

THE SYDNEY RUSSELL SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM
2024 ENTRY



REALISE
YOUR
POTENTIAL

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Message from the Principal

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to see some of what The Sydney Russell School has to offer. I think that you will be impressed.

I am very proud to be the Principal of a school which combines the highest levels of academic achievement and behaviour, a great emphasis on student wellbeing and provides a broad programme of enrichment activities from EYFS to Year 13. We are very ambitious for our students and it is our aim that every child leaves our school as a confident and successful young adult with examination results of which they can be proud. Whilst the majority of our children will go on to continue their studies at university, we ensure every child has a clear pathway for the next steps beyond Sydney Russell School.

My aspirations for students can only be realised through high expectations both in and out of the classroom. All staff at Sydney Russell School share in our school vision therefore our students are expected to show dedication and commitment in their work and aim to be the best they can be in all areas of their learning. We are very proud of the school we have built and the opportunities it offers our students. Our staff are generous with their time and consequently opportunities are vast and varied both within and beyond the classroom. We strive to provide a wealth of academic, creative, sporting and personal experiences to support and develop our students as they grow into valuable members of our community.

While students, parents and teachers will be focused on the examinations students will take in 13, we understand that their results are the beginning not the end, and we look forward to learning about the many ways in which our alumni make their mark in the world, proud to have been a Sydney Russell School student.

Clare Cross
Principal



VISION

“Where the world comes to school”

Unlocking the potential of every child, challenging expectations and levelling the playing field is at the heart of what we do and who we are at The Sydney Russell School.

Our curriculum delivers continuous progression and successful learning experiences for all our young people. Our aims are:

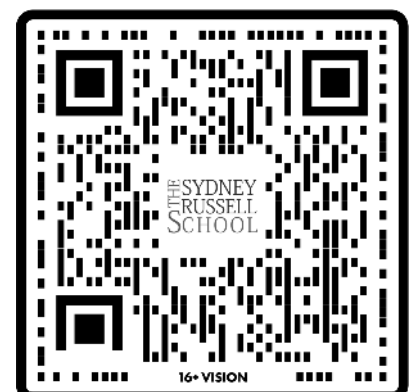
Currency To deliver a rich, ambitious, exciting and carefully crafted curriculum which leads to high academic performance and provides all our pupils with the currency they need to succeed in later life.

Culture To build the cultural capital of our young people by providing diverse experiences. We provide a wide range of cultural opportunities to inspire our students to be the best they can be and to remove barriers so they gain confidence to achieve their aspirations.

Character To develop the character of our young people by creating opportunities to ensure our pupils flourish as lifelong learners. We create an atmosphere that hums with excitement, vibrancy and purpose, which fosters a love of learning and intellectual curiosity and promotes dignity, integrity, self-discipline and self-esteem.

CURRENCY | CULTURE | CHARACTER

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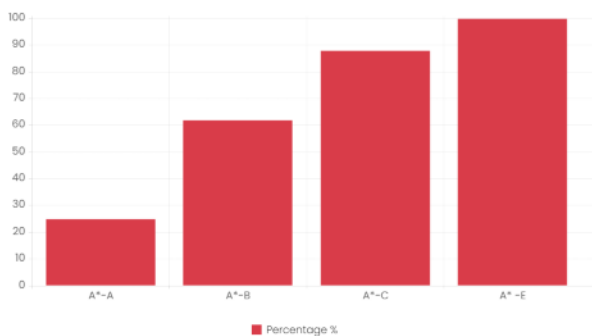




CURRENCY

In choosing Sydney Russell Sixth Form, you are investing in academic excellence where all students are provided with the currency they need to progress into the most competitive careers and courses. Our most recent set of externally validated results, demonstrate the high academic performance our students achieve. Data analysis shows pupil progress in Sydney Russell Sixth Form was within the top 25% of schools, with a number of subjects in the top 10% of schools (Alps, 2022). Data analysis also shows that the progress of students in our sixth form is greater than students nationally (4Matrix, 2022).

A Level | Headline Measures 2023

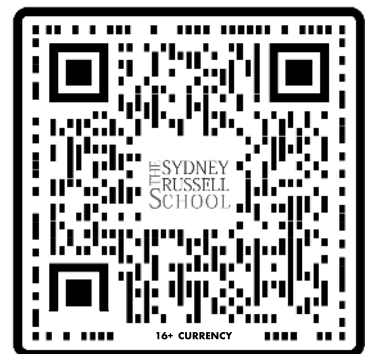


Sydney Russell Sixth Form is committed to delivering successful learning experiences and to “level the playing field” for all our students so they are equipped with the qualifications to unlock their future pathway. Our students are excited by the prospect of moving on to University, apprenticeships or employment upon graduating from the sixth form. Over 40% of our 2022-23 cohort have begun courses at the top Universities in the country, those being the Russell Group and top third universities.



At all points in the Sixth Form journey, our students are provided with ongoing support and monitoring to enable academic success. Every pupil is taught by subject specialists and have regular assessment points to track attainment and progress. All teachers equip their students with independent study activities for their supervised study hours in addition to regular homework and revision. Should a pupil need further support, our team of dedicated Sixth Form teachers, run regular intervention should a pupil need more 1:1 support.

By choosing Sydney Russell Sixth Form, you are investing in academic excellence, where all students are equipped to realise their potential and make successful next steps into the wider world.



CHARACTER

Overview

Whilst one of the key roles of the Sixth Form is to support students in their pursuit for academic success, we also place an importance on developing our students as lifelong learners who possess the skills and characteristics required to be successful in higher education and employment. Part of this is ensuring the high expectations of dress, attendance and punctuality that would be anticipated in a workplace are met, as well as giving students opportunities to develop their learning habits and soft and life skills.

Setup, Respectful, Safe

The ethos of our school is that students are Setup, Respectful and Safe, therefore we expect all of our Sixth Form students to:

Setup

- Attend school each day
- Arrive at school and to lessons promptly
- Bring the correct equipment to school everyday
- Follow the dress code
- Demonstrate a positive attitude to work
- Follow an independent study timetable

Respectful

- Be polite and respectful to everyone in the school community
- Be a good ambassador in the local community

Safe

- Behave appropriately in class, in the corridors and around the school
- Report any concerns to staff to support us in solving the problem promptly



Developing an A level Mindset

The transition from GCSE to A level can be challenging for students, particularly in relation to the increased independence that students have over their learning. As such, we work with students to develop the characteristics and learning habits to be successful at A level and beyond using the principles of the VESPA mindset (Oakes and Griffin, 2016). Research shows that fostering these learning habits increases the chances of success, so we work with students to help them:

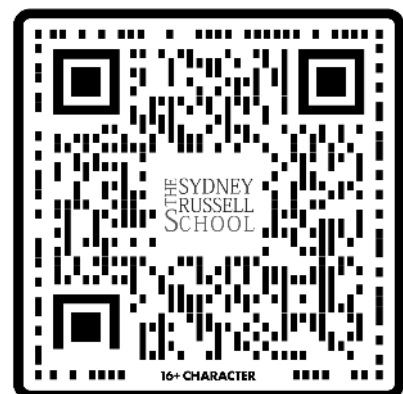
Know what they want to achieve (Vision)

Complete independent study (Effort)

Organise their learning resources and their time (Systems)

Practice and develop their skills (Practice)

Respond constructively to challenge (Attitude)





Enrichment opportunities are built into students' timetables in Year 12 to enable them to develop skills that are vital to life beyond Sixth Form.

All students take part in Sport once per week, as well as First Give, which is an initiative where they raise awareness and funds for local charities. In addition to this, they are able to choose from enrichment opportunities including:

Debating – An opportunity to develop your critical thinking, communicative and team work skills by, not only debating, but also hosting key debating activities within the school.

Duke of Edinburgh – The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an Achievement Award recognised by employers and universities. With the opportunity to achieve the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award, students complete five key areas: volunteering, physical, skill, expedition and residential.

Mandarin - A full immersion in the Mandarin language and culture, from learning how to write to how to speak in Mandarin.

Media and Communications – An introduction to the world of cameras, lighting and sound, filming, photography, editing, short film production, tv broadcasts and news articles.

Robotics – The opportunity to learn how to build robots and control them through programming giving the opportunity to step into the world of science, acquiring knowledge and problem solving skills that will be useful and applicable beyond the classroom.

At The Sydney Russell School Sixth Form, we pride ourselves on building the cultural capital of our students by providing diverse experiences that they may not have access to at home or in the local community. We utilise a variety of cultural opportunities to inspire our students and build their confidence, with the aim of helping them break down barriers that they may face in society and become the best version of themselves.

SPE

To support our A level students' thirst for knowledge, they engage in the *Scientia Potentia Est* (SPE) programme weekly where they are able to develop their knowledge beyond the A level curriculum in areas including:

Current Affairs – an in-depth analysis of a current news story

Global Citizenship – an introduction to the social, religious, environmental and economics actions of people and communities

Financial Literacy – an insight into understanding and managing finances

Health and Relationships – a discussion of key PSHE issues

Science History – an overview of defining moments in scientific history that have impacted the world

Technology – to broaden students' knowledge and awareness of various technologies in society



CULTURE



Educational Visits

Educational visits can be of substantial benefit to the education and development of pupils. We offer a wide range of educational visits and opportunities to broaden their horizons and enrich their experiences. Visits to museums, galleries and workshop from a large selection of organisations.

University Visits

An on-campus visit can confirm your decision. Seeing the campus in person gives you a better sense of what the school is like, if it's a good fit for you and if you're a good fit for it. A visit to the university campus is an important part of your decision-making process. It gives you beneficial information you can't get from other sources.

Ski Trip

We are taking our students to Andora - a school ski trip is a fantastic way to connect your students with nature, have some fun and boost student cohesion. For many students, a skiing school trip is their first opportunity to experience life on the slopes. Skiing provides an opportunity to learn and experience something new every single time you're on the mountain.



VISITS/TRIPS

Adventures & Expeditions

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an Achievement Award recognised by employers and universities. With the opportunity to achieve the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award, students complete five key areas: volunteering, physical, skill, expedition and residential.

Arts & Culture Trip

At Sydney Russell Sixth Form you will encounter a diverse offer of cultural trips and visits. You will be given the opportunity to immerse yourselves in the arts; witness the greats and be truly inspired. We offer you the chance to walk the path of rich culture and artistic revolution. Arts & Culture Trip was created to inspire people to go beyond their culture boundaries and experience what makes a place, its people and its culture special, unique and meaningful. From our very own London galleries and museums, to travelling to Paris, Athens, Madrid, Rome.

Performing Arts Trip

Our students are immersed in music and have the opportunity to perform at some of the most inspiring venues in the world. Recently our students have performed in venues across the UK and Germany.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Our bespoke Future Pathways programme is tailored to each individual ambition. Whilst the majority of our students aspire to attend university, it is acknowledged that an increasing number of students aim to transition directly into employment via apprenticeships. We provide students with information on the various pathways available to them post-18 to enable them to make an informed decision through:

- Access to a Careers Advisor
- Regular Future Pathways workshops led by an experienced mentor
- Application and CV support
- Visits to prestigious universities such as Queen Mary University and Kings College London
- Work experience with leading global firms such as Morgan Stanley, Microsoft and Taylor Wessing



DISCOVER | EXPLORE



For students aspiring to make an application to the University of Cambridge or the University of Oxford, we have a dedicated programme – the Oxbridge Excellence Programme (OEP). Successful applicants to the programme will be provided with:

1-to-1 sessions with an Oxbridge mentor

Regular workshops including ‘How to choose a college’ and ‘What does a successful Oxbridge personal statement look like’

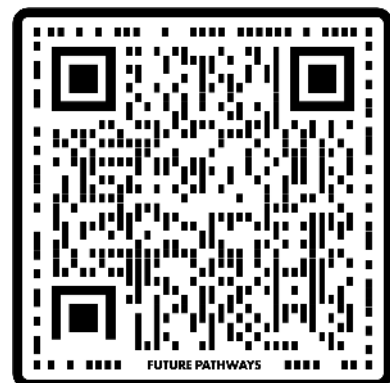
A visit to Newnham College, University of Cambridge or Wadham College, University of Oxford

Application and Admissions Assessment support

In 2022/2023:

90% students obtained a university place with over 40% of these at Russell Group and other top third universities such as University of Cambridge, University of Manchester and University College London.

The remaining 10% of students were successful in securing a degree apprenticeship or a position in paid employment, including with Lloyds Bank & KPMG.



The Sydney Russell School has some of the best facilities in the country.

Classrooms

Our light and airy classrooms are the largest in the country. They are all equipped with 32 computers for students to use and overhead projectors with cinema-sized screens. We also have a range of specialist classrooms including:

- A suite of music classrooms and practice rooms
- A dance studio with barre
- Two drama studios, one of which has tiered seating for performances
- Two floors of dedicated computing classrooms
- Three purpose built kitchens for Food Technology
- Two technology workshops

Sports Facilities

We have some of the best sports facilities in the country including:

- A spacious Sports Hall
- A state-of-the-art fitness suite
- Grass pitches for team sports and athletics
- 5G Football Pitch
- Two hard-courts

Science Laboratories

Our Science faculty has 12 purpose-built laboratories with state of the art facilities.





Library

Over 15,000 books, fiction and non-fiction, are arranged over two floors for students preparing for their A-Level examinations.

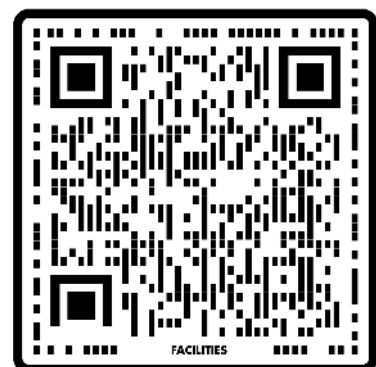
Bike Sheds

There is a secure area for students who cycle to store their bikes during the school day.

Sixth Form Area

Our Sixth Form students have access to an exclusive work and social space throughout the school day which includes:

- A purpose-built supervised study area with space for independent and collaborative work
- IT equipment including PCs and laptops
- A library of fiction and non-fiction books to allow them to read beyond the curriculum
- Lockers
- A kitchenette with use of a fridge, microwave and kettle





CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM OFFER

Typically students at The Sydney Russell Sixth Form study 3 A levels (2 years), 1 AS level (1 year) and 1 enrichment (1 year). You should ensure that you select one subject from each of the blocks below, ensuring that you meet the requirements above.

Level 3 Courses available at Dagenham Park Church of England School

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Chemistry	Business Studies	Art	Film Studies
Computer Science	English Literature	Biology	Physics
Geography	Mathematics	Economics	Psychology
History		Sociology	Religious Studies (Philosophy)
Media			

Level 3 Courses available at Eastbury School

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Biology	Art, Craft & Design	Biology	Business Studies
Business Studies	Chemistry	Computer Science	Chemistry
English Literature	Drama	History	English Literature
Mathematics	Geography	Psychology	Physics
	Politics	Sociology	Politics
	Sociology	Physical Education	Psychology

Level 3 Courses available at Jo Richardson Community School

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Biology	Art, Craft & Design	Chemistry	Physical Education
Business Studies	Drama & Theatre	Dance	Physics
Computer Science	Mathematics	Economics	Politics
English Literature	Psychology	History	Psychology
Geography	Religious Studies (Philosophy)	Media Studies	
History		Sociology	

Level 3 Courses available at Riverside School

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Business Studies	Law	Chemistry	Art
Physics	Mathematics	Computer Science	Biology
Psychology	Sociology	English Literature	Economics
		Physical Education	Geography
		Psychology	History
			Spanish

Level 3 Courses available at Sydney Russell School

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Art, Craft & Design	English Literature	Chemistry	Drama & Theatre
Biology	Mathematics	Computer Science	Economics
Business Studies	Music	Economics	Photography
Computer Science	Government & Politics	Geography	Physics
English Literature	Psychology	History	Psychology
Geography		Media Studies	Physical Education
History		Sociology	Spanish
Sociology			
EPQ			EPQ
AS Further Maths	EPQ	EPQ	AS Further Maths

ENTRY CRITERIA

General Entry Criteria	
English Language	GCSE Grade 5 or higher
Mathematics	GCSE Grade 5 or higher

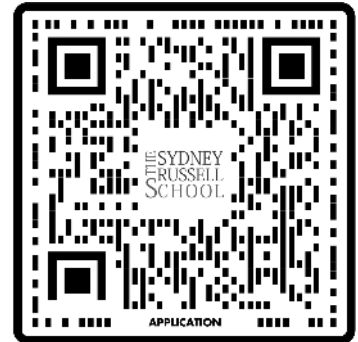
Subject Specific Entry Criteria	
Art	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or Portfolio if no GCSE
Biology	GCSE grade 7 or 7-7 combined science plus GCSE grade 6 in Maths
Business Studies	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
Chemistry	GCSE grade 7 or 7-7 combined science plus GCSE grade 6 in Maths
Computer Science	GCSE grade 6 plus GCSE grade 6 in Maths
Drama	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
Economics	GCSE grade 6 in English Literature plus GCSE grade 6 in Maths
English Literature	GCSE grade 5 in English Literature
EPQ	GCSE grade 5 in English Literature
Further Maths	GCSE grade 8 in Maths
Geography	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
History	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
Maths	GCSE grade 7 in Maths
Media Studies	GCSE grade 5 in English Literature
Music	GCSE Music Grade 6 plus Audition
PE	GCSE grade 6 in the subject plus GCSE grade 6 in Biology or 6-6 combined science
Photography	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or Portfolio if no GCSE
Physics	GCSE grade 7 or 7-7 combined science plus Study Maths A Level
Politics	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
Psychology	GCSE grade 5 in Maths or GCSE grade 5 in Biology or 5-5 combined science
Sociology	GCSE grade 5 in the subject or GCSE grade 5 in English Literature if no GCSE
Spanish	GCSE grade 6 in the subject

Applicants must have studied a minimum of 8 GCSEs or equivalent
Applicants who wish to study 4 A levels will be considered on a case-by-case basis

APPLY

Applications to our Sixth Form are made online using an online platform called Applicaa. In order to access the application form, you can visit - <https://sydneyrussellschool.appicaa.com/year12>

Students who are currently studying in Year 11 at The Sydney Russell School should use their school email address when registering on Applicaa. For applicants applying from outside of The Sydney Russell School, please use the email address that you access most often. We will use email as the main form of contact for all applicants, therefore please ensure that you check your emails frequently to avoid missing important information regarding your application.



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