

The Sixth Form Curriculum

The majority of our Sixth Form students complete 3 or 4 A level courses chosen from a range of over 20 subjects, but vocational courses are also popular, including BTEC courses in subjects such as public services and health and social care. It is possible to study a mix of both A levels and BTEC subjects and, increasingly, this is becoming more common as students can create a package to suit their specific career plans. Detailed subject information for all subjects is available on our website.

Entry Requirements

Our concern is for students to succeed. Entry thresholds are set at a level which ensures that students who are accepted into our Sixth Form have the necessary academic qualifications to achieve well in their chosen courses. Our general advice is based on prior evidence that students who do not meet these requirements generally do not succeed on A level (or equivalent Level 3) courses.

Entry to the Sixth Form: Average of your best 8 GCSE grades of at least a grade 4 is required for entry into the Sixth Form.

Entry to A levels

It is normally required that you secure at least a grade 5 in the subjects you wish to study. If you chose subjects at A level that you have never studied before, then we would expect you to secure at least an average of a grade 5 in your GCSEs.

For some subjects there are slightly higher requirements based on previous performance of students across the country. For example it would be expected that you would secure at least a grade 6 in order to study languages, mathematics, computer science or one of the sciences. Please do carefully study each of the subject specific requirements.

Entry to study 4 A level subjects: Average of at least a grade 5.5 is required.

Entry to BTEC/OCR technical courses

It is normally expected that you secure at least a grade 4 in the subject you wish to study. If you chose BTEC/OCR subjects that you have never studied before, then we would expect you to secure at least an average of a grade 4 in your GCSEs.

If you wish to study a subject but fall below our normal requirements, then we will take a decision based on your GCSE grades, a discussion with your specific Year 11 class teacher and an interview with you and your parents/ carers.

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Subject	Entry Requirements
Art	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Biology	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Business	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Chemistry	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Computer Science	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Dance	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Drama	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Economics	GCSE English Grade 5
English Language	GCSE Grade 5 or above
English Literature	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Food & Nutrition	GCSE Science Grade 5 or above
French	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Geography	GCSE Grade 5 or above
German	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Health & Social Care (BTEC)	Average GCSE Grade 4 or above
History	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Maths	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Media	GCSE English Grade 5 or above
Further Maths	GCSE Maths Grade 8 or above
Music	GCSE Grade 6 or above
PE	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Philosophy	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Physics	GCSE Grade 6 or above
Psychology	GCSE Biology and GCSE Maths Grade 5 or above
Sociology	GCSE English Language Grade 5 or above
Sport	GCSE Grade 5 or above
Uniformed Protective Services	Average GCSE Grade 4 or above

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