



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND OPTIONS

There are several Pathways through the Sixth Form. Which Pathway you take will depend on your achievements in Year 11 and your intentions for education after Sixth Form. You must first meet the entry requirements for the Pathway and specific subjects that you wish to follow.

According to the entry requirements below, students are offered a specific Pathway:

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| Pathway 1: At least five GCSEs grades 9-5 (including grade 4 in English and Maths) | Students have the option to study one T Level |
| Pathway 2: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-5 (minimum of six grade 7 or above) | Students can opt to do 4 A Levels or 3 A Levels and EPQ |
| Pathway 3: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above) | Students study 3 A Levels |
| Pathway 4: Fewer than five GCSEs grades 9-4 (below grade 4 in Maths and English Language) | Students follow the Level 2 Courses and retake both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics. |

In addition to meeting the above requirements to follow each Pathway, students must also meet the entry requirements for each subject they intend to study. You must meet the higher of the two entry criteria, between the schools, depending on where your lessons will be taught.

- For A Levels, students must have a minimum of eight GCSEs or equivalent at grade 4 or above including a 5 in English Language and Maths, and a grade 5 (or equivalent) minimum in each of the subjects they choose to study at this level. For several subjects such as Maths and Sciences, there are additional conditions.
- For Level 3 BTEC qualifications, students must have a minimum of five GCSEs or equivalent at grade 4 or above including a 4 in English Language or Maths to study at this level.

***Once students have been allocated a Pathway, they can then choose the subject they would like to study within the Pathway course. There are a number of courses on which students can enrol provided they have demonstrated their academic ability at Key Stage 4 – even if they have not taken the subject at Key Stage 4. In practical terms, this means that a student can enrol on some courses without having a GCSE qualification in them.**

A Level Courses

| Subject | If studied at Key Stage 4 | If not studied at Key Stage 4 |
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| Art and Design (A Level) | Grade 5-9 in Art | Grade 5-9 in at least 3 courses (or based on a portfolio) |
| Biology (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Biology OR Grade 7-9 in Combined Science AND Grade 6-9 in Maths | |
| Business Studies (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Business Studies OR Merit-Dist in BTEC Business Level 2 | Grade 5-9 in English OR Maths |
| Chemistry (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Chemistry OR Grade 7-9 in Combined Science AND Grade 6-9 in Maths | |
| Computer Science (A Level) | | Grade 7-9 in Mathematics |
| Drama (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Drama | Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature |
| Economics (A Level) | | Grade 6-9 in English AND Maths AND Grade 6-9 in Business Studies GCSE (if taken) |
| English Language (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature | |
| English Literature (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature | |
| Film Studies (A Level) | | Grade 5-9 in English Language or English Literature |
| French (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in French | |
| Geography (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Geography AND Grade 5-9 in Maths | Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature AND Grade 5 in Maths |
| Government and Politics (A Level) | | Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature OR History |
| History (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in History | Grade 6-9 in English Literature OR English Language |
| Mathematics (A Level) | Grade 7-9 in Mathematics | |

| Subject | If studied at Key Stage 4 | If not studied at Key Stage 4 |
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| Further Mathematics (A Level) | Grade 8-9 in Mathematics | |
| Music (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Music AND proficient in at least one instrument and/or voice to grade 5-9 | |
| Physical Education (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Physical Education And Grade 5/6-9 in Science AND regular participation in at least one sport | |
| Physics (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Physics OR Grade 7-9 in Combined Science AND Grade 6-9 in Maths | |
| Psychology (A Level) | | Grade 5-9 in Maths AND Grade 6-9 in English Language OR English Literature |
| Religious Studies (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Religious Studies AND Grade 4-9 in Maths AND Grade 5-9 in English Language | |
| Sociology (A Level) | | Grade 4-9 in English Literature OR Language OR Grade 4-9 in Religious Studies |
| Spanish (A Level) | Grade 6-9 in Spanish | |

Technical Courses

| Subject | If studied at Key Stage 4 | If not studied at Key Stage 4 |
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| T-Level: Business, Management and Administration | | Five subjects at grade 5-9 (including a minimum Grade 4 in English and Maths) |
| T Level: Digital Production, Design and Development | | Five subjects at grade -5-9 (including a minimum Grade 4 in English and Maths) |
| T Level: Health and Adult Nursing | | Five subjects at grade 5-9 (including a minimum Grade 4 in English and Maths) |
| T-Level: Laboratory Sciences | | Five GCSEs to at least grade 5-9 (or equivalent) including Science (Combined or Triple). You must also have at least a grade 4 in Maths, English Language GCSE. |