

Sixth Form 2024-2025 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.
Level 3 WJEC 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.
Level 3 WJEC Food Science & Nutrition	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 demonstrate 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.
Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) in Health and Social Care	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
History	GCSE Grade 6 or above in History. Students who have not studied History at GCSE will be considered if they have a Grade 5 in English language.
Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) in Information Technology	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 Level 3 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 or Art; Grade 5 or above in English. If you do not meet the criteria, application may be considered on an individual basis through the submission of a portfolio of work.
Physical Education	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Physical Education. Students MUST be playing one sport on a regular basis at a competitive club standard (equivalent) or above. The PE Department will need to be consulted on this prior to the course commencing to check eligibility for the practical element. 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.
Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) Applied Science	AAQ Applied science: Grade 55 in Combined Science, or grade 5 in all three separate sciences.
Sociology	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English language or English literature.
Level 3 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.

***Please note:** As per the prospectus and curriculum guide leaflets outline, final course confirmation will be made following enrolment uptake on results day. We will use the most recent year 11 'forecast' data during the interview process to help give information, advice and guidance to support students choosing the right courses.*