

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWCASTLE

A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



New entrants must have a minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Maths.

A-Level Subject	Entry requirement
Art	Ideally minimum Grade 6 in GCSE Art, of any endorsement, selection based upon portfolio strengths and visual evaluation. It has been known in specific cases for us to take students at A-Level who have not done GCSE Art.
Ancient History	Ideally GCSE Ancient History but not essential; if you have studied GCSE Ancient History, you should have a Grade 7. If not, we recommend a minimum Grade 7 at GCSE in English or History.
Biology	Minimum Grade 8 in GCSE Biology. Minimum Grade 7 in GCSE Maths is strongly recommended.
Chemistry	Minimum Grade 8 recommended, although we do support Grade 7 on a case-by-case.
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science is useful, but not essential. Minimum Grade 8 in GCSE Maths.
Drama	GCSE Drama useful but not essential - if you have studied GCSE you should have minimum Grade 7; Grade 6 may be accepted on a case by case basis.
Economics	Minimum Grade 6 at GCSE Economics and ideally minimum Grade 6 in Maths. If student hasn't studied Economics at GCSE, then they should have a minimum Grade 6 in Maths.
Engineering, Design & Technology	Minimum Grade 7 in GCSE Design Engineering and/or Product Design.
English Literature	Minimum Grade 7 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
Film Studies	Minimum Grade 6 in English Literature.
Geography	Minimum Grade 6 at GCSE. In exceptional circumstances we may allow students to study the subject, without the GCSE.
Greek	Minimum Grade 8 but will consider individual cases.
History	Minimum Grade 7 in History or a Humanities subject (we often have students who do not have History GCSE and they are welcome for A-Level).
Latin	Minimum Grade 8 recommended although we do support Grade 7 on a case-by-case basis.
Maths	Minimum Grade 8 recommended although we do support Grade 7 on a case-by-case basis.
Further Maths	Minimum Grade 9 but will consider individual cases.
Modern Languages	Minimum Grade 8 a GCSE Modern Language; a Grade 7 may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
Music	GCSE Music, at least Grade 5 on an instrument/voice, ability to read and use traditional music notation. Grade 5 theory desirable.
Religious Studies	Minimum Grade 8 in at least one essay subject (e.g. English, History).
PE	Minimum Grade 6 in Biology and English Literature.
Physics	Minimum Grade 8 in GCSE Physics. Studying A-Level Maths is strongly recommended. If no Maths A-Level, minimum Grade 8 GCSE Maths is required.
Politics	Minimum Grade 6 GCSE English.
Psychology	Minimum Grade 6 English Literature, Maths and Biology (students who achieve less than Grade 6 may find the biological components difficult to access).