



Prior Park
Gibraltar



SIXTH FORM
PROSPECTUS



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Current Parent

WELCOME TO PRIOR PARK SCHOOL, GIBRALTAR

The Sixth Form at Prior Park provides a unique and exciting post-16 experience for young people in Gibraltar and Southern Spain. Here you will find a high quality British Sixth Form education with outstanding pastoral care, rooted in the Christian values of the Prior Park Schools’ family.

The emphasis at this stage of a student’s time at Prior Park is to help prepare them as the employees and employers of the future. Our aim is that all our senior pupils will be independent minded and self- motivated and serve as role models for the younger students in the school.

We recognise the many pressures and challenges that students face; pastoral care and teacher support are as fundamental in these years as they are throughout the Lower School. We encourage students to continue with their sport, creative activities and other extra-curricular opportunities, as well as taking the time to relax and socialise with their friends.

We want our Sixth Form community to be strong, lively, stimulating, fulfilling, rewarding and enjoyable. Working alongside parents, we will know that we have done our job well if our Upper Sixth Form are ready and excited to leave school as capable, flexible, articulate and compassionate young adults, ready to embrace and shape the future.

Peter Watts
Headmaster

LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form is lively, sociably enjoyable and intellectually stimulating time in a pupil's school career. From the moment you arrive, you are part of the Prior Park community.

Sixth Form students have their own designated space within the school, providing the perfect place for students to work and relax. The Sixth Form Centre includes a large, bright room for study, and a kitchen area for socialising. Daily support is provided by Form Tutors, Heads of House and the Head of Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form team prides itself on the support given to each student through the university admissions process. All students have access to the Unifrog software which helps to highlight options for them. They also have meetings to discuss their choices and to receive advice on finance, accommodation and student life in general. Those interested in applying to Oxbridge meet to discuss the specific requirements, take part in practice interviews and prepare for admission tests. Students who wish to apply do an apprenticeship or take a gap year can engage with our Independent Careers Advisor at our sister school, Prior Park College. There is a genuine commitment to find the right way forward for each individual.

All students are encouraged to pursue their academic interests beyond the A level course curriculum through competitions, lectures, work experience and private research. However, there are many enrichment and co-curricular opportunities including service, sport, creative options, House activities and performances.

One of the highlights of the Sixth Form experience will be a Year 13 overseas trip to New York, where students will enjoy an action-packed cultural experience in one of the most exciting cities in the world alongside activities and performances.

Paul Martyn
Deputy Head (Academic)





A LEVEL PROGRAMME

Students have opportunities to deepen their knowledge of subjects they really enjoy, as well a chance to try something new. Prior Park offers the best of the British Curriculum through its high quality A level Programme. Success in the A level programme is known to lead to entrance to universities in not only Britain, but all around the world. Students who choose to undertake A levels will be well prepared and positioned to enter further education or the world of work.

The British A level programme taught at Prior Park can offer pathways to some of the best universities in Britain, such as Oxbridge and the Russell Group. It is important for students to understand the specifications required for entry into these institutions so they can make an informed choice about their A level subjects. Further information, such as the Russell Group 'Informed Choices' booklet, can be useful in the decision making process.

SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is designed to:

- Maximise the use of directed teaching time
- Develop skills needed for Higher Education and the workplace
- Include opportunities to participate in other enriching activities and serve the wider community

At Prior Park School all students take 3 A levels and may also take a fourth qualification such as a further A level or complete an EPQ.

Entry into the Sixth Form is dependent on an ability to benefit from higher studies, showing aptitude and maturity. The minimum requirement for Sixth Form entry is 6 GCSEs 9-4 grade (A*-C), with specific grade requirements of a minimum of 6 for chosen A level options (if the student has studied the subject before).

Art	Further Maths	Physics
Biology	Geography	Psychology
Chemistry	History	Religion, Philosophy, Ethics
Computer Science	Mathematics	Spanish
Economics	Music	
English Literature	Photography	
French	Physical Education	

Course details and specifications will be published in the Subject Guide Booklet.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The Extended Project Qualification is an option for those students looking to go beyond the standard A level Curriculum. Students can choose to focus on any topic they wish, from Sports to Psychology, and work on this project independently, developing important skills and knowledge that goes beyond the textbooks. It allows students to create their own pathways and follow their own interests.

The EPQ is a voluntary project, which requires the student to have a certain amount of self-motivation and drive.

With a dedicated personal mentor at the school for guidance, students will work on their unique project, using their initiative and doing their own research, completing an extra qualification alongside their A levels, by the time they leave Prior Park. A completed EPQ is equivalent to an AS Level and is well regarded by universities as evidence of a student who is ready to undertake a degree. Universities will often look out for students who have put in the extra work to stand out in their applications and this is a great way to get noticed.

“Every pupil has the attention they need”

Current Parent

Over 95% of parents thought that the school supports students' personal development and wellbeing and over 80% of parents thought that their child would be comfortable asking for help and talking about their problems with school staff.





“The thing I enjoy most about Prior Park is that it develops my sense of independence”

Year 12 student

UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS GUIDANCE

The focus for our students at A level is to develop a sense of independence towards their own learning. We will nurture and guide them towards their goal for the future, whether that be entry to higher education or into business/industry.

During the Sixth Form, all students are prepared for Higher Education and the world of work through a variety of ways:

- Seminars on topics such as options at 18+ and how to choose course at University.
- Individual interviews or careers appointments with our Head of Sixth Form.
- Information evenings for students and parents.
- Oxbridge: providing help with the application procedure and mock interview with specialist academic staff.
- Specialist support for potential Medics/Vet Meds or Lawyers with their entrance tests.
- Mock interviews.
- Results Day support: giving advice and guidance for clearing or looking at alternative options.

QUALITY ASSURED TEACHING

It is a requirement in the UK for schools to regularly open themselves up for inspection either by OFSTED or ISI and we have fully incorporated this into our school development at Prior Park Gibraltar. Quality assurance in the standards of teaching and learning within our school ensures that we provide the best quality and value education for all our students.

Our team of experienced teachers and tutors ensure that every student gets the attention and support they require to flourish and excel during their A level studies.

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PRIOR PARK COLLEGE

Prior Park School in Gibraltar is part of a family of British schools, which allows us to offer students a unique learning experience, with collaboration between Gibraltar and Prior Park College based in Bath, UK. The extra support available to students from the College is an invaluable asset to students during their A level Programme. Teachers, mentors and other A level students can offer another perspective to our students and can enhance their overall learning experience.



Prior Park School, Gibraltar



Prior Park College, Bath, UK

We were delighted to see that 95% of parents agreed that Prior Park offers a stimulating, exciting and challenging curriculum. We will continue to invest in our facilities, resources and infrastructure to ensure that students can learn with the most up to date tools and technology, in a pleasant and engaging environment.



TUTOR GROUPS

Every student at Prior Park belongs to a tutor group and these groups meet at various times during the school week to talk about progress, address any issues and discuss non-academic matters, such as sporting or charity events, personal issues or just have a catch up. This means every student has a personal tutor who they can approach for guidance at any time.

“She’s doing things she would never have tried before, it’s wonderful to see her so happy at school”.

Current Parent

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

Students who choose to study for A levels will be given more responsibility for their own learning and will be expected to show a mature approach to their studies. Alongside this, students will be supported by their tutors as they move through the Sixth Form. The small class sizes at Prior Park ensure that each and every student gets the individual attention they need to achieve success at A level.

Prior Park prides itself on the close working relationships that can evolve between student and teacher from having small class sizes. There is a maximum of 12 students in an A level teaching group, meaning that students get the best possible learning experience and one-to-one support that they need. This personalised teaching style also ensures that parents are informed as soon as any issues arise and can play a part in improving their child’s Sixth Form experience.

PASTORAL CARE

Our programme of pastoral care is central to school life. Its aim is to enable our students to make their own informed decisions, to assume responsibility for their actions and to recognise his or her own value as a unique person. It enables them to see the world outside the classroom and to prepare them to fulfil their role in society.

Pastoral issues are addressed through school assemblies, House groups and the PSHCE Programme. This aims to educate pupils to become effective citizens who understand a great deal about themselves and others, both spiritually and personally. We want our boys and girls to contribute to communities that they are a part of, both inside and outside school, locally and globally. Fundraising for charity and giving time and energy to community projects are important aspects of who we are as a school. Many parents chose Prior Park Schools because of this strong Christian identity and sense of community.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Experiences outside the classroom play a vital role in developing the student as a whole person and at Prior Park we offer a variety of opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills. As the most senior students in the school, they will have the chance to take on roles of responsibility and leadership within the school community. This includes mentoring and tutoring younger pupils, acting as school ambassadors for visitors and off-site trips, leading school events and working on the Student Council in various roles.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are extremely proud of our excellent Duke of Edinburgh scheme available to older students, which offers a unique opportunity to get away from the classroom and into the outdoors. Students can work towards their Gold Certificate, taking part in a once-in-a-lifetime expedition, whilst learning key life skills and developing life-long friendships.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

The extensive co-curricular programme at Prior Park has quickly become a favourite among our students. Success in developing the whole child depends largely on students' involvement in extra-curricular activities such as sports, the arts and community/ charity work. Our co-curricular program runs every Monday to Thursday after school and every day during lunch times. Sixth Form students are encouraged to keep up a regular timetable of activities to balance their academic work and to help develop teamwork and life skills, which are widely considered to be important to employers and universities.

The programme consists of three strands: Team Sports / Activity, Creativity / Enrichment and Service / Leadership. Students must complete a certain amount of activities in order to fulfil the 'Prior Passport'.

Exchange trips with the UK and abroad are part of Sixth Form life, allowing our students to see the world beyond Gibraltar.

"Prior Park gets the balance between academic studies and extra-curricular activities just right."

Current Parent

SKILLS FOR LIFE

All students follow the Skills for Life programme which is part of our taught curriculum. The skills covered range from self-defence and car maintenance to nutrition and even ironing. We want our leavers to be well prepared for life beyond Prior Park and we are adding new modules to this part of their school experience each year.

FAITH IN EDUCATION

At Prior Park, we want our students to be rooted in the Christian values of consideration, compassion, kindness, service, contribution to others and an openness to God, on which they can build their lives and which will be their inspiration in good times and comfort in bad.

The Catholic Christian education we offer our students allows them to learn in an inspirational and nurturing environment. Our role is to educate the whole child, who is open to the richness of different cultures. Theology is a core subject to GCSE. All Sixth Formers are regularly involved in fundraising projects in aid of local and global charities. Prior Park designs its teaching to explore important moral, social and spiritual issues alongside excellent academics.

We hope our students will leave Prior Park with many happy memories, a broad understanding of the issues facing their generation and the tools and knowledge to start their own journeys in the working world. An overwhelming 99% of parents can see their child leaving school as a confident, capable, compassionate and independent-minded young adult.

“Brilliant academics,
fantastic co-curricular
programme and
excellent events”

Current parent





SOCIAL LIFE

Good schools help to prepare their students for a rich and fulfilling life after school and part of that should be giving them experience in a number of different social settings. In addition to the informal social life based around the Common Room, we will offer a programme of more formal events including a Sixth Form Leavers' Ball.

Starting the Sixth Form in a new school can be an intimidating prospect and we reduce some of the anxiety and uncertainty for our new students by holding induction events, such as taster days at the school.

COMMON ROOM AND QUIET STUDY AREA

Our Sixth Form students have a dedicated Common Room, complete with a kitchen area, soft seating and quiet study space. This is their space to use at break and lunch times and to work independently on their studies.

UNIFORM

Prior Park Sixth Form requires students to dress appropriately for a formal learning environment. We recognise that A levels are the steppingstone to independence, whether that be heading off to university or into the workplace. Students will be expected to wear a smart, business-like, dark coloured suit with a shirt and tie for boys and blouse for girls. Please refer to our policy on Sixth Form uniform for specific guidelines.

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

2020 LEAVERS

Southampton University | Medicine
Durham University | Physics
Bath University | Economics
Nottingham University | Dietetics and Nutrition
Leeds University | Psychology
Sussex University | Maths and Finance

2021 LEAVERS

Durham University | Anthropology
Sunderland University | Medicine
Leeds University | Diagnostic Radiography
Oxford Brookes | Architecture
Flying FTE Jerez | Aviation
UCL | Mathematics
Edinburgh University | Computer Science
Durham University | Engineering
Leeds Beckett University | Sport and Exercise Therapy
Liverpool Hope University | Fine Art
Royal Holloway University | Philosophy
De Montfort University | Cyber Security
Bristol University | Biochemistry with Molecular Biology
Leeds Beckett University | Sport and Business



APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT PRIOR PARK SCHOOL

Students currently in Year 11 at Prior Park School, will be offered a place to study A levels, provided they meet the entry requirements.

There are also places available for external students who are looking to experience a new type of Sixth Form provision in Gibraltar.

ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Wednesday 24th November 2021- Sixth Form Information Event
Students and their families are welcome to join us at this event. Here they can find out more information about the school and the steps necessary for securing a place on our A level Programme.
2. Download a registration form from our website, complete and return this to us along with the £150 registration fee.
3. Meet with the Headmaster for an interview.
4. Thursday 25 August 2022 - GCSE Results Day. Students will find out if they have achieved the grades necessary for A level entry.
5. Acceptance letters will be sent to students who have achieved the required grades.
6. Acceptance letters and deposit* must be paid to formally accept and secure the place for September.
7. Students who have not achieved the required grades, are invited to meet with the Headmaster to discuss their options.

If you have any other questions about the admissions process, please contact Charlotte on coldroyd@priorparkschools.com or call us on **+350 200 62006**.

*This £400 fee is a deposit and is deducted from the last school fee invoice when the student leaves Prior Park.

FEES

School fees for A level students at Prior Park are kept lower than the national UK average and surrounding competitors, to ensure we can offer an excellent education at an affordable price.

The fees cover all academic studies and most extra- curricular activities. Certain school trips and activities (such as Duke of Edinburgh Award) incur an extra cost.

For up to date fees, please refer to the school website - www.priorparkgibraltar.com or call the School on **+350 200 62006**.

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- Open from 8.00am – 6.00pm
- Mini-bus pick up from three locations around Gibraltar
- New 6th Form College with British A level curriculum
 - Fees lower than UK average and local competitors
 - Small class sizes – typically 6-12 pupils at A level
 - Classroom links with sister schools in the UK
 - Over 30 extra-curricular activities on offer



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