

A Level Subjects

Entry Requirements for September 2025 entry

We welcome applications to our outstanding Sixth Form, with young people joining us from over 45 different secondary schools. We build our timetable around student option choices and are able to offer most subject combinations. All students study linear A Levels which are examined at the end of the two-year course. In addition, students have the opportunity to undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and/or Core Maths. Applicants to the Sixth Form are initially asked to choose 4 A Level subjects in order of preference and they have the opportunity to discuss their choices at an Options Meeting in January-March. Currently, the majority of students start with 4 A Levels, with many deciding to focus on their 3 chosen subjects after a few months. **Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.** In addition, some of our A Level courses have specific entry requirements which are listed here:

A Level Subject	GCSE Requirements for specific A Level Subjects	GCSE Grade
Art and Design	Art and Design	5
Biology	Biology and Chemistry (or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science) Mathematics is also required	6 in both (6 in both) 5
Business	See General Entry Requirement above	
Chemistry	Chemistry (or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science) Mathematics is also required	6 (6 in both) 6
Classical Civilisation	See General Entry Requirement above	
Computer Science	Mathematics	6
Design & Technology: Product Design	Design & Technology (or Engineering) Other relevant Applied qualifications will be considered	6 (5)
Drama and Theatre	English Literature or English Language	5
Economics	See General Entry Requirement above	
English Language	English Language and English Literature	5
English Language and Literature combined	English Language and English Literature	5
English Literature	English Language and English Literature	5
French	French	6
Geography	Geography	5
German	German	6
History	History	5
Mathematics	Mathematics	6
Mathematics Further	Mathematics	7
Music	Music (or at least Grade 6 performance and at least Grade 5 theory)	6
Physical Education	Biology or Physics (or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science) Regular competitive performance in a JCQ-approved sport	5 (5 in both)
Physics	Physics and another GCSE Science (or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science) Mathematics is also required	6 in both (6 in both) 6
Politics	See General Entry Requirement above	
Psychology	Biology (or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)	5 (5 in both)
Religious Studies	See General Entry Requirement above	
Sociology	See General Entry Requirement above	
Spanish	Spanish	6

When we consider applications to the Sixth Form, we find it helpful to look at recent school reports as well as final GCSE grades. If an applicant does not meet the General Entry Requirements, we are always prepared to discuss their situation and prospects with them before a final decision is made.