

Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

Sixth Form

Taster sessions and application



Why come here?

KLB Sixth Form Students

- Excellent role models
- Confident
- Resilient
- Respectful
- Caring and kind
- Altruistic
- Tremendous strength of character
- Strong sense of community
- Work in partnership with school
- Growth mindset
- Ambitious
- Motivated
- Independent



Why come here? Progress

This really matters



Official Progress 2019 (exams)



115 providers in
Gloucestershire, South
Gloucestershire and
Wiltshire

1 grammar achieved better
progress

0 comprehensives achieved
better progress

Independent
Comprehensive
Grammar

School	School Type	LA	Av Grade	Value added
	Grammar	Glos	B+	0.44
KLB School	Comprehensive	Glos	B-	0.41
	Comprehensive	Glos	B-	0.34
	Independent	Glos	B	0.30
	Comprehensive	Glos	B	0.29
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C+	0.25
	Grammar	Glos	B	0.21
	Grammar	Glos	A	0.21
	Grammar	Glos	B+	0.18
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	0.16
	Independent	Glos	B-	0.14
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	0.12
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C-	0.12
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	0.10
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	0.09
	Comprehensive	Glos	C+	0.09
	Independent	Glos	B-	0.08
	Independent	Glos	B-	0.08
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C+	0.07
	Comprehensive	Glos	A	0.06
	Comprehensive	S Glos	B-	0.06
	Comprehensive	Glos	B-	0.05
	Grammar	Glos	B	-0.01
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	Comprehensive	S Glos	C	-0.05
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	-0.07
	Comprehensive	Glos	C-	-0.08
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	-0.08
	Independent	Glos	C+	-0.09
	Grammar	Glos	B-	-0.13
	Comprehensive	S Glos	E	-0.16
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C-	-0.19
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	Comprehensive	Glos	C	-0.21
	Comprehensive	Glos	C	-0.23
	Comprehensive	Glos	C-	-0.23
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C	-0.27
	Comprehensive	S Glos	D+	-0.29
	Independent	Glos	C+	-0.29
	Comprehensive	S Glos	C-	-0.3

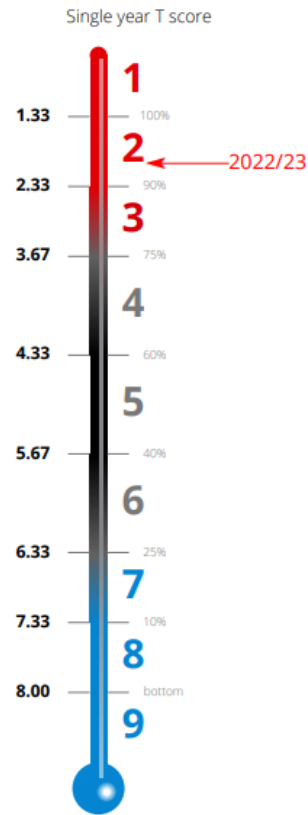
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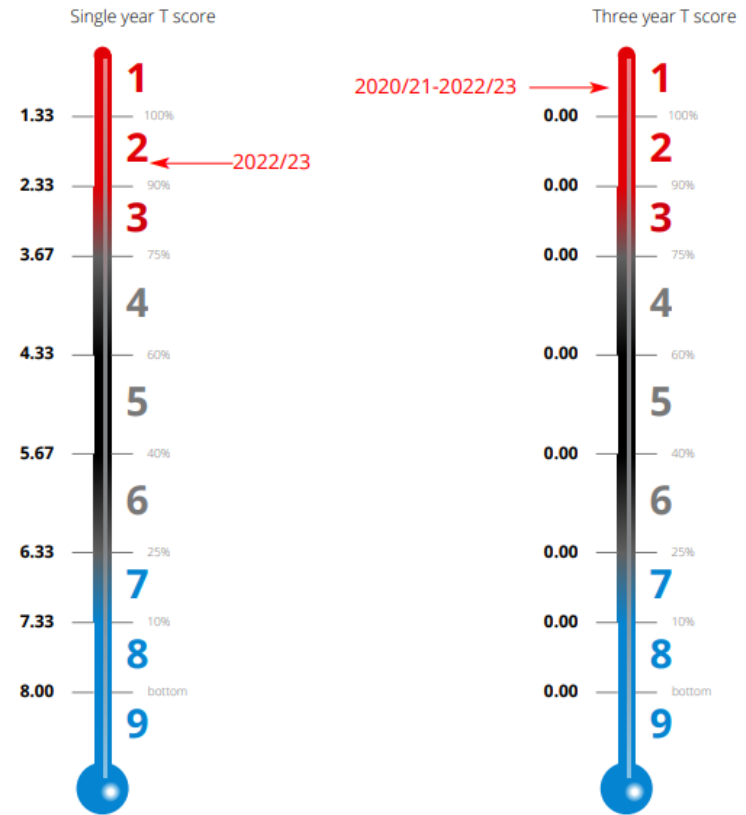
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Why?

High expectations and fantastic ethos

Excellent teaching and strong leadership

Supportive environment

Great opportunities



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Physics

Sociology



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Sociology

Physics



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No! Most students start with 4, but not all.....



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No! Not at all.....



Biology

	Cirencester	Hartpury	Cotswold Edge	Castle	Rednock	KLB
Biology	6	6	6	6 (+1)	6	6
Combined Science	66	66	66	66	66	56
Maths	5	6	6	6	5	5
English	5	4	5	X	5	X

Spanish

	Cirencester	Hartpury	Cotswold Edge	Castle	Rednock	KLB
Spanish	6		6			6
English	4		5			X
Maths	4		4			X

Psychology

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Combined Science	X	X	66	55	4	X
Maths	5	6	4	5	4	5
English	4	6	5	5	5	5

Entry Requirements

- 3 Grade 5 and 2 Grade 4 passes at GCSE
- GCSE grade requirements for each A level course
- For most subjects, a Grade 5 is required in that subject at GCSE
- Grade 6 for mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics and languages
- For new subjects?
- Grades for viable programme of study – at least 3; in most cases 4 subjects

Courses offered

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Chinese

Design Technology

Drama

Economics

English Literature

Film Studies

Fine Art

French

Geography

Computing

Graphic Art

History

Japanese

Mathematics

Mathematics (Further)

Music

Photography

Physical Education

Physics

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Food Science and Nutrition

Taster sessions

Wednesday 31st January

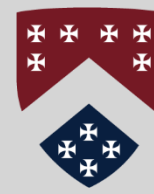
Thursday 1st February

- A-level style lessons to give you a taste of the subject at A level
- An opportunity to find out about the teaching/learning style for the subject
- A chance to ask questions

Taster sessions

Next steps:

- MS forms form shared today
- Select up to 7 choices of subject
- Mrs Price will organise individual timetables to accommodate as many of your choices as possible
- Timetables will be shared
- You will go to the taster sessions in place of normal lessons on Weds 31st/Thurs 1st

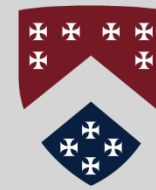


How to Choose Courses

- Career consideration
- Continuing with subjects from GCSE
- Content appeals and assessment suits
- New subjects
- Research
 - university/apprenticeship websites
 - ‘preferred/facilitating subjects’
 - Russell Group <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>
 - UCAS further education
 - must look at GCSE requirements too e.g. teaching
- Balance, breadth and works as a package
- Not more than two practical subjects
- Both business studies and economics?
- Talk to us



Application Timeline



**SIXTH
FORM**

With effort comes reward

w/b 27 November: Application form was posted online

5 January: Taster session form emailed to students

12 January: Taster session form closes

17 January: MS Teams online Q&A for parents and students

w/b 22 January: Taster individual timetables

31 Jan & 1 Feb: Taster sessions

2 February: Application choices MS Form opens

6 February: MS Teams online Q&A for parents and students

9 February: Deadline for applications including application form and MS Form options

February half term: Option blocks optimised

March: Option blocks published

March/April: Applicants interviewed by member of the Sixth Form Team

Early July: Summer transition work released

22 August: GCSE results day

27 August: Deadline to confirm places

Join us!

