

Make an Impression with your Application



We are delighted you are interested in joining Solihull Sixth Form College. Our online application is now open, you will need to register for a Tyber account through the College website <https://www.solihullsf.ac.uk/applying/> Deadline is 31st March 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be conducting face to face interviews. The information you provide in your application will be used to determine whether or not we will make you a conditional offer of a place to study with us. You must therefore complete your application accurately and with as much detail as possible to show yourself at your best.

Before you start, read our top tips.

Make a good first impression

The way you communicate gives a first impression, and will also form an assessment of whether you are a good candidate for the College. Make the best start by setting a good example in the way you present yourself.

When contacting the College, remember to conduct yourself professionally. Be mindful not to use text speak/language and that your manner is appropriate, just like if you were in a job interview. If you need to phone or email then address the person you are making contact with (Dear Sir/Madam or Mr/Mrs). Be yourself, but remember to be polite and courteous.

#BeKindAlways

Don't use abbreviations, slang or text speak/language

You'll probably spend quite a bit of time on your application, so make sure it isn't let down by poor spelling, grammar or punctuation. A good way to check written work of any kind is to read it out loud to help pick up any mistakes. Maybe ask another person to look at it too. You don't want to realise you've made a mistake after you've submitted your application.

Contact details

The College will need to be able to get in touch with you. Make sure you include up to date contact details. You should also make sure your email address is appropriate – something like Zarababygirl@google.com probably won't make a good impression. Use a regularly used email address so you can be confident you receive communications.

You must provide details for at least one parent/guardian along with their email address.

Qualifications/Predicted Grades/School Reference

This is where we look at your skills and knowledge to see if you are suitable for level 3 studies. We will look at your predicted grades to consider whether you will cope with the content of the courses that you wish to study. You should include all the subjects/qualifications, don't forget any early entry subjects from year 10. Your school will give you these predicted grades. Ask your teachers if have not received them as you do need these for your application.

Your school reference gives insight into your skills and character to help us determine your suitability for a place at Solihull Sixth Form. Your teachers will be writing your reference and telling us about your predicted grades, your work ethic, attendance/behaviour, your achievements and commendations. Use your time in school wisely and take the opportunity to impress your teachers as they will be putting together these academic references for your college or job applications.

Course Choices/Personal Summary and Future Plans

Be Clear with your course choice. For example, select 3 x A Levels (equivalents) or 1 x BTEC Extended Diploma.

If you need help with your course choices then email admissions@solihullsfc.ac.uk asking for some help!

Make an impression with your Personal Summary. Prepare a statement that fulfills the suggested 100 word tally. Show you are keen and have taken time and effort to complete your application. A sloppy poorly completed application will not impress and could result in rejection.

Tell us why you want to study at Solihull Sixth Form and what you want to do in the future. This helps us make sure you have chosen the correct programme of study and pathway to your chosen degree course or career plan. What do you know about the subjects you have chosen and how they fit in with your future plans. Tell us how you intend to meet our main entrance requirements and how your target grades satisfy any extra subject criteria (such as requirements for A Level Maths and the Sciences). This gives us confidence that you understand the grade requirements and that you have the commitment and dedication to achieve these results.

Showcase your skills, achievements, any positions of responsibility. What are your interests and hobbies? Have you any work experience, paid or voluntary work?

What do you know about Solihull Sixth Form (join in some of the streamed sessions we provide for open days)?

Additional Support/Medical Information

Let us know if you require any health or support needs. Tell us if you are in care, a young adult carer or have an EHCP.

This is all highly confidential, Additional Learning Support Team will work with you so that you understand the support channels we have in College and how we can help you. This is an important part of your transition to a new college and our priority is to make sure you feel confident in the support we can provide.

Be Vigilant and Take Part

Communications will mostly be by email, so please be vigilant to incoming mail from Solihull Sixth Form. You will be sent news throughout the year about Open Days, admission events, enrolment information and you do not want to miss any important news and information.

Take part in our virtual Open Days and our forthcoming Welcome to College events. These will help you get a feel for your subjects and what our College is like. Information about these events will be sent to students who hold conditional offers.

Be curious and ask questions, we would love to hear from you.

Contact our Admissions Team by email admissions@solihullsfc.ac.uk

Don't forget to quote your student reference (Tyber username S21xxxx).