

Admissions Policy 2027/28 Consultation Frequently asked questions

My child is in Year 11 at CCHSG – what will the impact of the proposed changes be?

Students currently studying in Year 11 will enter the Sixth Form in 2026 and will study their full 2 year A Level programme at CCHSG as per our current Sixth Form cohort.

My child is in Years 7-10 at CCHSG – what will the impact of the proposed changes be?

Our traditional curriculum offer will all be taught at CCHSG. However, to maintain our broad curriculum subject areas where the teaching will be shared both at CCHSG and The Gilbert will be PE and Music. Boys core PE will be based at The Gilbert School and girls core PE will be based at CCHSG. The Gilbert School have a selective entry for Music. The Gilbert School would also be able to offer Design Technology.

Will the proposed changes mean that that CCHSG Sixth Form is no longer selective?

The CCHSG Sixth Form will remain a selective grammar school Sixth Form.

The **selective** entry requirement will remain unchanged.

The minimum entry requirement is 4 GCSEs at Grade 7 or above and 2 GCSEs at Grade 6 including English Language and Mathematics at a minimum of Grade 6. Students will be required to achieve at least a Grade 7 in each GCSE subject they wish to study at A Level. Those students wishing to take A Level Music will also require Associated Board Grade 5 Music Theory and Associated Board Grade 5 Music Practical in addition to the GCSE grade requirements outlined above.

For A Level subjects not studied at GCSE, each subject has a specified entry qualification:

- for Classical Civilisation, Economics or Religious Education a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature
- for Psychology a Grade 7 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Grade 6 in Mathematics
- for Further Mathematics a Grade 8 or above in GCSE Mathematics
- for PE a Grade 7 in Biology. The practical assessment in A Level PE is not part of the taught course. It is therefore expected that students are competing at a high level in an AQA recognised sport (see AQA website) outside school
- for Computer Science, an equivalent level 2 IT or Computer Science qualification. If Economics, Psychology, Religious Education, Computer Science or PE, have been studied at GCSE then the entry requirement will be a Grade 7 in the subject to be taken at A Level.

Do students from other schools join CCHSG for their A Level studies?

The current admission policy is that each year up to 50 students, who meet our entry criteria, join the Sixth Form. This will not be changing and is similar to other selective schools.

What is the admissions policy with regard to oversubscription?

If the school is oversubscribed admission will be given to those children who meet the entry requirements in order:

- i) applicants who are currently Looked After Children⁴ or Previously Looked After Children⁴ who meet the entry criteria. ⁴ See Appendix 1 of the admissions policy for definitions of these categories

- ii) current Year 11 students from Colchester County High School for Girls who meet the entry criteria
- iii) applicants from the Alpha Trust secondary schools who meet the entry criteria
- iv) all other applicants who meet the entry criteria

What will the name be of the coeducational Sixth Form?

We have taken feedback regarding the working title of our selective Sixth Form and the ongoing working name will be Colchester Grammar VI.

Which subjects will be taught at The Gilbert School from September 2027?

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How will students travel to and from The Gilbert school?

Students will have a timetable that would facilitate travel to and from The Gilbert School by CCHSG minibus.

Is this a merger with The Gilbert School?

No - the Sixth Form will continue to be based at CCHSG.