



Sixth Form

Curriculum Fact File



Felsted



Studying at Felsted Sixth Form

You will need to obtain the equivalent of 32 points at GCSE across your best 6 subjects, with at least a grade 6 in the subjects you wish to study at A Level or at Higher Level in the IB Diploma. Pupils achieving lower than this will be expected to undertake one or more BTEC options. If you would like to study a subject not offered at GCSE, we use other subjects (often English, Maths or Science) as indicators of likely success; these are specified in the entry requirements for each individual subject.

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Find out more about our entry requirements and procedures:
www.felsted.org/sixth-admissions



Scholarships & Awards

Scholarships and Awards are available for those candidates showing excellence in and commitment to Academia, Art, Design and Technology, Drama, Music and Sport. All Awards make students in the UK eligible to apply for additional financial support through a means tested top-up bursary.

Find out more about scholarships and bursaries, including 100% bursaries (*UK applicants only*)
www.felsted.org/scholarships

Case Studies

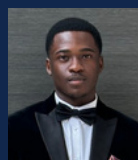
Hannah – IB Diploma

A keen musician, singer and dancer, Hannah achieved an outstanding 43 points in the IB Diploma Programme, securing her place at Edinburgh University to study Psychology. Although she dreams of appearing on the West End stage, Hannah chose to prioritise her aspiration of becoming a Clinical Psychologist, but hopes to continue to perform alongside.



Aayan – A Levels

Aayan's top A Level grades in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science secured him a place at the University of Manchester to study Computer Science, where he hopes to pursue a career in quantitative finance as a quantitative researcher.



Subject Options

Whether you choose to study the IB diploma or A Levels and/or BTEC/AAQ, we have a wide range of subject options for you to choose from.

	AL	IB	BTEC/AAQ
Art & Design / Visual Arts	✓	✓	
Applied Science			✓
Biology	✓	✓	
Business	✓		✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	
Classical Civilisation	✓		
Computer Science	✓		
Design & Technology	✓	✓	
Drama & Theatre	✓		
Economics	✓	✓	
English Language & Literature		✓	
English Literature	✓		
Further Mathematics	✓		
Geography	✓	✓	
History	✓	✓	
Latin	✓	✓	
Mathematics	✓	✓	
Media Studies / Creative Media	✓		✓
Modern Foreign Languages	✓	✓	
Music	✓	✓	
Physical Education / Sport	✓		✓
Physics	✓	✓	
Politics / Global Politics	✓	✓	
Psychology	✓	✓	
Sports Science		✓	
Theology, Ethics & Philosophy	✓	✓	

Maxime – IB Diploma

Maxime secured his offer to study International Relations at IE University in Madrid. Since joining Felsted in Year 7, Maxime has been involved in a wide range of activities including playing rugby for the 1st team, participating in Model United Nations, Round Square, and taking part in the Magic Bus service trip to Mumbai.



Tegan – A Levels

Having joined Felsted in Reception, Tegan achieved an exceptional four A* grades in Chemistry, Biology, Psychology and Maths, securing her offer to read Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.



Owen – BTEC

Owen secured his offer to study Sports and Exercise Science at Loughborough after achieving top results in his BTEC Sport (Distinction*Distinction) and Business Studies (Distinction). A keen sportsman, Owen hopes to pursue a career in professional rugby.



Mercedes – IB Diploma

As well as securing her place to study Medicine at Queen's University Belfast, Head of School Mercedes was an active member of the Charities Committee, Chapel, Andrew Society, MedSoc and MUN.



Phoebe – A Levels

Deputy Head of School, Phoebe, who had been at Felsted since Reception, secured a place at Trinity College, Cambridge to study Modern and Medieval Languages after achieving four A grades at A Level.



Independent Learning

Whether taking IB, A Level or BTEC courses, independent learning is a key feature of sixth form study and allows pupils to explore topics of personal interest and enthusiasm, and scaffolds pupils to develop their approach to learning in readiness for university or the workplace.

University & Careers

Our Professional Guidance Department provides clear, appropriate and individual advice, information, support and guidance so that you can make informed choices as you progress through the sixth form and into the world of work.

In addition to a student weekly drop in clinic, parents are invited to presentations and information evenings. All Lower Sixth attend UCAS Fairs and Futures Conferences and are also encouraged to attend Felsted Network evenings hosted by members of the #FelstedFamily.

Find out more about our Professional Guidance Department:
www.felsted.org/futures



PATHWAYS

We identify four pathway routes for you to research. We advise you to prepare for two, to keep options open:

1. UK University
2. International University
3. Degree Apprenticeship
4. Direct workplace entry



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The level of careers support the students get from the school is truly remarkable, and we have impressed on our girls how important it is to use the resources at their disposal and listen to the advice on offer.

Parent of U6 pupil

Gus – PwC Degree Apprenticeship

After achieving an A* and 2As at A Level, Gus now embarks on a degree apprenticeship in Accountancy with PwC at the University of Nottingham, with ambitions to one day work in the city.



Julia – USA Music Scholarship

Felsted's Musician of the Year Julia was awarded a scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston after achieving Distinction* in BTEC Business, B grades in Psychology and Music, and an A in her EPQ. After playing drums for Felsted's production of Sister Act, Julia hopes to pursue a career performing on the West End or Broadway.



Curriculum Pathways

IB Diploma, A Levels and BTEC

At Felsted we support both the IB Diploma and A Level pathways, as well as offering a number of BTEC options, as we believe they offer a strong curriculum for different types of learner. All pathways should be considered by Sixth Form pupils as common misconceptions can often deter pupils from following a course that might be best suited to them.

Key advantages:

IB Diploma

- Able to continue with a broader range of subjects (six)
- Internal assessment for each subject counts towards final grade in each subject
- Theory of Knowledge (ToK) course encourages critical thinking skills, which is an advantage across all subjects
- More accessible options for areas that you are less confident in (eg. ab initio languages)
- The Extended Essay is a chance to choose own topic for research
- Open-ended exam questions and tasks in some subjects are exciting and allow for creativity
- International cohort / new friends and experiences
- Exam results are issued in early July which allows for early negotiation with universities

A Levels

- Able to focus on subject areas and specialisms
- The syllabus and subject content is often much more defined
- There is a wealth of resources to support your learning, such as study guides, textbooks and online materials
- Fewer courses have a coursework element, which allows greater time to cover examination content and develop examination techniques
- More of a teacher led approach
- Completing the Extended Project Qualification alongside your A Levels allows you to develop self-motivation and autonomy as well as giving you an opportunity to work independently on a topic of your choice
- Less classroom contact time allows you more time to complete assignments and ongoing independent work during the school day and helps you to develop good time management skills

BTEC

BTEC courses are assessed in a modular model, with some components assessed by coursework, and some by examination. There is opportunity to resit some components within the two-year programme.

BTEC programmes are suitable for pupils that have not met the A Level entry requirements (32 points from the best 6 subjects), and for those learners for whom a modular assessment approach is more supportive and recognises what learners have achieved throughout the course.





Sixth Form Subject Fair

Find out more!

At Felsted every effort is made to ensure that a wide range of subject combinations are available and that a pupil's first choice of subjects can be met.

For the IB, you must choose one subject from each of the 6 groups and indicate whether you wish to take that subject at Higher Level or Standard Level. You should be taking at least 3 subjects at Higher Level and up to 3 subjects at Standard Level.

For A Levels, we recommend that pupils choose 3 A Levels and supplement this with the Extended Project Qualification. However, should pupils wish to take four A Levels (for example, pupils wishing to take Maths and Further Maths), we will consider their requests carefully.

Learn more about each subject via our interactive online subject guide.

Visit: www.felsted.org/sixth-subjects



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