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Consultation on Proposed Changes to Sixth Form Admission Arrangements

Consultation period: 09/10/2026 to 20/11/2026

The Weald School is consulting on a proposed change to the academic entry criteria for admission to our sixth form.

We are proposing to introduce a minimum requirement of **grade 3 in both English and mathematics** for students wishing to enrol on our Level 2 sixth form programmes.

Why are we proposing this change?

Our sixth form provides Level 2 programmes for students who do not yet meet the entry requirements for Level 3 study. The intention is that these programmes provide students with an opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and qualifications and, where appropriate, progress to Level 3 study.

Our experience indicates that students entering Level 2 without achieving at least a grade 3 in English and/or mathematics are unlikely to make the progress required to achieve a grade 4 within the one-year Level 2 programme. As a result, these students may not subsequently meet the entry requirements for the Level 3 courses available in our sixth form.

We therefore believe that setting a minimum grade 3 in English and mathematics would provide a more appropriate entry threshold for our Level 2 programmes and would help ensure that students joining the sixth form have a realistic opportunity to progress through the courses we offer.

The proposed requirement would apply equally to students currently attending The Weald and to external applicants.

Proposed admission criterion

We propose that the following criterion is included in our published sixth-form admission arrangements:

Students applying for a Level 2 programme must have achieved a minimum of grade 3 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE mathematics, or an equivalent qualification recognised by the school.

The proposed change would apply to students seeking admission from **September 2027**.

What is not changing?

This consultation relates only to the proposed minimum English and Mathematics requirement for entry to Level 2 programmes. There is no proposed change to:

- the Level 3 entry requirements;
- the courses currently offered by the sixth form;
- the arrangements for students already enrolled in the sixth form; or
- any other published admission criteria, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the consultation.

Consultation

We welcome the views of parents and carers, students, staff, governors and other interested parties on this proposed change. In particular, we would welcome comments on:

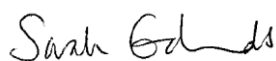
1. The proposed minimum requirement of grade 3 in English and Mathematics for entry to Level 2 programmes.
2. The rationale for introducing this requirement.
3. Any potential impact that you believe the proposed change may have on students wishing to apply to the sixth form.

Please send your comments to office@theweald.org.uk by 2pm on **Friday 20 November 2026**.

All responses received during the consultation period will be considered before the admission arrangements are determined by the admission authority. Following the consultation, the final sixth form admission arrangements will be published in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,



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