

GCSE entry requirements for A level 2025-26

Art – grade 6 if taken to GCSE or portfolio entry by arrangement with Head of Art.

Biology – 77 in Double Science or a grade 7 if taken as a single Science. Grade 6 in Maths. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

Business: Grade 5 in Maths and English. Grade 5 in Business if taken at GCSE. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

CTEC Business– 5 GCSE passes including English & Maths, a grade 4 in Business if taken.

Chemistry - 77 in Double Science or a grade 7 if taken as a single Science. Grade 6 in Maths. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

Computer Science – Grade 6 in Maths and a 6 in Computing if taken at GCSE. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

Dance – Grade 5 in English is preferred and students must undergo a formal audition to gain entry to the course.

Design (Product Design) – a grade 5 in relevant area or by arrangement if not taken at GCSE.

Drama – Grade 6 or above if taken at GCSE and Grade 5 or above in English.

Economics – Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

English Lang./Lit. – Grade 5 in both courses.

English Lit. – Grade 6 in Lit plus a grade 5 in Lang.

Food Science & Nutrition – Grade 5 or above in GCSE Food Prep or equivalent.

Further Maths – Grade 7 in GCSE Maths with aptitude for algebra. Students must also be studying A level Maths.

Geography – a grade 5 at GCSE, a grade 5 in both English GCSE courses and a passion for Geography. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

Government and Politics - a grade 5 in GCSE English.

Health and Social Care Cambridge Technical - 5 GCSE passes at grade 4, including English & Maths and a 4 if taken at GCSE.

History – a grade 5 at GCSE (although a 6 is preferred), grade 5s in both English courses and a passion for History.

Mathematics – a grade 7 at GCSE Maths.

Mathematical Studies – taken as an additional qualification in Maths. It is available to all with Maths grade 4 and above, and is compulsory for those studying science subjects at A level as well as Business Studies, Economics, Computer Science, Psychology and Geography.

Media Studies – grade 5 in English and English lit.

CTEC in Digital Media - 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 including English & Maths.

MFL – a grade 6 in the specified language

Music – a grade 6 at GCSE or grade 5-8 instrument by arrangement with HH

PE – a 6 grade if taken as a GCSE. If not studied at GCSE then a grade 6 in Science is required (Biology/Chemistry best fit) and a grade 5 in GCSE English

CTEC in Sport and Physical Activity - 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 including English & Maths and a 4 in PE if taken at GCSE.

Photography – a grade 4 and above in GCSE Photography/Art if done.

Physics – 77 in Double Science or a grade if taken as a single Science. Grade 6 in Maths. Mathematical Studies required in addition if A Level Maths not chosen.

Psychology – 5 grade 5s at GCSE and preferably a 6 in a Science. Mathematical Studies required in addition, if A Level Maths not chosen.

Religious Studies (Ethics) – a grade 6 in English and a grade 5 in RE if taken at GCSE.

Sociology – a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Literature.

Students also need to enrol for:

An enrichment subject (Sport, Future Learn, Work Experience or Volunteering)

Mathematical Studies (Level 3) – see above

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