

# Entry Criteria

The minimum general requirements for Sixth Form entry are a minimum of 5 GCSE Grade 4s including English and Maths. In addition to this, individual option routes have subject specific criteria as detailed below.



<b>Art</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Art & Design and English.
<b>Biology</b>	<b>Separate Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. <b>Combined Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to a Head Start test in their first lesson in September.
<b>Business Studies</b>	If Business has been studied at GCSE, a minimum of a Grade 6 or above. It is not necessary for Business to have been studied at GCSE level for it to be taken at A Level. Students need at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Maths and English at Grade 6 or above.
<b>BTEC Business</b>	A Merit at BTEC Business Level 2 if previously studied. Students who have not studied Business before will require 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 including English and Maths.
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Separate Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. <b>Combined Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to a Head Start test in their first lesson in September.
<b>Computer Science</b>	GCSE Grade 6 in Computer Science or Grade 6 or above in English and Mathematics.
<b>Criminology</b>	GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature.
<b>Economics</b>	GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 6 or above.
<b>English Language</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language.
<b>English Literature</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Literature.
<b>Food Science</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition (if studied) and Grade 5 in GCSE Science. Students who have not studied Food at GCSE will be considered if they can prove they have a real passion and commitment to the subject.
<b>French</b>	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE French OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
<b>Geography</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in English Language or Literature.
<b>German</b>	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE German OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
<b>Graphics</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Graphics or Art or Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
<b>BTEC Health and Social Care (Single)</b>	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
<b>BTEC Health and Social Care (Double)</b>	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
<b>History</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in History.
<b>Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT</b>	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
<b>Maths</b>	GCSE Grade 7 or above in Mathematics, having completed the full Higher GCSE course OR GCSE Grade 6 having completed the full Higher GCSE course and 60% or above in the Head Start assessment.

<b>Further Maths</b>	GCSE Grade 7 in Mathematics (higher level) and 75% or above in the Head Start September assessment.
<b>Media Studies</b>	GCSE Grade 6 in Media Studies or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature plus a Portfolio of work. Discussion with Head of Department.
<b>Music</b>	GCSE grade 6 or above in Music. If you would be interested in BTEC Level 3 Music Performance please speak to Mrs Thompson.
<b>Philosophy and Ethics</b>	A GCSE in English Literature or Language at Grade 6 is required and a GCSE Grade 6 in Religious is preferred but not essential.
<b>Photography</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
<b>Physical Education</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Physical Education with a minimum of a Grade 6 in the written element of the examination. Playing at least one sport on a regular basis at club standard (equivalent) or above. For pupils who did not take PE, the GCSE Science grade and evidence of practical ability would be considered.
<b>Physics</b>	<b>Separate Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. <b>Combined Science.</b> Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to a Head Start test in their first lesson in September.
<b>Politics</b>	Grade 5 or above in History GCSE or Grade 6 in English Literature/English Language GCSE.
<b>Product Design</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in the Design & Technology options of resistant materials, or graphic products. Students studying Engineering require a Distinction in Engineering <b>and</b> GCSE Grades 5 or above in Mathematics & Science.
<b>Psychology</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language or Literature, Mathematics and Grade 6 in Science.
<b>BTEC Science</b>	Grade 4 in Combined Science, or Grade 4 in all three separate sciences.
<b>Sociology</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English language or English literature.
<b>BTEC Sport</b>	Combined/separate Science GCSEs at Grade 4 or above. GCSE PE at Grade 4 or above. Special consideration will be given to those with Level 2 BTEC Sport at Grade Merit or above. Playing at least one sport on a regular basis at club standard or above.
<b>Spanish</b>	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
<b>Textiles</b>	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Design and Technology (Textiles specialism) or Art and Design plus a Grade 5 or above in English.