

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.



Art	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Art & Design and a Grade 5 in English.
Biology	Separate Science. 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. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7,7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics.
Business Studies	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.
BTEC Business	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.
Chemistry	Separate Science. 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. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7,7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics.
Computer Science	GCSE Grade 6 in Computer Science or Grade 6 or above in English and Mathematics.
Criminology	GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature.
Drama	GCSE Grade 6 in Drama. Those who have not studied GCSE Drama will be considered, but must have achieved a Grade 6 or above in English Literature and be able to demonstrate passion or experience.
English Language	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language.
English Literature	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Literature.
Food Science	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.
French	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE French.
Geography	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in English Language or Literature.
German	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE German.
Graphics	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Graphics or Art or Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
BTEC Health and Social Care (Single)	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
BTEC Health and Social Care (Double)	GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or Literature as well as Sixth Form general entry criteria.
History	GCSE Grade 6 or above in History.
Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
Maths	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Mathematics, having completed the full Higher GCSE course and 70% or above in the Head Start assessment.
Further Maths	GCSE Grade 7 in Mathematics (higher level) and 85% or above in the Head Start September assessment.

Media Studies	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.
Music A Level	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Music. Performance audition and music theory test will be used as a replacement for GCSE Music if not studied at KS4.
Music BTEC	GCSE Grade 5 or above in Music. Performance audition and music theory test will be used as a replacement for GCSE Music if not studied at KS4.
Philosophy and Ethics	A GCSE in English Language or Literature at Grade 6 is required, and a GCSE Grade 6 in Religious Studies is preferred but not essential.
Photography	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
Physical Education	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Physical Education Theory Element. Student MUST be playing one sport on a regular basis at a competitive club standard (equivalent) or above. Grade 5 or above in both Science and English.
Physics	Separate Science. 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. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7,7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics.
Politics	Grade 5 or above in History GCSE or Grade 6 in English Literature/English Language GCSE.
Product Design	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Design and Technology options of resistant materials, graphic products or product design. Students studying Engineering will require a L2 Distinction. In addition, students will require grades 5 or above in mathematics and English.
Psychology	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language or Literature, Mathematics and Grade 6 in Science.
BTEC Science	Grade 4 in Combined Science, or Grade 4 in all three separate sciences.
Sociology	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English language or English literature.
BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport or CNAT Level 2 at Grade Merit or above. GCSE PE at Grade 5 or above. Grade 4 or above in English.
Spanish	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish.
Textiles	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Design and Technology (Textiles specialism) or Art and Design plus a Grade 5 or above in English.