



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Sixth Form Application Pack – External Applicants



Thank you for your interest in the British International School Riyadh Sixth Form. We teach a British Curriculum and offer a choice of GCE AS and A Level courses. A list of the courses we offer and the relevant entry requirements can be found below.

Further information regarding individual subjects can be found in the Sixth Form Options Booklet on our website, under the 'Forms' tab in the 'Admissions' section: [Admissions - Application Forms and Information](#)

Please note - the Sixth Form at BISR is currently over-subscribed and external applicants are being placed on a wait list as per our Admissions Policy.

Please read the information below concerning the courses offered and specific entry requirements. If you wish to submit an application to the BISR Sixth Form, you will need to complete and return all the information on **pages 5 & 6** of this pack. The information should be emailed to both the Registrar and Head of Sixth Form. Your current school will subsequently be contacted for a reference.

You may be invited to interview in person (or in Skype) and if successful and spaces are available you will be given a conditional offer (based on achieving the entry requirements) for BISR Sixth Form. You will then be required to submit further documentation to our Registrar including:

- Application Form & 500SAR deposit
- Medical Form
- Current school report
- Copy of father's and applicant's Iqamas

Contacts

Registrar: Mrs Michelle Steele - msteele@bistr.com.sa

Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Fiona Hanks - fhanks@bistr.com.sa

School website: www.bistr.com.sa

Important Dates

1 st March 2017	Applications to BISR open, new applications can be submitted to the Y12 wait list
22 nd June 2017	BISR closes for the summer until 22 nd August 2017 (Admin staff only from 22 nd Aug)
24 th August 2017	GCSE results day – please ask your current school to email all results to the Head of Sixth Form at BISR on this date.
7 th September 2017	Sixth Form Course registration day – all Year 12 / 13 students are expected to attend.
10 th September 2017	First Day of term for Y12 – all students are expected to be present

All term dates can be found on the school calendar on our website: [BISR 2017-18 Calendar](#). We expect all students to be present during term time and family holidays to be booked only during the holiday dates.



Entrance Requirements for entry in Sep 2017



In order to join the Sixth Form, the expectation is that students achieve at least six A* to C grades or 9-5 points at GCSE (or CIE O Level) including Maths and English Language. The BTEC First qualification is not eligible for inclusion in the GCSE requirement for entry onto the A Level programme. For many subjects, students will also need to achieve at least a B grade / 6 points at GCSE in the subjects they wish to study at AS level (if applicable). Decisions about entry to the Sixth Form are never based solely on a student's academic profile. Before being invited to join the Sixth Form, we consider an individual's contribution to school life, behavioural record and ability to benefit from two years of study in our environment. A strong commitment to sport, drama, art or an extra-curricular pursuit, such as participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Scheme or Model United Nations (MUN), are weighed in the balance, alongside work ethic, progress and the positive demeanour which are the hallmark of a successful BISR Sixth Former.

In the case of internal candidates, senior school staff will be paying great attention to the above factors. Year 11 students will be invited to apply for a place in Sixth Form during their first term in Year 11. The Head of Sixth Form will then write to parents of Year 11 students to offer conditional places in the Sixth Form, after their mock examinations in January and if they have reached a sufficient academic standard. Confirmation of a place in the Sixth Form will be given within 3 days of the GCSE results day.

In order to gain admission, students need to achieve a minimum of six GCSEs at grade C / 5 or above. Students must also achieve at least 33 points in their **six best full-course GCSE results A* - C / 9-5** (in the majority of cases we do not consider BTEC results or mother tongue language GCSEs). This should include a minimum of grade C / 5 in Mathematics and English. This is on the scale where:

Current GCSE Grades	New GCSE Points system	BISR Points
-	9	9
A*	8	8
A	7	7
B	6	6
C	5	5

In some instances, students who do not gain at least a grade C / 5 in Year 11 in English (Language) or in Mathematics will be allowed to enter the Sixth Form if all other requirements are met; each student will be treated on a case by case basis. Such students will be required to retake the appropriate examination. A high number of GCSE grade C / 5 is not a good foundation for Sixth Form study.

External Applicants

External applicants to the Sixth Form will only be considered if they obtain A* or A grades (9-7 points) in all of their GCSE (or equivalent) subjects. The exception to this is UK or Dutch Passport holders transferring from schools outside of Riyadh who will be subject to the same academic requirements as internal candidates (above). Equivalent academic qualifications from countries other than the UK will be considered, however the BTEC First qualification is not eligible for inclusion in the GCSE requirement for entry onto the A Level programme. In addition to the above requirements and excellent references, external candidates will be invited to interview. Candidates will be required to write an essay on a subject to be presented on the day. Candidates who do not hold GCSEs or O Levels before entering the Sixth Form at BISR may also be required to take subject specific tests before being registered on particular A Level courses to ensure that they have the basic subject knowledge required for success at this level.

In addition to achieving 33 points the following grades are required to register for an A Level individual subject. The following is a list of subjects which we will be offering at A Level in the academic year 2017-18 and their specific entry requirements:

Art and Design	Minimum of a Grade B / 6 at GCSE is highly desirable
Biology	At least a Grade B / 6 in Single Award Biology GCSE or an A Grade / 7 in Coordinated Science GCSE Biology units.
Business Studies	At least a Grade B / 6 in Business and a Grade B / 6 in Mathematics is desirable.
Chemistry	At least a Grade B / 6 in Single Award Chemistry GCSE or an A grade / 7 in Coordinated Science GCSE Chemistry units.
Computer Science	At least a Grade B / 6 in Mathematics. A good GCSE in Computing or ICT is highly desirable
Design and Technology	At least a Grade B / 6 at GCSE is highly desirable.
Economics	At least a Grade B / 6 in Mathematics and a Grade B / 6 in English is desirable.
English Literature	At least a Grade B / 6 in English and English Literature
Geography	At least a Grade B / 6 at GCSE is highly desirable
History	At least a Grade B / 6 at GCSE is highly desirable
Mathematics	A grade A / 7 at GCSE is desirable, students obtaining a B Grade / 6 will be considered on individual merit.
Physics	At least a Grade B / 6 in Single Award Physics GCSE or a grade A / 7 in Coordinated Science GCSE Physics units.
Psychology	At least a Grade B / 6 in English is highly desirable

All of these entry requirements are in place to ensure that students have a good chance of success on their chosen courses.

Progression from Y12 to Y13:

It should be noted that passage from Year 12 into Year 13 is not automatic. Year 12 students must show the expected commitment to their studies and demonstrate appropriate academic progress in their chosen A Level courses. Students will not, in most cases, be allowed to continue with an A Level subject if they score lower than a D grade at AS or in the equivalent internal examination. Students will carry three subjects to A2 unless they achieve very high grades at AS (majority A grades). All students must have an appropriate academic offering in Y13 to ensure progression to Higher Education. Sixth Form students will be required to adhere to the School's expectations for Sixth Form study and the Sixth Form Code of Conduct. The acceptance of a place in the Sixth Form at BISR implies acceptance of these principles and rules by both students and parents. Please refer to our website for further information on acceptance to, and progression within the Sixth Form at BISR.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL RIYADH
Internal Application for Admission to the Sixth Form
Personal Statement and Subject Choices 2017-18



This application for a place in the BISR Sixth Form is to be completed by the student and returned to Mrs Steele, the Registrar and Mrs Hanks, the Head of Sixth Form: msteele@birs.com.sa / fhanks@birs.com.sa

In the space below please explain your reasons and motivation for wishing to join the Sixth Form of the British International School Riyadh. You should write about your academic strengths, your extra-curricular interests and what contribution you feel you could make to the Sixth Form.

Please ensure that you also complete and send all of the following pages.

Name: _____



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL RIYADH

Application for Admission to the Sixth Form A – Level Subject Choices



Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Student Nationality: _____

Current School:

Name, address and phone number of school:

Name and Email address of Principal or current Head of Year (they will be contacted for a reference):

Please list the current subjects you are taking and expected grades:

Subject	Qualification (e.g.: GCSE)	Date of Final Examination	Expected Final Result

Option Blocks 2017-18

Our subject option blocks are listed below. Those with a line through them are currently full and those in red have limited spaces. Please choose one available subject from each option and enter it into the table below. Be sure to check the subject specific entry requirements from the information on page 3.

12A	12B	12C	12D
Art Business Chemistry DT Geography Mathematics	Business Chemistry Economics English Mathematics Physics	Biology Biology Chemistry Computing English Psychology	Biology History Mathematics Physics Psychology

12A	12B	12C	12D

Once we have received your application we will contact your current school for a reference. Upon receipt of this we will be in touch regarding whether we are able to proceed with your application and the details of this, including confirmation of whether your chosen subjects are available.

Please note: BISR will be closed from 22nd June until 22nd August and applications to Sixth Form will not be processed during this period.