



To whom it may concern,

**Notice of Consultation: Admissions Arrangements for Marling School**

In line with legal requirements set out in the School Admission Code 2014, we are consulting on changes to our admissions arrangements from September 2021.

There is one main change that we highlight below:

**1. A change to a points based score for the academic entry requirements for Marling School Sixth Form**

*A points based score across 6 GCSEs allows students to demonstrate their suitability for 6<sup>th</sup> form education through a greater range of GCSE grade profiles than the previous model. For example, a student might excel in 3 subjects they wish to continue at A level and achieve the majority of their points through these three GCSE grades. Another student may achieve entry with strong grades across 6 subjects. Our proposed entry requirements are therefore as follows:*

All applicants will need to meet all of the following requirements for entry into Marling School Sixth Form:

- Applicants should achieve a minimum of 38 ‘points’ across their best 6 GCSE grades in separate subjects. The two grades awarded for Combined Science count as separate subjects. Short course GCSEs do not count towards the full course GCSE requirements. (In reformed GCSEs the numerical grade will be used as the point score. Where a GCSE or equivalent still has a letter grade the following score will be used in line with DfE equivalence: A\*=8.5, A=7, B=5.5, C=4, D=3, E=2, F=1.5, G=1)
- Applicants should have a minimum of Grade 5 in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Applicants should meet individual subject requirements in their chosen subjects if previously taken at GCSE level, or a relevant subject as specified in the Sixth Form prospectus.

In addition to this change, the Governing Body would like to highlight the following changes to the 2021 policy, which have been included, not for consultation, but for clarity:

- On page 1, section 1 – clarification regarding completion of the Grammar Test Application Form prior to sitting the Entrance Test with parents/carers needing to inform the school of any SEND requirements for their child. Additionally, the date of the test and issue of results in October.
- On page 2, section 5 – additional information regarding late testing of candidates who miss the main September test.
- On page 7, section 5 – requirement of all 6<sup>th</sup> form applicants to inform the school of their GCSE results by 4pm on GCSE results day.

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You have received this letter as part of a consultation on these changes. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The draft version of the Marling School Admissions Policy for September 2021 is available on the school website at <http://www.marling.school/joining-us#admissions-policy>

If you would like to submit any comments regarding the above proposal please forward them in writing to Hannah Kelly, Clerk to the Governors, at [HJK@marling.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:HJK@marling.gloucs.sch.uk) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. All comments will be considered by the Governing Body on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 before the final policy is determined and published on our website.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher



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