



7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Notice of Consultation: Admissions Arrangements for Marling School Sixth Form

In line with legal requirements set out in the School Admission Code 2021, we are consulting on changes to our sixth form admissions arrangements from September 2026.

There is one main change that we highlight below:

Under academic entry requirements, the current policy specifies:

*Applicants should achieve a minimum of 38 'points' across their best 6 GCSE grades in separate subjects. The numerical grade will be used as the point score.*

The policy for entry from September 2026 specifies:

*Applicants should achieve a minimum of 50 'points' across their best 8 GCSE grades in separate subjects. The numerical grade will be used as the point score.*

The new academic entry requirement retains similar point scores, but it extends the requirement to include 8 rather than 6 subjects at GCSE. This has been introduced to encourage achievement across a broader range of subjects at GCSE and brings the entry requirements in line with other similar sixth forms.

In addition to these changes, the Governing Body would like to highlight the following changes to the previous policy, which have been included, not for consultation, but for clarity:

- a) On page 8, section 1 – clarification regarding the conditional offer.
- b) On page 8, section 3 – clarification of the normal programme of study.
- c) On page 9, section 3 – clarification regarding when the Marling Sixth Form Leadership Panel will normally meet.
- d) On page 9, section 4 – clarification of the results day process for applicants continuing from Year 11 in Marling School.
- e) On page 9, section 5 – clarification of the arrangements for submission of information on results day.

You have received this letter as part of a consultation on these changes. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The draft version of the Marling School Admissions Policy for September 2026 is available on the school website at [Joining Us — Marling School](https://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk/joining-us#admissions-policy) (<https://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk/joining-us#admissions-policy>)

If you would like to submit any comments regarding the above proposal please forward them in writing to Rachel Jenkins, Clerk to the Governors, at [RMJ@marling.school](mailto:RMJ@marling.school) by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. All comments will be considered by the Governing Body in January 2025 before the final policy is determined and published on our website.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs J. Godfrey**  
Principal



**Mrs J. Exworthy**  
Chair of Governors