

# Entry Requirements

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<br>(or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)<br>Mathematics is also required                                            | 6 in both<br>(6 in both)<br>5 |
| Business                               | See General Entry Requirement above                                                                                                  |                               |
| Chemistry                              | Chemistry<br>(or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)<br>Mathematics is also required                                                        | 6<br>(6 in both)<br>6         |
| Classical Civilisation                 | See General Entry Requirement above                                                                                                  |                               |
| Computer Science                       | Computer Science<br>Mathematics is also required                                                                                     | 6<br>6                        |
| Design & Technology:<br>Product Design | Design & Technology<br>(or Level 2 Engineering Grade Distinction with GCSE Maths Grade 6 or above and GCSE Science Grade 5 or above) | 6                             |
| Drama and Theatre                      | English Literature or English Language                                                                                               | 5                             |
| Economics                              | See General Entry Requirement above                                                                                                  |                               |
| English Language                       | English Language and English Literature                                                                                              | 5                             |
| English Literature                     | English Language and English Literature                                                                                              | 5                             |
| English Combined                       | 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<br>(or at least Grade 6 performance and at least Grade 5 theory)                                                               | 6                             |
| Physical Education                     | Biology or Physics<br>(or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)<br>Regular competitive performance in a JCQ-approved sport                    | 5<br>(5 in both)              |
| Physics                                | Physics and another GCSE Science<br>(or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)<br>Mathematics is also required                                 | 6 in both<br>(6 in both)<br>6 |
| Politics                               | See General Entry Requirement above                                                                                                  |                               |
| Psychology                             | Biology<br>(or 2 GCSEs in Combined Science)                                                                                          | 5<br>(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.