



SIXTH FORM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



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:
Art	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 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
BTEC Applied Human Biology	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
Business	The study of Business grounded in the world of work helping inform progression into industry or university	GCSE grade 5 in Maths and grade 5 in Business if studied, otherwise general entry requirements apply
Chemistry	Required for Medicine. Complements A Level Biology.	GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry or 6-6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
BTEC Dance	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.
Design & Technology – Textiles and Product Design	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
Drama	A good level of practical and critical awareness of drama is required. Grade 5 in English Literature recommended.	GCSE grade 5 in Drama
English Language & Literature	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
English Literature	A critical study and exploration of a selection of poetry, prose and drama through the ages	GCSE grade 6 in English Language & English Literature
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 Humanities if studied, otherwise GCSE grade 5 in English Language or English Literature
BTEC Health & Social Care (Single award)	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
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 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.
Further Mathematics	GCSE grade 8 or 9 Mathematics strongly recommended.	GCSE grade 7 in Mathematics & <u>must</u> study A Level Mathematics.
Media Studies	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
Music	Mathematics needed to study Music Technology at some Universities.	GCSE grade 6 in Music plus grade 5 instrument
Physical Education	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
Physics	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
Psychology	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.
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	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	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.
French and Spanish	Reading, writing, listening & speaking. Grade 7 or higher in GCSE French/Spanish recommended.	GCSE grade 6 in French/Spanish.
BTEC Sport	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.
BTEC Travel & Tourism	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 2021/22 = 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.