



A LEVEL & BTEC SUBJECT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS SEPTEMBER 2019

A Level	
Subject	A Level Entry Requirement
Art	5 GCSE Grades of 9-4 (including English and Maths) and, a minimum Grade 6 in GCSE Art, there is a possibility of a portfolio interview to be considered for entry to the course.
Biology	5 GCSE Grades of 9–5 and a minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE Core and Additional Science or a Grade 6 in GCSE Biology and a 6 in Physics and Chemistry. Students are also required to obtain a Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.
Business Studies	A minimum of five GCSE passes graded at 9-5. You will also need to have achieved grade 6 in Business Studies or grade 6 in English, and a grade 5 in Mathematics.
Chemistry	5 GCSE Grades of 9–5 and a minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE Core and Additional Science or a Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry and a 6 in Physics and Biology. Students are also required to obtain a Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.
Computing	5 GCSE grades of 9–4 and at least a Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics. If GCSE IT/Computing was studied, a grade 4 or above will be required.
Dance	Beyond the minimum entry criteria for Level 3 learning of five 9-5 GCSE Grades including English, students will also be expected to achieve a minimum Grade 5 in GCSE Dance. Students who achieve a 4 grade may be accepted on an individual basis through discussion with the Subject Leader.
Drama	5 GCSE grades of 9-4 (including English and Maths). Students do not have to have a GCSE in Drama.
Economics	A minimum of five GCSE Grades 9-5 are required. You will need to have achieved Grade 6 in Mathematics, English and Business Studies (if applicable).
English Literature and Language	To be considered for a place on this course you must achieve at least a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.
English Literature	5 GCSE's at grades 9-4 (including Maths) and at least a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and in GCSE English Literature.
Fashion and Textiles	5 GCSE's at grades 9 -4 (including English and Maths) and it is helpful, but certainly not essential for students to have studied Textiles at GCSE. Students will be considered for the course if they have the necessary enthusiasm and interest to study an exciting and creative subject. If they have studied GCSE Textiles or a similar Design / Art subject, it is advisable to have achieved a Grade 6 or above. For those students wishing to study A Level Fashion and Textiles and who have not taken the subject at GCSE it is recommended that the student should have an informal discussion with the subject teacher first.
Food Science and Nutrition	5 GCSE's grades 9–4 (including English and Maths). Although there are no formal entry requirements, the qualification supports progression from GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition as well as Design and Technology, Biology and Physical Education.
French	5 GCSE's at grades 9–4 (including English and Maths) and at least a Grade 6 in GCSE French It is desirable that you sat the Higher Reading and Listening papers at GCSE.
Further Mathematics	5 GCSE's at grades 9–4 (including English) and a GCSE grade 8 or above in Mathematics.
Geography	A minimum of five GCSE passes graded at 4 or above are required and a grade 5 in English, in Maths, and in Science as well as grade 6 in Geography.
Government and Politics	A minimum of five GCSE passes Graded at 9-4 (including Maths) are required as well as a Grade 6 or above in History or a Grade 6 or above in English.
History	A minimum of five GCSE passes graded at 9-4 (including Maths) are required and a grade 6 in History.
Mathematics	A minimum of 5 GCSE's Graded at 9-4 (including English) and a minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.



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Music	Five GCSE's at grades 9-4 (including English and Maths). Grade B at GCSE Music. Grade 5 or equivalent on main instrument.
Physics	5 GCSE Grades of 9–5 and a minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE Core and Additional Science or a Grade 6 in GCSE Physics and a 6 in Physics and Biology. Students are also required to obtain a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
Product Design	Five GCSE's grades 9–4 (including Maths) and ideally a Grade 6 at GCSE in a technology subject. A grade 5 or above in Maths and in Science is also desirable.
Psychology	5 GCSE's grade 9-4 and we expect students to achieve at least one grade 4 in Science or Mathematics <u>and</u> at least one grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	A minimum of five GCSE passes graded at 9-4 (including Maths and English) are required and a grade 6 in Religious Studies or English.
Sociology	We expect students to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (including Maths) with at least a grade 5 in English.
Spanish	5 GCSE's at grades 9-4 (including English and Maths) and at least a grade 6 in GCSE Spanish. It is desirable that you sat the Higher papers at GCSE.

BTEC Courses	
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BTEC Applied Science	Grade 5,5 in Combined Science or grade 5 in at least two triple Science subjects.
BTEC Engineering	5 GCSE Grades of 9–5 including a Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.
BTEC Health & Social Care	Students wishing to pursue this course must have Grade 4 passes in English and Maths and Grade 5 in Combined Science or grade 5 in at least two triple Science subjects.
BTEC ICT	The general entrance requirements apply. In addition, if taken you must have gained a pass or above for any Level 2 BTEC Award or Certificate in ICT or equivalent Level 2 ICT qualification or a grade 4 in GCSE Computing. Students who have successfully completed the BTEC First Award in ICT, who do not satisfy all of the above criteria, may still be able negotiate entry to the course.
BTEC Sport	Beyond the minimum entry criteria for Level 3 learning of GCSE grades 9-4, students will also be expected to achieve a minimum pass grade in their BTEC Sport. If PE was not completed then candidates who achieved Grade 6 in their Sciences will be considered on an individual basis.
BTEC Performing Arts	5 GCSE grades 9–4 including English and Maths.

Additional Courses	
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Level 3 Core Maths	Grade 5 or higher at GCSE