

Course Entry Requirements - A-Levels

A Level Courses	Course-Specific Entry Requirements
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If taking combined science – grade 6-6 or above. • If taking triple science – grade 6 or above in physics. • Grade 6 or above in mathematics GCSE.
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If taking combined science – grade 6-6 or above. • If taking triple science – grade 6 or above in chemistry and biology. • Grade 6 or above in mathematics GCSE.
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If taking combined science – grade 6-6 or above. • If taking triple science – grade 6 or above in biology and chemistry. • Grade 5 or above in mathematics GCSE.
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in mathematics GCSE.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 or above in mathematics GCSE.
English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English literature GCSE.
English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English language GCSE.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in history GCSE or another essay-based GCSE subject.
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in geography GCSE or another essay-based GCSE subject.
Philosophy and Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English language or literature GCSE and/or grade 6 or above in history, geography, RE GCSE or another essay-based GCSE subject.
Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English language or literature GCSE and/or grade 6 or above history, geography or another essay-based GCSE subject.
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English and Mathematics GCSEs.
Business Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in Business GCSE, if studied and/or English and Mathematics at grade 6 or above.
Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in English language or literature GCSE and/or grade 6 or above in sociology GCSE or another essay-based GCSE subject.
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in psychology GCSE or grade 6-6 or above in either combined science or grade 6 or above in biology GCSE. Grade 6 or above in English and mathematics GCSEs.
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in Spanish GCSE. • Will consider home language Spanish speakers without a GCSE in the subject, based on a formal assessment to determine ability to access the course.
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in French GCSE. • Will consider home language French speakers without a GCSE in the subject, based on a formal assessment to determine ability to access the course.
Turkish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 or above in Turkish GCSE. • Will consider home language Turkish speakers without a GCSE in the subject, based on a formal assessment to determine ability to access the course.

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Media Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 or above in Media or English language or literature GCSE.
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 or 9 in music, or the ability to play an instrument to a high level and a separate interview with music department.
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 or above in Drama GCSE and/or grade 6 or above in English language or literature GCSE.
Fine Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in GCSE Art or a Merit or above in Level 2 Art BTEC or grade 6 in a related GCSE subject and submission of portfolio to the Art Department.

BTEC Courses

Level 3 BTEC	Course-Specific Entry Requirements
Health and Social Care BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of a grade 5 in English GCSE <u>and</u> mathematics GCSE. L2 Health and Social Care BTEC, if studied, at a merit grade or above.
Business BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of a grade 5 in English GCSE <u>and</u> mathematics GCSE. GCSE Business / Economics, if studied, at a minimum of a grade 5. L2 Business BTEC, if studied, at a merit grade or above.
Performing Arts BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of a grade 5 in English GCSE <u>and</u> mathematics GCSE. GCSE Drama, if studied, at a minimum of a grade 4.
Sports BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of a grade 5 in English GCSE <u>and</u> mathematics GCSE. GCSE PE, if studied, at a minimum of a grade 4. If they have taken L2 Sports BTEC – need to have at least a merit grade.
Applied Art BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of a grade 5 in English GCSE <u>and</u> mathematics GCSE. Grade 5 or above in Art or a technology subject. L2 Art BTEC, if studied, at a merit grade or above.

Pathways

	Explanation of Criteria
Academic Pathway	For students predicted at least five grades 9-5 in their GCSEs including English <u>and</u> Maths. Students must also meet the subject specific requirements of their preferred courses.
Mixed Pathway	For students predicted to achieve at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, with at least a grade 5 in English <u>and</u> Maths. Students must also meet the subject-specific requirements.
Vocational Pathway	For students predicted to achieve at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, with at least a grade 5 in English <u>and</u> Maths. Students must also meet the subject-specific requirements.

If students are predicted to achieve predominantly grades 3 and below (i.e. they are unlikely to meet basic entry criteria for the vocational pathway), we will support them to identify a suitable Level 1 or 2 programme of study at another institution.