

Making a successful application to Hills Road

If you have decided you would like to apply to the College for entry in 2024, please follow our five-step guide for students attending Cambridge Area Partnership (CAP) schools.

You will make your application using [MyChoice16.co.uk](https://mychoice16.co.uk), and your school will guide you through this process. They will also provide us with your predicted grades and reference.

Please click on the [blue links](#) to view more information.

Step 1: Do you know which subjects you would like to take?

Yes

Maybe or No

If you are unsure, make sure you look at the 36 A level subjects we offer and watch the videos. This will give you a good indication of the course content.

[View subjects >>](#)

If you're not sure of which subject combinations to take, try visiting informedchoices.ac.uk. The website is by the Russell Group and is a helpful guide on which A level subjects are required for many different degree pathways. It's also useful if you are thinking about an apprenticeship or employment after sixth form.

[Visit informedchoices.ac.uk >>](https://informedchoices.ac.uk)

We recommend that you include **FIVE** subjects in your application, this keeps your options open in case we are oversubscribed in one of your chosen subjects.

Step 2: Have you checked that you are qualified for your chosen subjects by the grade entry requirements for your chosen subjects AND by Admissions Score?

For your application to progress, you must be qualified for a minimum of three subjects. If your Admissions Score is slightly lower than recommended, please apply anyway as we try to invite as many CAP students as possible to guidance meetings.

Yes

Maybe or No

Check you are qualified by looking at the subjects on our website.

Step 3: Are you also applying to CAP school sixth form? e.g. The Oakes, Comberton

Yes

Maybe or No

You can put Hills Road as your second preference behind a CAP school sixth form or the Cambridge Maths School.

Make sure you follow our admissions policy when selecting your preference order. You can only put Hills Road in second place if you are also applying to a CAP school sixth form.

[Read our admissions policy, section 6 >>](#)

Step 4: Have you read our guidance on how to write your personal statement?

Yes

Maybe or No

[Read about how to write your personal statement >>](#)

Once you have completed your part of the application, your school will add further information about you, including your school reference and predicted GCSE grades, and they will submit all applications via MyChoice16 by 9 January 2024.

Step 5: In January, once your application is submitted, please go onto MyChoice16 and check your GSCE subjects and predicted grades. Are they as you were expecting?

Yes

No or you are not sure

No further action is required.

Contact your school immediately. If any of your grade information is incorrect, please ask your school to contact us as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for following these steps. Once your application has been submitted, we will check the information and contact you mid-January 2024 to let you know if we are able to offer you a guidance meeting or if we are unable to progress your application further, with the reason why.