



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Contextual Statement for 2020 UCAS Applications

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch (TGAR) - formerly Kingsley College - is an 11-19 school of around 350 students with a Sixth Form of typically 140 students (although this year only 50). TGAR is one of four high schools with a Sixth Form in Redditch and this, coupled with reorganisation of the feeder-school pyramids in-line with local academisation and the re-designing of some middle schools into secondary schools, has meant that overall student numbers have declined in recent years, as the national birth “dip” from 2002 reached high school age. Student numbers are set to increase to their 2013 – 2014 level of 800 over the next few years.

Most students take three courses in Year 12 but higher attaining students are encouraged to study four courses in Year 12 and continue with three in Year 13. Students receive this CEIAG input as part of the Sixth Form recruitment process.

In 2019 69% of Year 13 students progressed to Higher Education from Sixth Form (51% in 2017). Since 2012, our acceptance rate into Higher Education has been significantly above the national average, with 92% of applicants being accepted into Higher Education in 2018 via the UCAS Main Cycle. Acceptances through UCAS Clearing have remained below the national average of around 10%. This is a reflection of the strength of the CEIAG and Higher Education support programmes delivered at TGAR.

Students are drawn from a range of socio-economic backgrounds and gain entry through a nonselective entry policy, hence our Sixth Form is wholly comprehensive. Students are allowed to progress into Year 13 with three pass grades from Year 12.

In-line with many post 16 providers, we no longer offer A.S qualifications, but offer a full range of level 3 qualifications to support our inclusive ethos, outside of pure academic routes. Our predicted grades have been produced using the following methods:
For all A Levels, by using two sets of Mock results (partial papers in year 12) one full paper in year 13. For all Btec options, external examinations are often taken early and therefore this, along with practical or coursework grades, inform the predicted grades for these qualifications.

