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Welcome to the GMS Sixth Form Open Evening 2023

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A-level Results Summer 2023



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- 36% of A level grades were A* to B



- 65% of grades were at A* to C

- 97% of grades were at A* to E



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A-level target 2024

$$A^* - B = 50\%$$

$$A^* - C = 75\%$$

$$A^* - E = 100\%$$



Destinations

- 84% of students in year 13 last year applied to university with a huge spectrum of degrees choices. Destinations were varied including Russell Group universities such as York, Bristol, Nottingham, Bath, Birmingham and Cardiff.
- Of the remaining members of the cohort several students were accepted onto apprenticeships, some have opted to go into full-time work and others have decided to take a gap-year before attending university in 2024.



What personal qualities do you need in order to be a successful A-level student?



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- Independence
- Confidence
- Resilience/Grit
- Resourcefulness
- Motivation
- Consistency
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Responsibility
- Determination
- Pride
- Vision



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Your 6th Form Prospectus 2024-2026

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Admissions Criteria for Great Marlow School 2024 Entry

- To study 3 A-level subjects, you will need 5 or more GCSE qualifications including English Language and Mathematics at Grade 5 or above. You will also need to meet the subject criteria.

- Consideration for entry into the Sixth Form will be given to students with a high Grade 4 in English Language and mathematics and who meet subject criteria.

For entry onto the T-level Technical qualification in Education and Childcare Level 3, students will require a Grade 4 in English and Mathematics, plus three Grade 3s in other subjects.

A-LEVEL COURSES

All A-level subject courses will run for two years with examinations in the summer of 2025.

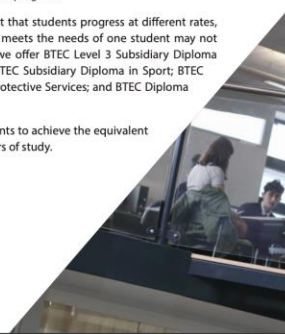
Internal examinations will be taken at the end of the first year of study to assess student progress.

In recognition of the fact that students progress at different rates, and that a curriculum that meets the needs of one student may not meet the needs of another, we offer BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Creative Media Production; BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Sport; BTEC Technical Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services; and BTEC Diploma in Travel and Tourism.

These options will enable successful students to achieve the equivalent of A-level qualifications at the end of two years of study.



Admissions Criteria 2024-25





Entry Requirement to study in the Sixth Form at a glance

Sixth Form course	GCSE Grade Required	GCSE Subject(s) Required	Consideration may be given for a ...
Classics - Ancient History	Grade 6	History or English Language or Literature	Discussion with HOD
English Literature	Grade 7	English Literature and Language	Discussion with HOD
English Language/Literature	Grade 6	English Literature and Language	Discussion with HOD
Geography	Grade 6	Geography (if studied) or an essay based subject (if not)*	High Grade 5
History	Grade 6	History (if studied) or an essay based subject (if not)*	High Grade 5 in History
Biology	Grade 7/7 Grade 7	Science Trilogy or Biology	Grade 6/7 in Science Trilogy
Chemistry	Grade 7/7 Grade 7	Science Trilogy or Chemistry	Grade 6/7 in Science Trilogy
Physics	Grade 7/7 - Grade 7 Grade 6	Science Trilogy or Physics plus Mathematics	Grade 6/7 in Science Trilogy
Mathematics	High Grade 7	Mathematics	Low Grade 7 or very high Grade 6 plus good algebra skills
Further Mathematics	Grade 8	Mathematics plus studying A-level Mathematics	
Statistics	Grade 6 Grade 7	Statistics (if studied) or Mathematics (if not)	Discussion with HOD
Business	Grade 6 Grade 6 Merit	English Language and Mathematics plus either Business (if studied) or OCR Cambridge National Cert. in Business (if studied)	Discussion with HOD
Law	Grade 6	Route 1- Grade 6 in History Route 2 - Grade 6 in an essay-based subject* plus a Grade 6 in a memory based subject**	Discussion with HOD
Politics	Grade 6	History or English Language or Literature	Discussion with HOD

Entry Requirements 2024-25



Sixth Form course	GCSE Grade Required	GCSE Subject(s) Required	Consideration may be given given for a ...
Psychology	Grade 5/6 - Grade 6 Grade 6 Grade 6	Science Trilogy or Separate Sciences plus English Language or Literature and Mathematics	Discussion with HOD
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services	Grade 5	English Language or Literature plus 4 other subjects	High Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Travel & Tourism	Grade 5	English Language and Mathematics plus 3 other subjects	High Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics
Physical Education	High Grade 6 Grade 7/7 - Grade 7	PE (if studied)*** Science Trilogy or Biology (if not) plus students must be competing or coaching competently in a sport	Discussion with HOD
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport	Grade 5 Grade 6/6 - Grade 6 Grade 5	PE (if studied)*** Science Trilogy or Biology (if not) plus English Language	Discussion with HOD
Art, Craft and Design	Grade 6	Art & Design	Discussion with HOD
Drama and Theatre Studies	Grade 6	Drama (if studied) plus English Language	Discussion with HOD
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production	Grade 5	Media (if studied) or English Language or Literature (if not)	High Grade 4
Media Studies	Grade 6	Media (if studied) or English Language or Literature (if not)	Grade 5
Music	Grade 6	Music	Discussion with HOD
Product Design	Grade 6	One of: D&T (RM)/D&T (GRP), Product Design/Engineering and Mathematics	Grade 6 in Art & Design incl. discussion with HOD
Fashion and Textiles	Grade 6	Textiles Technology, D&T (Textiles) and Mathematics	Grade 6 in another D&T subject or Art & Design or a Portfolio
French	Grade 6	French	High Grade 5
Spanish	Grade 6	Spanish	High Grade 5
T-Level Technical Qualification in Childcare and Education	Grade 4	English Language and Mathematics plus 3 other subjects (including Science if wanting to progress to primary teaching degree)	Discussion with HOD

***Students MUST have achieved a Grade 7 in the Anatomy & Physiology paper

***Students MUST have achieved a high Grade 5 in the Anatomy & Physiology paper

PLEASE NOTE

* An essay based subject means one of the following:

English Language
English Literature
History
Religious Studies

** A memory based subject means one of the following:
Science
Mathematics
Geography

Classics - Ancient History

Full Two Year A-level Course

Mr S Pugsley

Entry Requirements for A-level courses

Entry Requirements

Students should have achieved at least a Grade 6 in a GCSE essay-based subject such as History or English Language.

You do not need to have studied history at GCSE. If you did study history, you can take this course instead of the standard history A-level course, or you can study both courses.

(Students who do not achieve the required grades may be allowed on the course after a discussion with the Head of Department, who will make a decision based on evidence from subject teachers.)

For further details, see Mr Pugsley or Mr Taylor.



Why study Ancient History?

Ancient History is a high status, respected classical qualification that will make a job or university application form stand out from the crowd.

The qualification title is the OCR Advanced GCE in Ancient History.

What will I study?

There are two exams at the end of Year 13.

Module 1 - Greek History

This module focuses on the Greek city states in the 5th Century BC. The course starts by looking at how these fought off the challenge of the Persians, as loosely shown in films such as 'The 300'. It then moves on to examine how these city states organised themselves and how Athens sought and achieved dominance over many of the others, bringing it into conflict with the Spartans. The module includes a depth study on the Spartans.

Module 2 - Roman History

This unit covers the fall of the Roman Republic and the foundation of the Roman Empire under Augustus. It then looks at the ten emperors that followed him, some of whom were very strange! These include the Emperor Caligula, who made his horse a senator, and the Emperor Nero, a very odd man, who loved his mother (a little too much!) but who later had her murdered. The unit includes a depth study on the final three emperors from this group: Vespasian, Titus and Domitian.

How is the course taught?

Teaching is in small groups and is shared by two different teachers using a variety of teaching styles and resources. There is no coursework but students who are also taking A-level History have the opportunity to produce coursework on an Ancient History topic as part of their History A-level. All texts studied are in English translation.

A-level Assessment

Module 1 - Greek History

Assessment: one 2½ hour written exam.

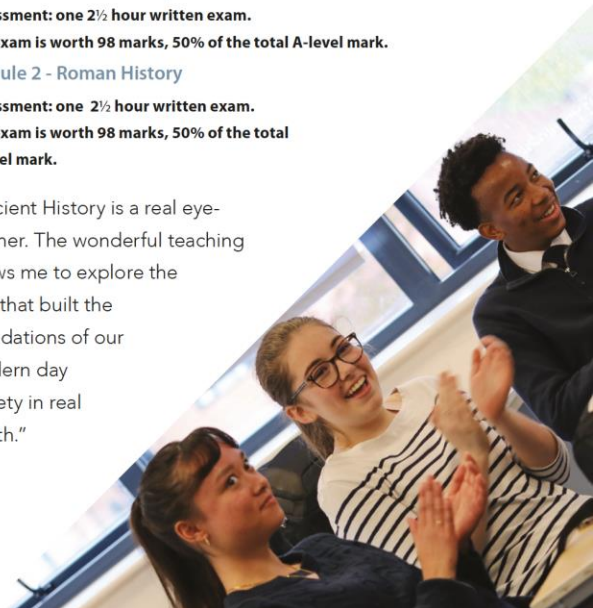
The exam is worth 98 marks, 50% of the total A-level mark.

Module 2 - Roman History

Assessment: one 2½ hour written exam.

The exam is worth 98 marks, 50% of the total A-level mark.

"Ancient History is a real eye-opener. The wonderful teaching allows me to explore the age that built the foundations of our modern day society in real depth."



BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services

Full Two Year Course

Mr S Goodright

Why study Uniformed Protective Services?

This qualification is designed for students who are interested in learning about the uniformed protective services sector. It gives them a broad basis of study, designed to support progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A-levels.

What is a BTEC Level 3?

BTECs embody a fundamentally learner-centred approach to the curriculum, with a flexible, unit-based structure and knowledge applied in project-based assessments. They focus on the holistic development of the practical, interpersonal and thinking skills required to be able to succeed in employment and higher education.

Where can the course take me?

BTEC Nationals in Uniformed Protective Services help students to achieve their potential and progress to the next stage of their lives, whether that's higher education, an apprenticeship or employment (police service, the fire and rescue service, the armed services – Navy, Army, RAF, and the prison service).

What is included in the course? -

An extensive range of centre assessed units with practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, as well as one examined unit on Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services.

How will I be assessed?

A combination of written exams (33.3%) and coursework (66.7%).

Mandatory Units

UNIT 2 Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services

Written exam worth 33.3%

UNIT 5 Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

Coursework worth 33.3%

Optional Units – 2 to be completed (all coursework)

All worth 16.7% each

UNIT 10 Skills for Outdoor Activities and the Uniformed Protective Services

UNIT 11 Expedition Skills

UNIT 13 Introduction to Criminology

UNIT 15 Police Powers and the Law

UNIT 19 Professional Development in the Uniformed Protective Services

"This is a great course if you want to pursue a career in any of the Uniformed Protective Services"

Entry Requirements

You need to have achieved the Sixth Form entry requirements as well as a Grade 5 in English Language or Literature.

Entry Requirements for Sixth Form courses



These faculty pages will help you identify what subjects complement each other, or what subjects are required for a particular career path.

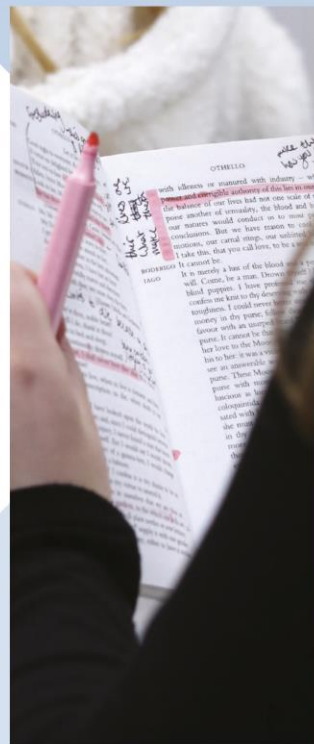
Humanities

Classics - Ancient History

English Literature, Geography, History

What do I need to know?

- o Most English degrees require English Literature – English Language on its own is not sufficient.
- o Humanities degrees such as History and Geography require that subject at A- level.
- o For a degree in Classics; Latin, Ancient Greek or Ancient History A-levels are required. Classics has as its basis the study of Latin and/or Greek; Ancient History is focused on the study of the social and political history of the Greek and Roman worlds.
- o Some law degrees and media studies courses stipulate A -level English.
- o In terms of becoming a teacher, it is beneficial to have at least one humanities A-level.
- o If you are interested in pursuing a degree in Philosophy, Mathematics is a useful subject to study alongside an A-level in Humanities.
- o To study Human or Physical Geography, Geology or Ecology you will need a Geography A-level. Subjects that work well with Geography include History, Biology, Physics, English Literature, Law, Politics, Modern Foreign Languages.
- o History graduates often go on to become lawyers. Therefore, a law or politics A-level is recommended if you want to pursue this route.



Humanities are academic disciplines that study aspects of human society and culture. English Literature, Human Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Philosophy and Religion are some examples.

Some university courses may require you to have studied the subject in Sixth Form or college, which is often the case with English Literature and History. Others have no specific requirements, but may suggest taking related subjects as good preparation.

Humanity subjects are largely essay based so they are a good option for universities that want to see that you have built up your essay writing skills. They also teach verbal and written communication skills, which many employers look for.

What can I do with....?

Making the correct Sixth Form choices and subsequent onward options can be a confusing process. The suggestions on these pages are just a guide as to what Sixth Form subjects you should choose if you are interested in a particular career path. You may also be inspired by a career path that you have not yet considered. For further information see subject teachers or log-in to your www.careerspilot.org.uk account which has up to date labour market information on current trends and new jobs that are emerging.



Ancient History

Historian, Classics/Classical Studies, Archivist, Museum Curator, Journalist, Politician, Diplomat or International Relations, Tour Guide or Planner, Teacher, Marketing, Human Resources, Project Manager, Stockbroker, IT Programmer, Event Coordinator, Translator or Interpreter, Police Investigator, Probation or Social Worker

Art, Craft & Design

Marketing, Advertising/Brand Manager, Illustrator, Photographer (Commercial and Journalistic), Animation, Architect, Fine Artist, Art Buyer, Museum Curator,

Graphic Designer, Theatre Designer, Fashion Designer, Textile Designer, Interior designer, cake decorator, make-up artist, hairdresser, creative director, digital production manager, Art therapist, web designer, sculptor, visual merchandising, carpenter, design engineer, prop maker, spatial designer, jeweller, food stylist, concept designer, camera operator, post-production editor

Biology

Doctor, Physician, Nurse, Dentist, Paramedic, Pharmacologist, Scientific Sales or Technical Service Representative, Medical Research, Laboratory Technician (medical, microbiological, biotechnological), Sports Scientist, Sports Coach, Health and Lifestyle Coach, Dietician, Food (dairy, brewery production), Food Inspector, Nutritionist, Veterinarian, Animal Technician (looking after animals in zoo, pet store, vivarium, veterinary hospital), Greenhouse/ Garden Curator, Horticulturist, Agricultural or Wildlife fields Environmental Technician/Consultant

Business

Management Consultancy, Teacher, Chartered Accountant, Advertising, Investment Banker, Bank Manager,

Retail Buyer, Distribution and Logistics Manager, Insurance Underwriter, Marketing Executive, Consumer Products, Market Research Executive, Personnel Officer, Public Relations Officer, Retail Manager, Sales Representative, Corporate Financial Analyst, Imports and Exports Manager, Foreign Currency Investment Advisor, Licensing Officer, Accountant/Auditor, Entrepreneur, Healthcare Administrator

Chemistry

Agriculturalist, Analytical Chemist, Biochemist, Bio-technologist, Chemical Education, Chemical Engineer, Chemical Sales, Chemical Technologist, Consulting, Environmental Chemist, Food and Flavour Chemist, Forensic Chemist, Geochemist, Inorganic Chemist, Materials Scientist, Medicinal Chemist, Organic Chemist, Science Writing, Textile Chemist, Water Chemist

Drama & Theatre Studies

Actor, Actress, Stage Manager, Arts Administrator, Set Designer, Drama Teacher, Drama-therapist, Television Production Assistant, Radio Presenter, Youth and Community Worker, Personnel Manager, Social Worker, Journalist, Marketing, Charities Administrator, Creative and Media

English Literature

Writer, Travel Writer, Journalist, Copywriter, Marketing, Editor, Publisher, Teacher, Advertising, TV

Producer, Public Relations, Human Resources, Designer, Media and ICT, Sales Representative

French/Spanish

Bilingual Interpreter/Translator, Bilingual Technical Writer, Teacher, Air Steward, Airline Sales Representative, Air Traffic Controller, Tour Guide, Tour Operator, Travel Representative, Customs Officer, Company Sales Representative, Computer Programmer, Credit Controller, Customer Support Adviser, Cultural Briefing Consultant, Engineer, Banker, Civil Servant, Secretary/ PA, Marketing, Public Relations, Journalist/Travel Writer, Transport and Distribution Worker, Imports/ Exports Manager, Foreign Office Ambassador, Local Government Worker, Medical Interpreter, Pharmacologist, The Armed Forces, Police Officer

Geography

Explorer, Geologist, Tour Guide, Travel Writer, Town Planner, Urban Geographer, River and Coastal Engineer, Oceanographer, Environmental Scientist/Consultant/ Management, Conservationist, Meteorologist, Agriculturalist, Disaster Management, Chartered Surveyor, Renewable Energy Researcher, Gardener, Wildlife Warden, Mapping (OS), Criminology, Economist, Teacher

History

Historian, Art Historian, Teacher, Politician, Archaeologist, Genealogist, Lawyer, Museum

These two pages will give you an idea of the careers you can have if you study a certain subject.

BTEC/T-level Courses



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T Level in Education and Childcare

BTEC Creative Media Production

BTEC Sport

BTEC Uniformed Protective
Services

BTEC Travel and Tourism





BTEC/T-level Courses

All BTECs are equivalent to a full A-level.

T Level Childcare is equivalent to three A level qualifications.

BTECs can be studied alongside A-level courses.

T Level Childcare is a standalone, full-time course.



Why should I come to Great Marlow School 6th Form?

- You are familiar with the excellent teaching
- You are familiar with the environment
- Smaller classes
- Study Periods
- Excellent facilities for 6th Form use only
- Excellent form tutor team
- The GMS ethos
- Because it is the correct choice for you



Senior Prefect Team



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GMS Head Prefects 2023/24



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**Mabel Daw
and
Harry
Critchlow**

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Deadline for applications



Friday 8th December 2023

via M.S Form

Internal applications – via school email

External applications – via M.S form on the school website

**M.S Forms will go
live Wednesday 8th
November**

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What a Year 13 Leaver from GMS should look like:

- Well-rounded person
- Good citizen
- Confident
- Resilient/Grit
- Resourceful
- Independent (both academically and socially)
- Motivated
- Happy-or able to understand what this means to them
- A sense of their future success





Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence.

Abigail Adams

Children have to be educated, but they also have to be left to educate themselves.

Abbe Dimnet, Art of Thinking 1928





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Thank You for listening

We hope you find this evening
informative and we look forward to
welcoming you to our 6th Form next year

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