



**Simon Balle**  
All-through School



**WELCOME** to

**SIXTH  
FORM  
STARTS  
HERE**

**Simon Balle**

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**All-through School**



# 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 **Advanced Musician's Programme**, developing their own business within our Simon Balle 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 current students and new applicants 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.

# A GREAT 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 Creative Writing

Simon Balle Enterprise



Fitness sessions @ Hartham Leisure Centre

School Parliament



Teachers of Tomorrow



Advanced Musician's Programme



Charity & Fundraising



Team Music

Senior Sports







## Sixth Form Option Blocks 2025/26

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 E or 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.

<b>E</b>
Sixth Form Enrichment or EPQ or Further Maths

<p><b>A</b></p> <p>3D Design Film Studies Geography Maths Politics PRE Psychology BTEC Sport (Triple) Must choose Sport (Single) in Block D &amp; (Double) in Block C first</p>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Biology Business Computer Science French History Maths Media Studies Music CTEC Business (Single)</p>	<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Art, Craft &amp; Design Economics English Literature Physics Psychology Sociology CTEC Business (Double) Must choose Business (Single) in Block B first BTEC Sport (Double) Must choose Sport (Single) in Block D first</p>	<p><b>D</b></p> <p>Chemistry Drama English Literature Geography Media Studies Physical Education Spanish BTEC Sport (Single)</p>
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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.





# 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

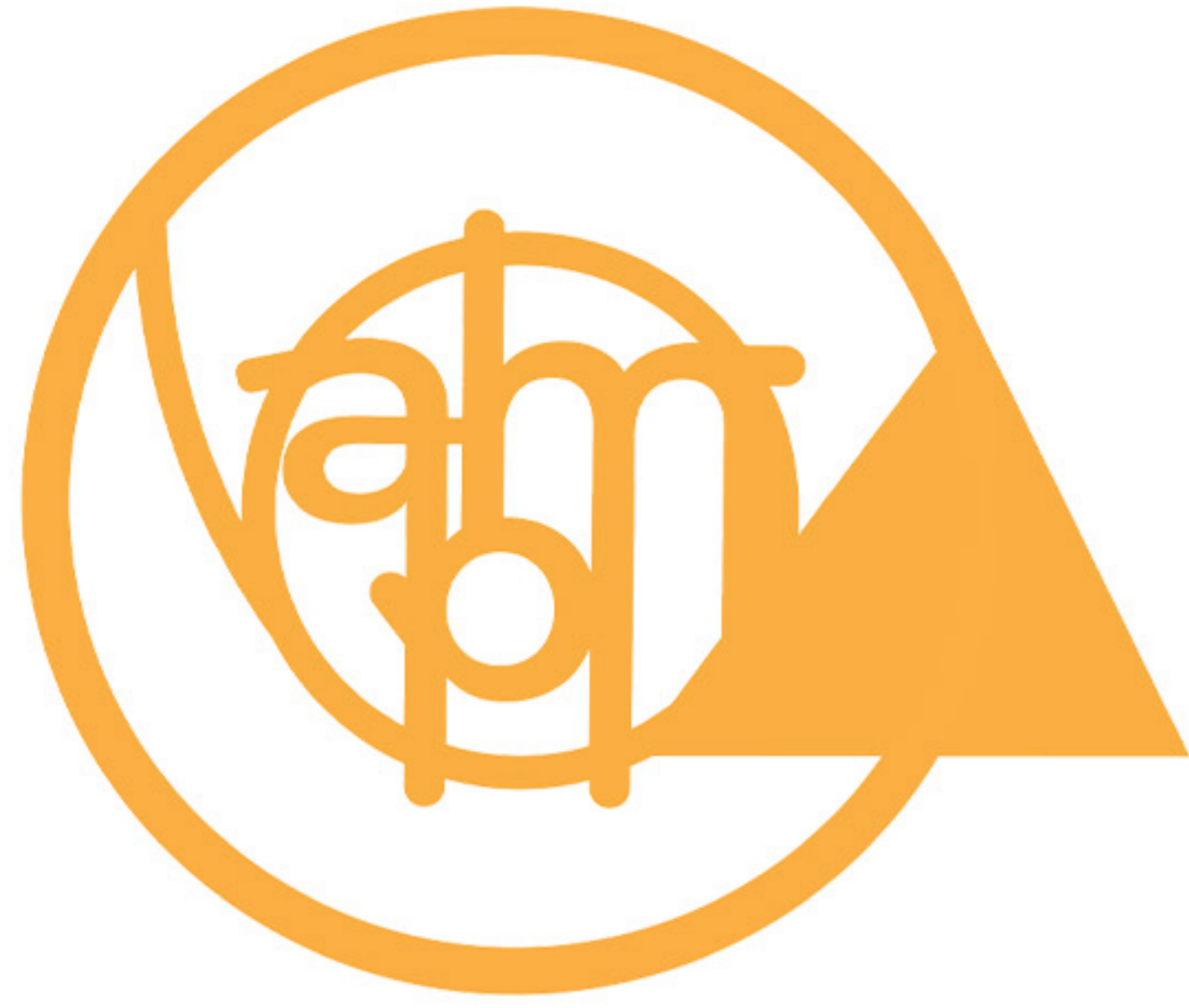
## 2025/26

### 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
3D Design	5.0	4	4	Art or Design GCSE Grade 5
Art, Craft & Design	5.0	4	4	Art or Design 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
Drama	5.0	4	5	
Economics	5.6	6	6	
English Literature	5.0	5	5&6	
Film Studies	4.0	4	4	
French	5.0	5	5	French GCSE Grade 5
Further Maths	5.6	8		
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		
Media Studies	4.0	4	4&5	
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	Biology Grade 5 or minimum Grade 6 GCSE Psychology
Sociology	5.0	5	5	
Spanish	5.0	5	5	Spanish GCSE Grade 5
Sport (BTEC)	4.0	4	4	Science GCSE Grade 4





# Advanced Musician's Programme

Simon Balle All-through School



We offer two music pathways at Simon Balle Sixth Form

Pathway 1

Pathway 2

Study A level Music as part of the Advanced Musician's Programme

Study Three subjects with Simon Balle (not including A level Music)



Two additional subjects with Simon Balle Sixth Form.

Join our Advanced Musician's Programme - offering you the opportunity to connect with Team Music outside of the classroom and perform to the highest standard.



**Team**  
**Music**  
**Simon Balle**  
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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



Apprenticeship  
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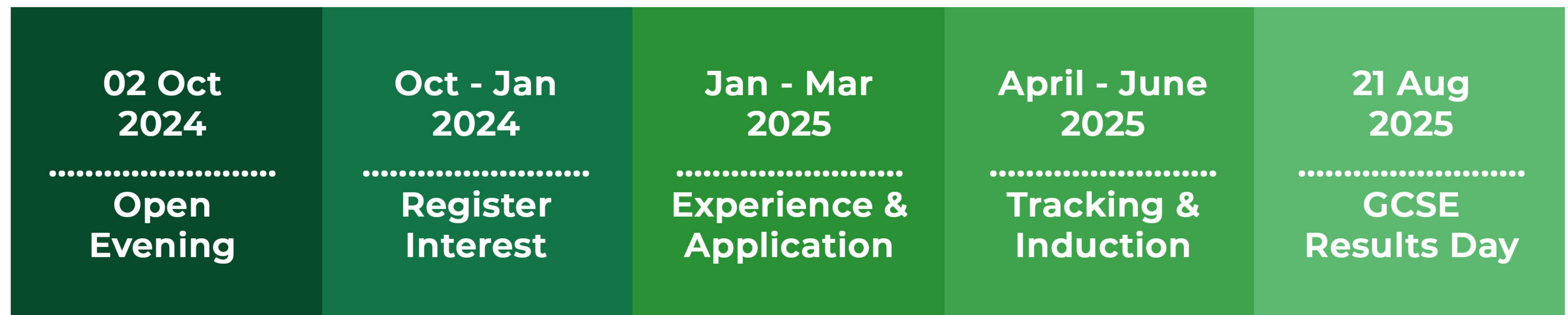


# Application

## 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 2025.



Visit us and ask those all important questions.

Inform us of your 3 or 4 preferred courses and register your interest.

New applicants to Simon Balle submit these via Applicaa, our online admissions system.

After attending experience days and offer holder events you have opportunity to discuss your future plans, review you course options and submit your application during a pathway meeting.

All students can track their application progress using their Applicaa account.

Join us for a day of **'More than just great A Levels'** and get a feel for the school.

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

Celebrate your fantastic GCSE grades!

