

Entry Criteria

The minimum general requirements for Sixth Form entry are a minimum of 5 GCSE Grade 4s including English and Maths. In addition to this, individual option routes have subject specific criteria as detailed below.



Art	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Art & Design and a Grade 5 or above in English.
Biology	Separate Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to an Aptitude test in their first lesson in September.
Business Studies	If Business has been studied at GCSE, a minimum of a Grade 6 or above. It is not necessary for Business to have been studied at GCSE level for it to be taken at A Level. Students need at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Maths and English at Grade 6 or above.
BTEC Business	A Merit at BTEC Business Level 2 if previously studied. Students who have not studied Business before will require 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 including English and Maths.
Chemistry	Separate Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to an Aptitude test in their first lesson in September.
Computer Science	GCSE Grade 6 in Computer Science or Grade 6 or above in English and Mathematics.
Drama and Theatre	GCSE Grade 6 in Drama. Those who have not studied Drama at GCSE will be considered, but must have achieved a Grade 6 or above in English Literature.
Economics	GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 6 or above.
English Language	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language.
English Literature	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Literature.
Food Science	Grade 5 in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition (if studied) and Grade 5 in GCSE Science. Students who have not studied Food at GCSE will be considered if they can prove they have a real passion and commitment to the subject.
French	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE French OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
Geography	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in English Language or Literature.
German	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE German OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
Graphics	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Graphics or Art or Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
BTEC Health and Social Care (Single)	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
BTEC Health and Social Care (Double)	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.
History	GCSE Grade 6 or above in History.
Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in IT	As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.

Maths	GCSE Grade 7 or above in Mathematics, having completed the full Higher GCSE course OR GCSE Grade 6 having completed the full Higher GCSE course and 60% or above in the Head Start assessment.
Further Maths	GCSE Grade 7 in Mathematics (higher level) and 75% or above in the Head Start September assessment.
Media Studies	GCSE Grade 6 in Media Studies or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature plus a Portfolio of work. Discussion with Head of Department.
Music	GCSE grade 6 or above in Music. If you would be interested in BTEC Level 3 Music Performance please speak to Mrs Thompson.
Philosophy and Ethics	A GCSE in English Literature or Language at Grade 6 is required and a GCSE Grade 6 in Religious is preferred but not essential.
Photography	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Photography; Grade 5 or above in English.
Physical Education	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Physical Education with a minimum of a Grade 6 in the written element of the examination. Playing at least one sport on a regular basis at club standard (equivalent) or above. For pupils who did not take PE, the GCSE Science grade and evidence of practical ability would be considered.
BTEC Sport	Combined/separate Science GCSEs at Grade 4 or above. GCSE PE at Grade 4 or above. Special consideration will be given to those with Level 2 BTEC Sport at Grade Merit or above. Playing at least one sport on a regular basis at club standard or above.
Physics	Separate Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in the Science they wish to study with at least a Grade 6 in the others. Students must have a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Combined Science. Students must have a Grade 7 in Combined Science with at least a Grade 6 in Mathematics. Students who do not meet the above criteria can still be considered subject to an Aptitude test in their first lesson in September.
Product Design	GCSE Grade 6 or above in the Design & Technology options of resistant materials, or graphic products. Students studying Engineering require a Distinction in Engineering and GCSE Grades 5 or above in Mathematics & Science.
Politics	Grade 6 or above in History GCSE or Grade 6 in English Literature/English Language GCSE.
Psychology	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language or Literature, Mathematics and Grade 6 in Science.
BTEC Science	Grade 4 in Combined Science, or Grade 4 in all three separate sciences.
Sociology	GCSE Grade 6 or above in English language or English literature.
Spanish	The A Level course is aimed at students who have gained a Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish OR a GCSE Grade 6 and passing the Head Start Grammar Test in September of Year 12.
Textiles	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Design and Technology (Textiles specialism) or Art and Design plus a Grade 5 or above in English.