



**Welcome to KLB School**

**Sixth Form  
Open Evening**



## **Katharine Lady Berkeley's School Sixth Form Open Evening**

Headteacher's introduction:

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Sixth Form education at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School:

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## Why study at Katharine Lady Berkeley's?

- A supportive environment in which all students feel valued.
- A school in which the sixth form was graded as outstanding by OFSTED in 2008, 2012 and 2017.
- A school which has a sixth form for which OFSTED recently said:
  - Leadership, provision and the quality of education in the sixth form are outstanding;
  - Students enjoy their courses and respond well to the teaching that they receive;
  - Students have high aspirations and benefit from strong support that helps them to achieve highly;
  - Staff and students visibly enjoy the opportunities to debate issues and wrestle with intellectual concepts.
- A school where the A level results consistently place the school as one of the top performing comprehensives in the country.



## Why study at Katharine Lady Berkeley's?

### Consistently outstanding A level results

	2018	2011 to 2017
A*/A	36.9%	34.8%
A*/B	67.0%	65.3%
A*/C	85.9%	86.3%



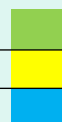
## Why study at Katharine Lady Berkeley's?

School	Type	Points
Felix's Grammar School	SGL	47.54
Sir Thomas Rich's School	SGL	40.15
Stowal High School	SGL	37.91
Katharine Lady Berkeley's School	CDMP	37.52
The Cotswold Academy	CDMP	36.29
The Crypt School	SGL	36.23
Maring School	SGL	35.31
Balcarras School	CDMP	35.06
High School for Girls	SGL	34.30
The Castle School	CDMP	34.22
The Ridings, Winterbourne	CDMP	33.85
Bornham Green School	CDMP	33.98
Wotton Hill High School	SGL	31.52
Chewas School	CDMP	30.71
Farnor's School	CDMP	30.53
Sturminster College	TERT	30.53
Wykeham School	CDMP	30.41
Chipping Campden School	CDMP	30.27
Chipping Sodbury School	CDMP	30.07
Map Academy	CDMP	29.33
Chalfham Bourneville School	CDMP	29.21
Stanley Stoke Community School	CDMP	28.64
Weymouth College	TERT	28.19
Olsson Hill School	CDMP	28.54
Freesham School	CDMP	28.19
Downend School	CDMP	28.04
John Cabot Academy	CDMP	27.79
Patchway Community College	CDMP	27.55
St Peter's Catholic High School	CDMP	26.83
Rednack School	CDMP	26.80
Sir Bernard Lovell Academy	CDMP	26.54
Newent Community School	CDMP	26.37
Winwood School	CDMP	26.30
Abbeywood Community School	CDMP	26.25
Rristol Technology and Engineering Academy	CDMP	25.63
Beaumont Cooperative Academy	CDMP	24.35
Mangotfield School	CDMP	24.00
Churchham School	CDMP	23.35
Stonely School	CDMP	23.27
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College	TERT	22.74
Stonely School	TERT	22.64
Millbrook Academy	CDMP	22.14
All Saints' Academy, Chalfham	CDMP	21.90
Gloucester Academy	CDMP	18.18

Selective

Comprehensive

FE College



This shows results from 2017, the most recent validated data available



## Courses offered

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Biology            | Graphic Art           |
| Business           | History               |
| Chemistry          | Japanese              |
| Chinese            | Mathematics           |
| Design Technology  | Mathematics (Further) |
| Drama              | Music                 |
| Economics          | Photography           |
| English Literature | Physical Education    |
| Film Studies       | Physics               |
| Fine Art           | Psychology            |
| French             | Sociology             |
| Geography          | Spanish               |



## Courses timetabled

- Blocks are created using the students' initial choices which are made in February.
- We aim to achieve the best possible fit with the students' choices.
- Where a course is chosen by fewer than 8 students, it is unlikely that the course will be timetabled.
- There is some flexibility over the minimum group sizes for Chinese, Music and Further Mathematics.



## Entry requirements

- You will need to have achieved at least 3 Grade 5 and 2 Grade 4 passes at GCSE.
- There are also GCSE grade requirements for each A level course.
- For most subjects, a Grade 5 is required in that subject at GCSE (Grade 6 for mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics and languages).
- If you have not studied the subject at GCSE, there are grade requirements in other subjects, generally English and, in some cases, mathematics.
- Students have to be able to put together a programme of study which includes, in most cases, 4 subjects.



## A Level Programme

At KLB:

Select 4 subjects. In a few cases, they will study 3

Students will use their results from assessment points throughout Year 12 to decide on which subjects to study in Y13

Students will sit all modules for the full A level in the summer of Year 13

Why take four subjects:

No evidence to suggest students perform better with 3 than 4 – quite the opposite

“I’ll spend all the time released on my other 3”

Busy people....

Some will continue with 4 into Year 13

Subjects may not be what you expected – need a while to find this out

3 leaves no flexibility

Can manage 4 with a reasonable amount of work



## Making your choices...

- A level courses and timetable
- Questions to ask
- Our support and expectations



## How to choose a course

- Career consideration
- Continuing with subjects from GCSE
- Content appeals
- New subjects
- Methods of assessment
- Balance and breadth
- Important to do research
  - university websites
  - ‘preferred/facilitating subjects\*’
  - Russell Group “Informed Choices”
  - UCAS Progress
  - must look at GCSE requirements too e.g. teaching
- Works as a package
- Talk to us



## Facilitating subjects

- Subjects which are more frequently required for entry to degree courses than others.
- Leaves open a wide range of options for university study.
- English literature; mathematics; further mathematics; physics; biology; chemistry; history; geography; modern and classical languages.
- Many other subjects are available at A level but they are unlikely to be required for any particular degree course and so choosing them doesn't increase your options at university.
- Russell Group universities encourage students to study two facilitating subjects.
- Drawbacks?



## Year 12 Timetable

- 9 hours per subject per fortnight
- 1 hour of life skills
- 2 hours of enrichment
- 39/50 hours
- Study periods



## How do we support?

- Main differences between GCSE and A level?
- **Emphasis on positive mindset and approach**
- Bridging and initial tasks
- Highlight skills needed for success
- Recognise success and act on concerns
- Regular assessments
- Study Library – 8 'til late!
- Financial support through post-16 bursary
- Support from the Sixth Form team and teachers



## Expectations....

- Attendance
- Private study
- Hour for an hour
- Employment
- Dress code



## Beyond the classroom....

- Access to Bristol/Pathways to Law
- Primary school work
- Pre-school work
- Care home work
- Charity shop volunteering
- School Council
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form committee
- Rotary interview
- Y8 literacy help
- Lesson help
- Y7 tutor group help
- Quiz team
- Charity events
- Prefect
- First Aid
- Stroud Council and local youth forum
- University subject days eg maths, law, medicine, masterclass days
- Sign Language
- Jenner Museum work
- Community Sports Leaders' Award
- Games
- Outdoor club
- Drive IQ
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Helping at info/open evenings
- Ambassadors showing visitors round school
- Film club
- Drama
- Music
- EPQ
- Summer schools ([Headstart](#), [Medsim](#))
- STEM activities
- Rotary Young Leaders Scheme
- Sixth Form debates
- Department trips and visits
- Work experience
- Future Learn courses
- TIC





## Enrichment

- First Aid
- Sixth Form newsletter
- Book group
- Games
- Dog walking/"training"
- Access to Bristol/Pathways to Law
- Sign Language



## Community Service...

### Primary schools:

Alexander Hosea  
Blue Coat  
Hillesley  
Stone

British  
Horton  
Kingswood  
Cam Woodford

St John's Mead  
Hawkesbury  
North Nibley

Charfield Pre-school

Natural Choice Nursery

Blue Coat Pre-school

### Care homes:

Yercombe  
Beaufort House  
Pennwood Lodge  
Kingswood Lodge  
Wickwar

### Charity work:

RSPCA  
Bridge2Aid  
Tenovus

### Work experience:

Vale Vets  
Rowe Vets  
Local garage

### Other:

Wotton Library



## Other opportunities

- Sixth Form committee
- Charities and fundraising activities
- Tutor group quiz
- Social events in school
- TEFL
- Drive IQ
- Sports Leaders' course
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)



## To support the lower school....

- Department support and lesson help
- Support Room at lunchtime and during lessons (vulnerable pupils)
- Prefects
- Student ambassadors – tours around school
- Helping to run School Council
- TIC



## Health and Wellbeing

- Rugby, netball, hockey, squash, football
- Use of the fitness suite
- Sixth Form
  - wellbeing sessions
  - yoga
  - archery
  - fencing
  - basketball
  - spinning



## The Application Timeline

- Nov – Dec           Talk to subject teachers, (KLB) mocks  
New students welcome to visit
- Jan 2019           Mock results
- Feb 2019           Taster lessons and surgeries  
Complete application form
- March 2019       Blocks optimised  
Departments consulted/references  
requested
- April 2019       All interviewed
- Aug 2019       GCSE results



## And finally.....

- Take a prospectus
- Chat to subject teachers and students
- Students new to KLB - please meet at reception
- Stay in touch (contacts in the prospectus)



Thank you

