

Sixth Form Entry Requirements for September 2019

Subject	Notes	A <u>minimum</u> of five GCSE grades A* to C (or 9 - 4) including at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Mathematics in addition to a <u>minimum</u> of:
Art	RG Should not be taken alone for Architecture as Maths and/or Physics is also required.	GCSE grade 5 in Art
Biology	Needed for some Sports Science subjects at University. Highly recommended for medicine.	GCSE grade 6 in Biology or Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
Business	RG	GCSE grade 5 in Business Studies. If Business Studies has not been taken then a grade 5 in Mathematics is required
Chemistry	Required for Medicine. Complements A Level Biology.	GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry or Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
Design & Technology	RG Complements Maths and Physics	GCSE grade 5 in a Technology based subject
Drama	If GCSE Drama is not studied, a good level of practical and critical awareness of drama and theatre is needed.	GCSE grade 5 in Drama
English Language & Literature	The study of how everyday language works in everyday situations.	GCSE grade 6 in English Language or English Literature
English Literature	Prose, poetry & drama.	GCSE grade 6 in English Language & English Literature
French	Reading, writing, listening & speaking. Grade 7 or higher in GCSE French recommended.	GCSE grade 6 in French
German	Reading, writing, listening & speaking. Grade 7 or higher in GCSE German recommended.	GCSE grade 6 in German
Geography	Biology usually needed if planning to study Geology at university. Minimum grade 6 GCSE English Language recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Geography
Government & Politics	The study of how modern Britain and America are governed. An interest in contemporary politics is recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in English Language or English Literature
BTEC Health & Social Care	RG	GCSE grade 5 in Health & Social Care if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply
History	Minimum grade 6 GCSE English Literature recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in History



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Mathematics	Best results when studied with Physics and both subjects required for Physics or Engineering. Further Mathematics also needed if Mathematics to be studied at a Russell Group University.	GCSE grade 7 in Mathematics and “bridging assessment” success required in September 2018.
Further Mathematics	GCSE grade 8 or 9 Mathematics strongly recommended.	GCSE grade 7 in Mathematics & <u>must</u> study AS Level Mathematics in Year 12.
Music	Mathematics needed to study Music Technology at some Universities.	GCSE grade 6 in Music plus grade 5 instrument
BTEC Music	RG The ability to sing or play one instrument to a good standard is recommended.	GCSE Music grade 5
Physical Education	RG Best results when studied with Biology. 30% of the final AS/A Level grade is practical. Students should be regularly competing at a high level throughout the Sixth Form and beyond	GCSE grade 6 in Physical Education
Physics	Both Mathematics & Physics needed for Physics or Engineering at most Universities.	GCSE grade 6 in Physics or Combined Science and <u>must</u> take AS Level Mathematics
Psychology	Strongly recommended to be taken with other A level Science subject(s) as most reputable Psychology degrees ask for this.	GCSE grade 6 in Mathematics and English Language or English Literature. GCSE grade 5 in either Combined Science or grade 5 in two separate sciences.
Religious Studies	The study of religion, philosophy and ethics.	GCSE grade 5 in Religious Studies if studied, or grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature if not.
Sociology	RG	GCSE Grade 5 in Sociology if studied, or grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature if not.
Spanish	Reading, writing, listening & speaking. Grade 7 or higher in GCSE Spanish recommended.	GCSE grade 6 in Spanish
BTEC Travel & Tourism	RG	n/a

Supporting information:

1. All Year 12 students are strongly recommended to take 4 AS Levels until at least the end of September.
2. **RG** = Russell Group. Consider accompanying these subjects with facilitating subjects when applying to **RG** Universities.
3. Russell Group (**RG**) facilitating subjects are: Mathematics and Further Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Modern and Classical Languages and English Literature. Students are advised to research this area before selecting A Level courses.
4. Consider a ‘complementary’ fourth subject i.e. Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Design Technology
5. AS group size is typically capped at 22 students. Average AS group size 2018/19 = 14 students.