. Ahead of joining us in September, we will invite you to attend a Lower Sixth Welcome Day in the Summer Term. This is a great way to meet your subject teachers and Director of Studies and to get to know other students. The first day of term is an induction day where you will collect your coursebooks, receive your timetable and can familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. The first few weeks of term also include various ice-breaker activities to help you settle in.



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Any questions?

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