



Subject Entry Guidance

AS/A Levels

Qual	Subject	Option	Grade 5+		Additional Entry Guidance
			Eng Lang	Maths	
A	Art and Design (Art, Craft & Design)	Single	✓		A grade 5 or above in GCSE Art or Photography, Graphics, Textiles or Media is advisable. Or a confident portfolio of Art work and knowledge of Artists.
AS/A	Biology	Single	✓	✓	A recommendation of at least grade 6 in Science Core and Additional Science or three 6 grades in Triple Sciences. 5 or above for English and Maths is advisable.
AS/A	Business	Single	✓	✓	Please see point 2 and 3 overleaf.
AS/A	Chemistry	Single	✓	✓	A recommendation of at least grade 6 in Science Core and Additional Science or three 6 grades in Triple Sciences. 5 or above for English and Maths is advisable.
A	Dance	Single			Students who are committed to studying Dance, even if they haven't completed GCSE Dance are advised to take this course, although some previous experience is an advantage.
A	Design and Technology: Product Design	Single		✓	At least a B in either Product Design or Resistant Materials and at least a 5 or above in Maths.
A	Drama and Theatre Studies	Single			Students who are committed to studying Drama, even if they haven't completed GCSE Drama are advised to take this course, although some previous experience is an advantage.
AS/A	Economics	Single	✓	✓	It is advisable that students must have at least a grade 5 in Maths and English Language. Economics is both a technical course and an essay based one.
AS/A	English Language	Single	✓		Students are advised that they should have a grade 6 GCSE English Language and at least a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature.
AS/A	English Literature	Single	✓		Students are advised to have achieved at least grade 6 in GCSE English Literature and at least a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
AS/A	French	Single	✓		It is recommended that students gain at least grade 6 at GCSE.
AS/A	Geography	Single	✓	✓	Grade 5 or above in Maths, English and Grade 5 in Geography is advisable for this course.
AS/A	German	Single	✓		It is recommended that students gain at least grade 6 at GCSE.
AS/A	History	Single	✓		Study of GCSE History is useful but not a necessity. If you have studied History, then we would recommend that you have achieved at least a grade 5. Achieving at least a grade 5 in English Language is also strongly recommended. If you have not studied History at GCSE we would recommend a grade 6. Please refer also to points 3 and 4 overleaf.
AS/A	Law	Single	✓		At least a grade 5 in English is recommended. Please see point 2 overleaf for further guidance.
AS/A	Media Studies	Single	✓		At least a grade 5 in English is recommended. Please see point 2 overleaf.
AS/A	Mathematics	Single		✓	It is advisable that students have achieved at least a grade 6 in Maths. Students who have achieved a grade 5 from the higher tier entry will be considered under exceptional circumstances.
AS/A	Further Mathematics	Single		✓	At least grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics. The qualification demands certification at AS and/or A2 Mathematics to certificate in Further Mathematics.

AS/A	Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)	Single		✓	Achieving at least grade 5 in Maths is advisable. This course is recommended for students whose courses may benefit from extended Mathematics study (e.g. Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities), but for whom AS Mathematics is not advisable or appropriate.
AS/A	Music	Single			Successful completion of GCSE Music at grade 5 or above and/or strong performance skills on any instrument/voice to around grade 5 standard with a fair grounding in theory recommended.
AS/A	Philosophy	Single	✓		At least a grade 5 in English. See point 2 and 3 overleaf.
A	Photography	Single	✓		A grade 5 or above in GCSE Art or Photography, Graphics, Textiles or Media is advisable. Or a confident portfolio of Art work and knowledge of Artists.
A	Physical Education	Single	✓	✓	At least a grade 5 in one Science subject and at least grade 5 in English and Maths is recommended. Regular participation in a sport is essential.
AS/A	Physics	Single	✓	✓	A recommendation of at least grade 6 in Science Core and Additional Science or three 6 grades in Triple Sciences. 6 or above for English and Maths is advisable.
AS/A	Psychology	Single	✓	✓	At least 2 grade 5 in Science and at least a 5 in English at GCSE level. Please see point 2 and 3 overleaf.
AS/A	Sociology	Single	✓		At least a grade 5 in English. See point 2 overleaf.

BTECs

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BTEC	Applied Science	✓	✓	A recommendation of at least grade 5 in both Additional and Core Science. A 5 in both English and Maths is also advisable. Certificate at the end of Year 1 and Extended Certificate at the end of Year 2.
BTEC (2yr)	Broadcast and Studio	✓		A recommendation of at least grades 5 in English Language. Please see point 2 and 3 overleaf. Commitment to the subject is important for students to be successful.
BTEC (2yr)	Video Games Production	✓	✓	5 in both English and Maths are an advantage but not necessarily essential. Please see point 3 overleaf.
BTEC	Health and Social Care			See point 3 overleaf. Certificate at the end of Year 1 and Extended Certificate at the end of Year 2.
BTEC	Information Technology	✓	✓	A recommendation of at least 5 in English, Mathematics and Science. While a good grade in Level 2 ICT is not essential it is a significant advantage. Certificate at the end of Year 1 and Extended Certificate at the end of Year 2.
BTEC (2yr)	Music			Please see point 3 overleaf. An interest in music and/or the music industry is advisable. Certificate after 1 year and a Subsidiary Diploma after 2 years.
BTEC	Sport	✓		It is recommended that students achieve at least a grade 5 in Science. Please see points 1,3 and 4 overleaf. An interest in sport is desirable but not essential. Certificate at the end of Year 1 and Extended Certificate at the end of Year 2.
BTEC (2yr)	Children's Play Learning Development	✓	✓	All students must achieve a grade 4 or above in English and Maths to study this course. This is a new government requirement. Please see point 3 overleaf.
BTEC	Performing Arts			Students who have a keen interest in any element of Performing Arts are recommended to choose this course. This course is suitable for students who have not studied Performing Arts at level 2. Certificate at the end of Year 1 and Extended Certificate at the end of Year 2.



Additional Entry Guidance for Each Subject

Please note the following:

1. If you have studied a subject at Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11), we would expect you to have achieved at least a grade 5 at GCSE, or a merit at BTEC/OCR, to progress onto a Sixth Form course in that subject.
2. Some subjects were not available at Key Stage 4 and entry onto these courses is open to all students, please refer to the entry guidance criteria.
3. Where a subject was available at Key Stage 4, but you didn't choose it, you may still be able to study it in the Sixth Form, please refer to the entry guidance criteria. All queries can be addressed through Mr Bones, Mrs Swan and Mr Carruthers.
4. If you do not fulfil the entry guidance criteria for your desired course please see the Curriculum Leader for that subject and Mr Bones, Mrs Swan or Mr Carruthers for a discussion about your options in your preferred choice.