

# The Pre-Sixth Course at Leighton Park



Leighton Park  
School

**Pre-Sixth Course**

The **Pre-Sixth course at Leighton Park** offers international students the opportunity to fully integrate into the vibrant social community of a thriving British boarding school whilst offering the academic challenge of obtaining five GCSEs.

With studies concentrated into just one year, our Pre-Sixth course will appeal to academically ambitious 15 and 16 year olds who are already confident in their written and spoken English and would relish the challenge of studying abroad. The course focusses on achieving results which will successfully secure a Sixth Form place either at Leighton Park, or in their home country.

The Pre-Sixth course is designed to be as inclusive as possible. The majority of subjects share lessons with the full Year 11 cohort. Other lessons are taught in dedicated Pre-Sixth groups to ensure students achieve the necessary academic standard. This timetabling creates the perfect balance between the focus of small group tuition and integration within the larger Year 11 cohort.

Accommodation, tutor groups, meals, breaks, games, trips and extra-curricular activities are shared with students throughout the school. This encourages Pre-Sixth students to settle in quickly, enhance their language skills and make life-long friends. The wide variety of music, drama, sport, artistic, intellectual and fun opportunities beyond the classroom guarantee a year packed with wonderful experiences.

Set in 60 acres of beautiful parkland, Leighton Park's proximity to London, only 30 minutes by train, and our easy access to Heathrow airport, just 30 minutes by car, make us the ideal location for a year of Pre-Sixth study.

*"We do our utmost to integrate our Pre-Sixth students fully into the life of the school."*

Deborah Duggan, International Student Co-ordinator

**11-18 years • co-educational • independent • day / boarding**

## Mandatory subjects

Mathematics, English and Additional Science GCSEs are compulsory for all our Pre-Sixth students. The Additional Science GCSE consists of equal parts of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Native German speakers are also encouraged to take an introduction to German Literature, in preparation for the IB.

## Optional subjects

Students can select one from each of the following GCSE option blocks:

**Block 1:** French or Spanish. Latin is also available on request. Students should have a prior knowledge of the selected language, but it should not be their first language.

**Block 2:** Humanities: History or Geography

## Timetabling

Subject	Hours per week	
	Time with Pre-Sixth Group	Time with all of Year 11
Mathematics	7	3
English	8	0
Additional Science	9	0
Block 1: Languages	0	5
Block 2: Humanities	3	5
Games	0	8

The course incorporates timetabled sessions for Games, PSHE, EAL (if required) and for activities. The extensive activities programme includes art, textiles, photography, music, drama, sport, ICT, electronics, debating, astronomy and much more.

## Results (Summer 2015)

**Mathematics** – 100% of students achieved A\*-B, 60% A\*-A grades

**English** – 80% of students achieved A\*-C, 40% A\*-A grades

**Additional Science** – 100% of students achieved A-C grades

**Humanities (Geography and History)** – 80% achieved A\*-B grades

## Questions about the course?

If you have any queries regarding the content of the courses we offer, additional subjects, timetabling, or any other academic issue, please contact our Academic Deputy Head, Karen Gracie-Langrick, by email on [karengracie-langrick@leightonpark.com](mailto:karengracie-langrick@leightonpark.com) or call +44(0)118 987 9528.

## Applications

To apply, or to find out more about the admissions process, please contact:

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**5 GCSEs in 1 Year**  
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and Heathrow  
Airport





"Leighton Park is like a family, a big, big family. Everyone will support you and give you a hand if you need it."

Sasha, from Russia, Pre-Sixth student 2014-15 now studying the IB Diploma at Leighton Park



"The Pre-Sixth has prepared me really well for the IB as there is a similar variety and number of subjects. Although it was a busy year, it was definitely manageable. I love being in my House and the activities are a great way to meet new people too."

Lilian, from Germany, Pre-Sixth student in 2014-15 now studying the IB Diploma at Leighton Park

