

THE BECKET SIXTH
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION 2024/2025 TO SIXTH FORM

The minimum academic requirements for entry into The Becket Sixth (Yr 12) are:
 Two Grade 6 and four Grade 5 at GCSE level.

Students have the opportunity to study 3 A level subjects in Year 12

Subject(s)	Entry Criteria (Minimum GCSE Grade required)
Art and Design	Grade 5 in Art
Biology	GCSE Separate Science: Grade 6 in Biology and at least one other Science GCSE Combined Science: Grade 6 in both, and Grade 5 in Maths
Business	Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in Mathematics
Chemistry	GCSE Separate Science: Grade 6 in Chemistry and at least one other Science GCSE Combined Science: Grade 6 in both, and Grade 5 in Maths
Computer Science	Grade 5 in Computer Science
Drama And Theatre Studies	Grade 5 in Drama
Design Technology	Grade 5 in Product Design
Economics	Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in Mathematics
English Language	Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in English Literature
English Literature	Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in English Literature
French	Grade 6 in French
Further Mathematics	Grade 7 in Mathematics
Geography	Grade 5 in Geography
German	Grade 6 in German
History	Grade 5 in History
Mathematics	Grade 6 in Mathematics
Media	Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature
Music	Grade 5 in Music, Practical, Instrumental or Vocal
Physical Education	Grade 5 in PE
Physics	GCSE Separate Science: Grade 6 in Physics and at least one other Science GCSE Combined Science: Grade 6 in both, and Grade 6 in Maths
Politics	Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature
Psychology	Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature
Religious Studies	Grade 5 in RE
Sociology	Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature

INFORMATION & GUIDANCE MEETING

Prospective students will be invited to attend an information and guidance meeting with their parents to discuss the suitability of particular subjects and combinations of subjects. Offers of places will not be made on the basis of the meeting, but in accordance with the stated criteria.

EXTERNAL STUDENTS

A maximum entry of 140 students in year 12, with a minimum of 30 external students who meet the above criteria, will be admitted in any one year, subject to places being available on chosen courses. Applications will be considered initially after the **15th January 2024** following an initial closing date of **12th January 2024**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list in accordance with the over-subscription criteria.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

In the event of over-subscription places will be offered to applicants in the following order of preference:

- 1) Catholic pupils who are looked after or who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order;
- 2) Baptised Catholics*;
- 3) Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order;
- 4) Christians/Denominations other than Catholic, who can provide a certificate either of baptism or dedication;
- 5) All other applicants.

*A copy of Baptismal certificates must be submitted with applications to ensure correct categorisation.

Where a distinction has to be made within one of the above categories, preference will be given to siblings; then, as a tie break, distance from the student's home address (as defined by the Local Authority) to the Main Entrance of The Becket School "as the crow flies" will be used, preference being given to the shortest distance. In the event of two distances being equal, lots will be drawn and independently verified.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

A formal appeal procedure is available in accordance with the provision of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. If you wish to appeal against the decision (parents and students are able to appeal jointly or separately) you should inform the school, in writing, within 20 days of receiving your refusal of a place.

LATE APPLICATIONS (APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE INITIAL CLOSING DATE)

Applicants will be placed on a waiting list as per the over-subscription criteria. After the final offer date of **22nd March 2024** further offers may be made from the waiting list, based on the number of offers accepted and availability. Final numbers cannot be determined before September 2024.

The waiting list will be held open until **3rd September 2024**.