

Sixth Form Admissions Criteria

1. A Levels and the Cambridge Pre-U

We would expect students to achieve at least **six** 9-6 grades at GCSE before approaching an A Level-based Sixth Form programme. In addition, in order to enter such a programme, the following specific GCSE grades are a minimum:

Subject	Minimum Requirement	Additional Information
Maths	Maths: 7	
Further Maths	Maths: 8	
English Literature	English Literature <i>and</i> English Language: 6	Students taking <i>more than one</i> essay-based subject (that is, a humanity, or English Literature) must have achieved grade 7 in those subjects
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Either a grade 7 in the specific GCSE (discrete Biology, Chemistry or Physics), or grades 7 in both Core and Additional Science; in addition, for Chemistry or Physics, a grade 7 in GCSE Maths is required; for Biology, at least a grade 6	
MFL (French, Spanish, Mandarin)	The specific language: 7	
MFL (German)	German: 6	Many students begin German later; this is why the GCSE grade required is lower than for the other MFL subjects

History, Politics, Geography, Philosophy & Theology, Business	A grade 6 in the chosen subject, or its nearest equivalent, and a grade 6 in English	Students taking <i>more than one</i> essay-based subject (that is, a humanity, or English Literature) must have achieved grade 7 in those subjects
Economics	Business or Economics (if taken): 7; otherwise, a 7 grade in English	
Psychology	A grade 6 in both Maths and English	
Art, Photography, Ceramics	Art, Photography or Ceramics: 6	It may be possible for students to take Art A Levels with a lower GCSE profile; the Art Department will consider each student's merits on an individual basis.
Design Technology	Design Technology: 6	
Latin	Latin: 7	
Media Studies	Media (if taken): 6, or English: 6	
Music	Music: 7	We would expect A Level Musicians to have passed their Grade 5 in Music Theory
Drama & Theatre	Drama: 6	

2. BTEC Courses

In order to embark upon a BTEC-based programme, the thresholds are different, in recognition of the different ways in which the courses are assessed. We would therefore expect students approaching such a programme to have scored at least **five** 9-4 grades at GCSE.