

# September 2024 Applications

Information for Prospective Students



## LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Long Road is an inclusive college, offering a mixed curriculum, delivered within a supportive environment.

We are located in the Biomedical Campus, with great links to central Cambridge, as well as easy transport services to areas around the city. The college serves more than 2,700 16- 19 year-old students from six Local Authorities.

**Our mission is to empower every student to fulfil their unique potential.**

Our curriculum reflects this mission by providing a broad, inclusive offer from GCSE resits to level 4 Art Foundation.

We seek to prepare you for the many different progression routes you may aspire to, including apprenticeships, employment, and university.

## A QUICK GUIDE TO THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

In this guide you will find...

- Our admissions timeline
- Instructions on how to submit your application
- What happens after submitting your application
- An overview of the courses we offer & our minimum entry requirements
- Information on life as a Long Road student
- Student welfare, wellbeing and additional learning support





# YOUR APPLICATION TIMELINE

Got a question? Contact our friendly Admissions Team!  
[admissions@longroad.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@longroad.ac.uk) or **01223 63 1125**

## October 2023: Applications Open



## Tuesday 9th January 2024: Applications Close

Applications made after this date may be placed on a waiting list



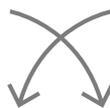
## Advice and Guidance Meetings

Discuss your options with an experienced member of staff. You'll receive a formal offer of study via your online account within 4 working weeks.



## July 2024: Welcome Days

Spend the day as a Long Road student.  
Try out your subjects and get a taste of Long Road life.



## August 2024: GCSE Results Day

Good luck, we're keeping our fingers crossed for you!



## Late August 2024: New Student Enrolment

Welcome to the Long Road family!



## Early September 2024: Start of Academic Year 2024/2025

Time to start your Long Road life!



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you have submitted your application, it will be reviewed by a member of our admissions team. Should you meet the criteria for a study programme with us, you will be invited to attend an Advice and Guidance Meeting where your chosen courses, goals for the future, and interests outside of education will be discussed.

Shortly after your meeting you will be sent a conditional offer via your Admissions+ account. Remember, you can accept offers from multiple colleges, and we recommend you do just that! Accepting all the offers you receive means you will keep all your options open until GCSE Results Day, when you must make your final decision on where to study.

If you have accepted your offer, you will later be invited to attend a Welcome Day with us in the summer to try out your courses, meet your teachers, and get a real feel for what it is like to be a Long Road student.



## HOW DO I APPLY?

Long Road welcomes applications from all students, regardless of the school you currently attend. All applications are considered equally; however, the application process differs based on the school you currently attend.

Please ensure you check which of the below applies to you before submitting your application:

- Applicants who currently study at a Cambridge Area 14 - 19 Partnership school should apply online via MyChoice@16.
  - A list of all CAP schools can be found here.
- Applicants who do not currently study at a CAP school must apply directly to Long Road. Please click here to start your Admissions+ application.

Our team will transfer all MyChoice@16 applications to the Admissions+ platform after our January deadline. Your login information will be sent to you via email.

## OUR COURSES

At Long Road, we offer a wide selection of courses ranging from STEM, Humanities, Visual and Performance Arts to Social Sciences, Language, and Sport.

Our curriculum includes both A Levels and Applied subjects. The main difference between these is the way that you're assessed: Applied subjects will contain an element of coursework assessment, whereas A Levels are largely assessed by exams at the end of your 2 years of study.

This means for an Applied course you will have to work continuously towards assessments throughout your 2 years of study whereas on an A Level course, your exams will be held at the end of your 2 years.



## APPLIED SUBJECTS

You may have heard the myth that Applied subjects are an easier option. How easy you find A Level or Applied subjects will depend on your preferred working and assessment style - if you thrive in exams then A Levels may be 'easier' for you, but if you prefer coursework then an Applied subject could suit you better.

Universities typically view Applied subjects as equivalent to A Levels, so you're not disadvantaging yourself or restricting your progression options by studying an Applied course.

If there is a specific university or degree course you would like to study then it is worth looking up the entry requirements to see if they ask specifically for certain subjects or qualifications as this may inform your sixth form course choices.

## Choosing Your Study Programme

If you are currently completing your GCSEs, you will be applying for either our Level 3 (A Levels and Applied) or Level 2 (GCSEs and Applied) courses.

You can select from three different pathways at Level 3 to best suit your career aims and interests. You may choose an A Level only route, an Applied only route or a pathway that includes A Level and Applied courses.

Your place at Long Road is determined by your grades, school reference and attending an Advice and Guidance Meeting. Each course offered includes entry requirements, which must be met in order to gain a place with us.

Our basic entry requirements are:

- **A Levels: Five GCSEs at Grade 5**
- **Applied: Five GCSEs at Grade 4**

[Please click here for individual course entry requirements.](#)



You will have 3 lessons per subject per week, meaning you spend just over 14 hours per week in classes.

We recommend 4 hours per subject per week for independent study, totalling 12 hours per week, and an additional 1 hour planning for the week ahead. This adds up to 27 hours, 10 hours short of a working week. If you use your independent study periods wisely you'll be able to keep every evening and weekend free to enjoy!

## LIFE AS A LONG ROAD STUDENT

Studying at Long Road is different to studying at school. We recognise you as an individual and treat you as an adult. Not all of your learning will be in classrooms; you'll hear lectures and attend workshops led by experts related to your study programme and future goals.

At Long Road you will be taught by highly qualified and experienced subject specialist teachers. Our small class sizes (*maximum 26 students*) allow for high levels of student participation in mature group discussions, encouraging you to develop and express your opinions.

The college day runs from 9am - 4:10pm, but unlike school you won't spend all day in classes. Independent study periods allow you to work on assignments, carry out research and explore your course in depth outside of the classroom.

## KEY INFORMATION

- College Day: 9am - 4:10pm
- Breaktime: 10:30am - 10:50am
- Lunchtime: 12:20pm - 1:05pm
- Lesson duration: 1.5 hours
- Average class size: 20 students
- Weekly lesson time: 14 hours



## Enrichment

College life isn't all about academic study; it's a time to meet new people and try out new experiences. Our enrichment activities are a great way for you to explore your passions and get to meet other students outside the classroom. Maybe you've already got a keen interest - or maybe you're looking for a new hobby - either way we're sure to have something that you want to get involved in.

Our broad enrichment programme of student-led clubs and societies encourages you to widen your horizons and develop valuable skills that will complement the knowledge gained in your classes. Alongside this, you can also get involved in our other programmes, such as Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Med Squad, Russell Group Prep Programme, as well as a range of Sports.



## STUDENT SUPPORT

We understand that starting at college is a big step and can feel overwhelming, which is totally normal! We have lots of ways of supporting students at Long Road as your welfare and wellbeing is our highest priority!

Our Student Care, Guidance and Progression team includes a team of trained Designated Safeguarding leads, a Wellbeing co-ordinator and a college counsellor, all of whom can support you in college; or we can signpost students to appropriate external therapeutic and counselling services where needed.

We have a varied programme of wellbeing activities on offer throughout the year including active sessions, creative ones, therapy dogs and opportunities to learn a new skill.

These will focus on the *5 Ways to Wellbeing* which are simple steps that we can do every day to help improve our ability to manage when feeling stressed and overwhelmed.

Students will also be offered small group activities to help them explore techniques for managing a variety of challenges such as generalised anxiety, social anxiety, caring responsibilities, and bereavement. Sometimes we may use creative activities or meet in a quiet space outside to deliver these sessions for an immediate boost to wellbeing!



## Additional Learning Needs

Our team of qualified specialist tutors can provide formal and informal assessments of students' learning needs. For students with EHC plans we develop individual learning programmes that are regularly reviewed and adjusted as needed.

Students with English as their second language are offered extra tuition with a specialist teacher.

A range of IT equipment and software is available to support students' studies, including text-to-speech and mind-mapping programmes.

If you have any questions or would like some more information on the support offered, please contact [support@longroad.ac.uk](mailto:support@longroad.ac.uk)



# THE RIGHT ROAD FOR YOU

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