



Sixth Form Course Minimum Requirements

A level courses		
General minimum requirements	In order to study A levels, students will require an average of 40+ points from their best eight GCSEs including at least a 5/6 grade in English and in Mathematics.	
Minimum subject specific entry requirements	Will students be considered without a GCSE in this subject?	
Biology	GCSE grade 6 in Biology or grade 6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in both Maths and English.	No
Business Studies	GCSE grades 5 in both English and Maths.	Yes
Chemistry	GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry or grade 6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in both Maths and English.	No
Computing	Minimum GCSE grade 6 in Computing/ Computer Science, grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English.	No
Economics	GCSE grades 5 in English and a grade 6 in Maths.	Yes
English Language	GCSE grade 6 in English Language and English Literature.	No
English Literature	GCSE grade 6 in English Language and English Literature.	No
French	GCSE grade 6 in French.	No
Further mathematics	GCSE grade 7 in Maths.	No
Geography	GCSE grade 5 in Geography or grade 5 in English and Maths if Geography has not been studied at GCSE.	Yes
German	GCSE grade 6 in German.	No
Government & Politics	GCSE grade 5 in English Language or Literature.	Yes
History	GCSE grade 5 in History or grade 5 in English when History has not been studied at GCSE.	Yes
Law	GCSE grade 5 in English.	Yes
Mathematics	GCSE grade 6 in Maths	No
Philosophy and ethics	GCSE grade 5 in Religious Education or GCSE grade 5 in English.	Yes
Psychology	GCSE grades 5 in English, Maths and grade 5 in Science	Yes
Physics	GCSE grade 6 in Physics or grade 6 in Additional Science and a grade 6 in both Maths and English.	No
Sociology	GCSE grade 5 in English.	Yes

Vocational courses		
General Minimum Requirements	In order to study a Level 3 BTEC qualification, students will require an average of 35+ points from their best eight GCSEs	
Minimum subject specific entry requirements		Will students be considered without a GCSE in this subject?
BTEC Business Extended Diploma	GCSE grade 4 in English and in Maths.	Yes
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology	GCSE grade 5 in English and Maths.	Yes*
BTEC Performing Arts Extended Certificate	Grade 6 in a Performing Arts subject or a Merit in BTEC Performing Arts plus an audition; or a reference relating to experience in performing arts outside the school will be required. GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths.	Yes
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	Grades 5-5 in Combined Science and a grade 5 in Maths	Yes
BTEC Sport Extended Diploma	GCSE grade 5 in PE or merit Level 2 BTEC Sport and a grade 5 in English and grade 4 in Maths.	Yes
BTEC Sport Extended Certificate	GCSE Grade 5 in PE or merit Level 2 Sport and a grade 5 in English and a grade 4 in Maths.	

Students who wish to study an A Level qualification alongside their BTEC course must also meet the subject entry requirements for their chosen A Level course.

For a 4 A-Level programme an average of 50+ points from your best 8 GCSEs must be attained. You must also meet the subject specific entry requirements of the courses you select.

To calculate your average GCSE points score; use the table below to determine the points that each grade equates to. Add together the points awarded to your best eight GCSEs and divide that total by eight.

BTEC	Dist*	Dist		Merit		Pass				
GCSE	8/9	7	6	5.5	5	4	3	2	1	
Points this grade equates to	58	52	46	43	40	34	28	22	16	