

Requirements for A Level & Vocational Courses



In this table 'Subject' means a GCSE grade in that subject, for example in French you must have at least a 6 in French at GCSE. If no letter is indicated, then there is no requirement for a grade in this subject. When two grades are given for English this means in both Language and Literature. When only one grade is given, this means Language. The general entrance requirements for A Level courses are five GCSEs at grade five, including English Language. Please refer to the subject entry in the Guide to Courses for further information.

The 6th Form reserves the right to review course entry criteria at enrolment

COURSES	Entrance Requirement				
	English	Maths	Subject	Science	Other Written Subject
Art	5	4	6	-	-
Biology	5	5	6	6 / 6	-
Business Studies	5	5		-	6
Chemistry	5	5	6	6 / 6	-
Computer Science ¹	6	6	6	-	-
Drama & Theatre Studies	5	-	6	-	-
Economics	6	5	-	-	6
English Literature	5 / 5	-	-	-	-
French	5	-	5	-	-
Further Mathematics	-	-	9	-	-
Geography	4	4	6	-	5
German	5	-	5	-	-
Graphics	5	4	6	-	-
History	5	-	5	-	6
Mathematics	-	-	7	-	-
Media Studies	5	-	5	-	6
Music ²	5	5	5	-	-
Physics	5	6	6	6 / 6	-
Politics	5	-	-	-	6
Psychology	6	5	-	6 / 6	6
Religious Studies ³	5	-	-	-	6
Sociology	5	-	-	-	6
Spanish	5	-	5	-	-
VOCATIONAL COURSES- To apply for these courses, you will need to have achieved at least four GCSE grades at Level 4					
Applied Business (AQA Lvl 3 Certificate)	4	4	-	-	4
Applied Science (AQA Lvl 3 Certificate)	4	4	4	4 / 4	-
Cambridge Technical- Lvl 3 (Extended Certificate in IT) ⁴	4	4	-	-	-
Health and Social Care (BTEC Lvl 3 National Diploma)	4	4	-	-	4

¹Five GCSEs at grade 6 and those that have not completed Computer Science must have grade 7 in Maths

²Music Grade 5 or equivalent on a musical instrument

³You will be considered with GCSE English Language Grade 4 if you also have Religious Studies/Education at Grade 6 or above

⁴Five Grade Four GCSE or equivalent, including English Language and Maths. Students do not need to have taken ICT or Computer Science at GCSE.