



URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL & WIMBLEDON COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

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:

Pathway 1: 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 2: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above)	Students study 3 A Levels
Pathway 3: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (with fewer than four at grade 5)	Students study two Level 3 BTEC qualifications and can study one A Level or a further Level 3 equivalent qualification.
Pathway 4: At least five GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in English or Maths)	Students study three Level 3 BTEC qualifications and may also retake GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a 4 in one or the other.
Pathway 5: 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
Art and Design (A Level)	Grade 5 in Art	Grade 5 in at least 3 courses (or based on a portfolio)
Art Photography (A Level)		Grade 6 in Art and Design (or based on a portfolio)
Biology (A Level)	Grade 6 in Biology OR Grade 7 in Combined Science AND Grade 6 in Maths	
Business Studies (A Level)	Grade B in Business Studies OR Merit in BTEC Business Level 2	Grade 5 in English OR Maths
Chemistry (A Level)	Grade 6 in Chemistry OR Grade 7 in Combined Science AND Grade 6 in Maths	
Computer Science (A Level)		Grade 7 in Mathematics
Drama (A Level)	Grade 6 in Drama	Grade 6 in English Language OR English Literature
Economics (A Level)		Grade 6 in English AND Maths AND Grade B in Business Studies GCSE (if taken)
English Language (A Level)	Grade 6 in English Language OR English Literature	
English Literature (A Level)	Grade 6 in English Language OR English Literature	
English Lang/Lit (A Level)	Grade 5 in English Language AND Grade 6 in English Literature	
Film Studies (A Level)		Grade 6 in English Literature AND/OR Grade 5 in English Language
French (A Level)	Grade 6 in French	
Geography (A Level)	Grade 6 in Geography AND Grade 5 in Maths	Grade 6 in English Language OR English Literature AND Grade 5 in Maths
German (A Level)	Grade 6 in German	
Government and Politics (A Level)		Grade 6 in English Language OR English Literature OR History

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

BTEC Courses

Subject	If studied at Key Stage 4	If not studied at Key Stage 4
Applied Science (BTEC Level 3)	Grade 4 in English Language, Maths AND Grade 4 in Science OR Merit in BTEC Science Level 2	
Business Studies (BTEC Level 3)	Grade 4 in English Language OR Maths AND Pass in Business BTEC Level 2 OR Grade C in Business Studies GCSE	Grade 4 in English Language OR Maths
Health and Social Care (BTEC Level 3)	Grade BB in Health and Social Care GCSE OR Merit in BTEC Health and Social BTEC Level 2	Grade 4 in English Language OR Maths
IT (BTEC Level 3)	Merit in ICT National Level 2 OR Grade 4 in Computer Science	Grade 4 in Maths