



Simon Balle
All-through School



WELCOME to

Simon Balle

**SIXTH
FORM
STARTS
HERE**

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Sixth Form Post-16 Outcomes

Our A Level students have performed well in both academic and vocational subjects this year allowing all students the opportunity to proceed to the next phase of their education or employment.

Chemistry
A*-A
67%

Politics
A*-B
63%

Sociology
A*-B
61%

**Average
A Level
Grade**
B

**Average
Vocational
Grade**
Distinction

**English
Literature**
A*-C
100%

Physics
5
A*s

Successful students included those going onto Oxbridge and Russell Group universities plus highly competitive degree apprenticeships.

We once again attained a third of our grades at A* - A and well over 50% at A*-B.

MORE *than just*

We are proud of our reputation for **academic excellence**, extra-curricular achievement, service to the community, and the development of potential. Our sixth form students exemplify this.

We have over 250 students in our Sixth Form, who study a range of A Level and vocational subjects. We are proud of the young adults that **promote our values** and are **role models** for the rest of the school. Sixth form students are fully integrated into the **life of the all-through school**.

As well as their academic studies, every Year 12 has the opportunity to participate in their chosen **enrichment** activity each week. This could include working with primary or secondary phase students, progressing on a musical pathway as part of our **Music Academy**, developing their own business within our Young Enterprise team or working on Fitness and Health at the brand new gym at Hartham Leisure Centre plus many more. Our Sixth Form students shape our **extra-curricular opportunities** for others in sport, music and our House system.

At Simon Balle we pride ourselves on the **support** we offer students and this support remains strong at Key Stage 5. **Guidance** is given to internal and external students to ensure everyone is on the **correct pathway**. Academic and pastoral **mentoring** is offered throughout Year 12 and Year 13, as well as guidance and support on **future destinations** whether that be university, degree apprenticeships or full time employment.

GREAT A LEVELS



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SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

We **understand** that Sixth Form isn't just about getting a **great education**. At Simon Balle All-through School we **offer** lots of **opportunities** to **get involved**.

There's a **whole range** of **leadership** and **support roles**, **clubs** and **extracurricular activities** available so you can make **new friends**, continue your **personal development** and **celebrate success**.

Sixth Form
House Events
& Leaders

Mentoring
& Tutoring



Primary School
Support

Sixth Form
Magazine

Young
Enterprise



Fitness sessions @
Hartham Leisure
Centre

School
Parliament



Teachers of
Tomorrow



Music
Academy
and clubs

Charity
& Fundraising



Sixth Form
Yoga



Senior
Sports



We offer two musical pathways at Simon Balle Sixth Form



SIMON BALLE ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

MUSIC ACADEMY
CREATING **LIFELONG** MUSICIANS

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ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

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**Pathway
1**

**Study A level Music
& 2 other A levels +
enrichment**

**Pathway
2**

**You have music as your
enrichment & perform at the
highest standard**

MUSIC

Visit our webpage for further details
www.simonballe.herts.sch.uk/music/academy/

A LEVEL & ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sixth Form Option Blocks 2024/25

Please choose 3 subjects from the options blocks below.

All students will participate in up to 5 hours of enrichment each week in option block A or they can alternatively choose to study Further Maths as either their 3rd or 4th A level subject choice or an EPQ as their 4th choice in place of enrichment.

A

Sixth Form Enrichment
or
Further Maths
or
EPQ

B

Biology
Computer Science
Geography
History
Maths
PE
Media Studies
CTEC Business (Double)
Must choose Business (Single) in
Block D first

C

Art & Design
Economics
English Literature
French
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
BTEC Sport (Single)

D

Business
Chemistry
English Literature
Music
Spanish
CTEC Business (Single)
BTEC Sport (Triple)
Must choose Sport (Single) in
Block C & (Double) in Block E first

E

Biology
Film Studies
Geography
Maths
Politics
PRE
Psychology
BTEC Sport (Double)
Must choose Sport (Single) in
Block C first

BTEC Sport is offered as a Single, Double or Triple qualification.

This is the equivalent to 1, 2 or 3 A levels. Please ensure you choose the Single option plus the additional course options in each block.

For example: If you wish to study BTEC Sport as a double award, worth 2 A levels, please select BTEC Sport (Single) in C and BTEC Sport (Double) in E plus one other A level from blocks B or D.

This is the same for the CTEC Business (Single) and (Double) option.



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CALCULATING YOUR AVERAGE POINT SCORE

For Simon Balle's entry requirement score, your **Average Point Score (APS)** is calculated by using your best 8 grades at GCSE.

Each grade is worth the number of points shown in the table.

Add the 8 grades together and divide by 8



GCSE Grade Point Values									
Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

A*-G Grade Point Values (Legacy) - For reference only								
Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Points	8.5	7	5.5	4	3	2	1.5	1

Level 2 BTEC Grade Point Values				
Grade	Distinction *	Distinction	Merit	Pass
Points	8.5	7	5.5	4



Average Point Score (APS) and Subject Entry Requirements

Meeting Entry Requirements

Students aspiring to join Simon Balle Sixth Form must meet the minimum average point score (APS) plus individual subject entry criteria.

The entry criteria set is designed to ensure that students study courses which will allow them to be successful and realise their aspirations. However, prior to courses being finalised, we will always treat each application on an individual basis, taking into account any extenuating circumstances.

Subject	APS	Maths	English	Subject Specific Entry Requirements
Art & Design	5.0	4	4	Art or Design at GCSE Grade 5
Biology	5.6	6	5	Double Science Grades 7/7, Triple Science 6/6/6
Business	5.0	5	5	
Business (CTEC)	4.0	4	4	
Chemistry	5.6	6	5	Double Science Grades 7/7, Triple Science 6/6/6
Computer Science	5.6	7	5	Computer Science Grade 5 or Maths Grade 7
Economics	5.6	6	6	
English Literature	5.0	5	5&6	
EPQ	5.6			
Film Studies	4.0	4	4	
French	5.0	5	5	French GCSE Grade 5
Further Maths	5.6	8	5	
Geography	5.0	5	5	Geography Grade 6 or Science Grade 6
History	5.0	5	Lan 6	History Grade 6 or English Language Grade 6
Maths	5.6	7	5	
Media Studies	4.0	4	4&4	
Music	5.0	4	4	Grade 6 Music GCSE or Grade 5 instrumental exam
PE	5.0	5	5	Science Grade 5. Sport GCSE Grade 6. Practical sport.
Physics	5.6	6	5	Double Science Grades 7/7, Triple Science 6/6/6
Politics	5.0	5	Lan 6	
PRE	5.0	5	6	
Psychology	5.6	5	5	Science Grade 5.
Sociology	5.0	5	Lit 5	
Spanish	5.0	5	5	Spanish GCSE Grade 5.
Sport (BTEC)	4.0	4	4	Science GCSE Grade 4.



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SPECIAL FEATURE

A LEVEL
MEDIA
STUDIES
AQA

FOR YOU?

CREATIVES
WANTED

4.0 APS + English grade 4's required

CONTENT

FILM & TELEVISION

Newspapers, Magazines, Gaming



MUSIC VIDEOS
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING RADIO



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Supporting YOU.

At Simon Balle All-through School we offer students daily support, links with external agencies and the long-term connections and guidance required to build their own support network.

Our trained and experienced staff are able to help you safely navigate your way through your A level studies and find the balance required to be a successful Level 3 student before moving on to your next step.

Designated
Safeguarding
lead and team



Daily contact
with your
experienced
Sixth Form
Tutor

Continued
support from
an established
Head of Year



Enrichment
and well-being
opportunities



Academic
coaching with
our Sixth Form
Manager



Peer-to-peer
support and
well-being
awareness



Outstanding
Sixth Form
subject
teachers



Trained Mental
Health
First-Aiders

Impartial
Careers
Guidance



Future
Living



MCR
Pathways





Application

Your journey to Simon Balle All-through School Sixth Form

When it comes to education, it's important to make the right choice for your future. We want to provide you with the right information for you to make that choice.

Here's your step-by-step guide to applying to Simon Balle All-through School Sixth Form for September 2024.



Visit us and ask those all important questions.

Choose your 3 or 4 preferred courses and submit your application via our online Admission system by 10th December 2023.

Following an application you will be invited to interview with a member of the Sixth Form team. This is an opportunity to discuss your future plans and review your course options.

Join us for a day of subject taster sessions and get a feel for the school. Following the Sixth Form induction you can change your subject options.

Confirm your enrolment and final course options with the Sixth Form team.

