

## Sixth Form Entry Requirements

*Updated in October 2025 for entries from September 2026*

### Pathway 1 Applicants (4 A Levels)

- We expect Pathway 1 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 7-9, with a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria. Average point score of 7 or above.

### Pathway 2 Applicants (3 A Levels)

- We expect Pathway 2 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 5-9, with a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria. Average point score of 5.5 or above.

### Pathway 3 Applicants (3 BTEC Level 3 courses)

- We expect Pathway 3 applicants to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9, with a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Mathematics, and the relevant subject specific entry criteria. Average point score of 4.5 or above

As specified above, applicants need to meet the entry criteria for the subjects they are applying for:

Subject	Exam board	Subject specific entry criteria
Art and Design	Edexcel	Grade 4 in GCSE Art & Design or GCSE Art Photography
Biology	AQA	Grade 6 in Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science and 5 in English Language or Literature and Grade 5 in Maths  <i>To study 2 or more Sciences (Chemistry/Biology/Physics) you must have Grade 7s in those subjects and combined science pupils will need Grade 7-7.</i>
Business	AQA	Grade 5 in Business if studied and Grade 5 in Maths and English Language or Literature
Chemistry	AQA	Grade 6 in Chemistry or 6-6 in Combined Science and 5 in English Language or Literature and Grade 6 in Maths  <i>To study 2 or more Sciences (Chemistry/Biology/Physics) you must have Grade 7s in those subjects and combined science pupils will need Grade 7-7.</i>
Computer Science	OCR	Grade 6 in Computer Science if studied and Grade 7 in Maths
Economics	AQA	Grade 6 in Maths and Grade 6 in English Language or Literature
English Literature	Edexcel	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature <b>and</b> English Language
Extended Project (EPQ)	Edexcel	Interest in completing an independent dissertation.
French	AQA	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Geography	Edexcel	Grade 5 in Geography if studied & Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
History	Edexcel	Grade 5 in History if studied & Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Politics	Edexcel	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Computing Applications (Cambridge Technical Diploma)	OCR	Five 9-4 grades including 5 in Maths and English Language
Digital Media (Cambridge Technical Diploma-Double Course)	OCR	Five 9-4 grades including 5 in Maths and English Language
Mathematics	Edexcel	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths

Further Mathematics	Edexcel	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths and Physics/8-8 in Combined Science. Average point score of 7 or above.
RE-Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	WJEC	Grade 5 in GCSE RE if studied and a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Physics	AQA	Grade 6 in Physics or 6-6 in Combined Science and a Grade 7 in Maths and a Grade 5 in English Language or Literature. Students must also study A Level Maths  <i>To study 2 or more Sciences (Chemistry/Biology/Physics) you must have Grade 7s in those subjects and combined science pupils will need Grade 7-7.</i>
Physical Education	OCR	Grade 5 in PE and Grade 5-5 in Combined Science and Grade 5 English Language or Literature. Students should participate in sport regularly for a team or club
Psychology	Edexcel	Grade 5-5 in Combined Science and a Grade 5 in Maths and English Language or Literature.
Sociology	AQA	Grade 5 in GCSE Sociology if studied and a Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Spanish	AQA	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
BTEC – Level 3 Diploma in Business Studies	Edexcel	Grade 4 in GCSE Business if studied or Five 9-4 grades including Grade 5 in Maths and English Language
BTEC – Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care	Edexcel	A Merit in BTEC Health & Social Care if studied or Five 9-4 grades including 5 in Maths and English Language
BTEC – Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Medical Science	Edexcel	Grade 4-4 in Combined Science and grade 5 in Maths and English Language
BTEC – Level 3 Music	Pearson	A Merit in Music BTEC Level 2 or Grade 5 in GCSE Music or Grade 4 in Music Instrumental grades

**\*\*To study more than two courses at A Level that the applicant did not study at GCSE an average point score above 6 is required.**

**Please be aware that all courses on offer are subject to change. This can occur both at enrolment and following the term commencing in September 2026. Subjects can only run if there is a sufficient uptake of students during Sixth Form Enrolment. Please refer to the Sixth Form admissions policy for further clarification.**