

## Sixth Form Entry Requirements for September 2021

Subject	Notes	A <u>minimum</u> of five GCSE grades 9 – 4 (or equivalent) to include at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Mathematics. This is in addition to a <u>minimum</u> of:
<b>Art</b>	Should not be taken alone for Architecture as Maths and/or Physics is also required.	GCSE grade 5 in Art
<b>Biology</b>	Needed for some Sports Science subjects at University. Highly recommended for medicine.	GCSE grade 6 in Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science and students <u>must</u> take either A level Chemistry or A level Mathematics, with the exception of students who achieve an 8 or 9 in Biology, or 8-8, 9-8 or 9-9 in combined science
<b>BTEC Applied Human Biology</b>	A balanced approach to studying Human Biology. Equips students for employment in related sectors or for university.	GCSE grade 4 in Biology or 4-4 in Combined Science
<b>Business</b>	The study of Business grounded in the world of work helping inform progression into industry or university	GCSE grade 4 in Business if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply.
<b>Chemistry</b>	Required for Medicine. Complements A Level Biology.	GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry or 6-6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
<b>BTEC Dance</b>	Minimum of Grade 5 recommended in GCSE Dance	GCSE grade 4 in Dance. If students have not completed the GCSE, they will need to provide evidence of outside participation in dance.
<b>Design &amp; Technology – Textiles and Product Design</b>	Complements Maths and Physics	GCSE grade 5 in a Technology based subject, this includes Fine Art and other Art or Technology GCSEs. Minimum grade 5 in Maths and Science recommended
<b>Drama</b>	A good level of practical and critical awareness of drama is required. Grade 5 in English Literature recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Drama
<b>English Language &amp; Literature</b>	The study of how language works in everyday situations plus prose, poetry and drama	GCSE grade 6 in English Language or English Literature and no less than a grade 5 in the other English GCSE
<b>English Literature</b>	A critical study and exploration of a selection of poetry, prose and drama through the ages	GCSE grade 6 in English Language & English Literature
<b>Geography</b>	Biology usually needed if planning to study Geology at university. Minimum grade 6 GCSE English Language recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Geography
<b>Government &amp; Politics</b>	The study of how modern Britain and America are governed. An interest in contemporary politics is recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Humanities if studies, otherwise GCSE grade 5 in English Language or English Literature
<b>BTEC Health &amp; Social Care (Single award)</b>	The study of improving the lives of people in society from young children to people struggling with addictions.	Level 2 Pass in Health & Social Care if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply



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<b>History</b>	Minimum grade 6 GCSE English Literature recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in History
<b>Mathematics</b>	Best results when studied with Physics and both subjects required for 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 2021.
<b>Further Mathematics</b>	GCSE grade 8 or 9 Mathematics strongly recommended.	GCSE grade 7 in Mathematics & <u>must</u> study A Level Mathematics.
<b>Media Studies</b>	An overall and in-depth understanding of how media represents the modern world including the study of Language, representations, industries and audiences.	GCSE grade 4 in either English Language or English Literature
<b>Music</b>	Mathematics needed to study Music Technology at some Universities.	GCSE grade 6 in Music plus grade 5 instrument
<b>Physical Education</b>	Only 30% of the course is practical, of this, 15% is practical performance and 15% is written coursework on improving your practical performance. Best results when studied with Biology and Psychology. Academically challenging due to the varied nature of the course.	GCSE grade 6 in GCSE Physical Education or Level 2 Distinction or higher if Health and Fitness studied. Students must also play for a club/team outside of school and take part in recognised external competitions/tournaments
<b>Physics</b>	Both Mathematics & Physics needed for Engineering at most Universities.	GCSE grade 6 in Physics or Combined Science and <u>must</u> take A Level Mathematics
<b>Psychology</b>	Reputable Psychology degree courses strongly recommend A level Psychology to be taken with other A level Science subject(s). Grade 6 in Maths strongly recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Mathematics and English Language or English Literature. GCSE grade 5-5 in Combined Science or grade 5 in two separate sciences.
<b>Religion, Philosophy and Ethics</b>	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.
<b>Sociology</b>	The study of society from a variety of perspectives including how society originates and develops as well as analysis of distinctions such as class, gender and race.	GCSE Grade 5 in Sociology if studied, or grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature if not.
<b>French and Spanish</b>	Reading, writing, listening & speaking. Grade 7 or higher in GCSE French/Spanish recommended.	GCSE grade 6 in French/Spanish.
<b>BTEC Sport</b>	Develops skills for a range of sport related pathways including sports science, coaching or leisure management.	Grade 4 in GCSE Physical Education, or Level 2 Pass or higher in Health & Fitness, if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply.
<b>BTEC Travel &amp; Tourism</b>	A comprehensive study of all aspects of Travel & Tourism preparing students for university or related sector employment.	Level 2 Pass or higher in Travel & Tourism, if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply.

**Supporting information:**

1. All Year 12 students are strongly recommended to take 4 subjects until at least the end of September to help ensure appropriate course selection.
2. Students are recommended to go to <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk> as part of their subject selection decision.
3. Average AS group size 2020/21 = 12 students.
4. Sixth Form groups are, typically, capped at 22 students.
5. All BTEC subjects are single level 3 awards; equivalent to one A level.



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