Minimum entry requirements for sixth form study (September 2027 entry)

A - 'General' minimum entry requirements

As stated in our admissions policy, the 'general' minimum entry requirements for admission to the sixth form to study the following qualifications are:

A-Levels
Five grade 5s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

Cambridge Technical Qualifications
Five grade 4s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

Combined A Level/Cambridge Technical Qualifications
Five grade 4s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

B - 'Subject-specific' minimum entry requirements

In addition to the above, below are the 'subject-specific' minimum entry requirements for admission onto a specific qualification:

A-Levels

Art: Grade 6 in GCSE Art (if taken); if not a portfolio entry by arrangement with Head of Art.

Biology: Grades 77 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 7 in GCSE Biology (separate sciences) **and** Grade 6 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Business Studies: Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies (if taken) **and** grade 5 in GCSE Maths **and** grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Chemistry: Grades 77 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry (separate sciences) **and** grade 6 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Computer Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Computing (if taken) **and** grade 6 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Dance: Students must undergo a formal audition to gain entry to the course.

Design (Product Design): Grade 5 in a relevant design area or by arrangement with Head of Design Technology.

Drama and Theatre Studies: Grade 6 in GCSE Drama (if taken) **and** grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Economics: Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature **and** grade 5 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

English Language and Literature: Grade 6 in GCSE English Language **and** grade 5 in GCSE English Literature.

English Literature: Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature **and** grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

Film Studies: Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Further Maths: Grade 7 in GCSE Maths. *A Level Maths will also need to be studied.*

Geography: Grade 6 in GCSE Geography **and** grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

History: Grade 6 in GCSE History **and** grade 5 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Mathematics: Grade 7 in GCSE Maths.

Media Studies: Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Modern Foreign Languages (French, German and Spanish): Grade 6 GCSE French, GCSE German or GCSE Spanish (as appropriate).

Music: Grade 6 in GCSE Music (if taken); if not grade 5 in an instrument/singing **or** by arrangement with Head of Music.

PE: Grade 6 in GCSE PE (if taken) if not, grades 65 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 6 in GCSE Biology (separate sciences) **and** grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature. Students must be participating regularly in at least one sport outside school.

Photography: Grade 4 in GCSE Photography or GCSE Art (if taken).

Physics: Grades 77 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 7 in GCSE Physics (separate sciences) **and** grade 6 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Politics: Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Psychology: Grade 6 in a science **and** grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature **and** grade 5 in GCSE Maths. *Mathematical Studies will need to be studied in the sixth form as an additional subject, unless A-Level Maths is being studied.*

Religious Studies (Ethics): Grade 5 in GCSE RE (if taken) **and** grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Sociology: Grade 5 in GCSE English Language **and** GCSE English Literature.

Level 3 Applied Diploma

Criminology: Grade 5 in either GCSE English (Language or Literature), in addition to at least four grade 4s in any other subjects.

Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) Extended Certificate

Food Science & Nutrition: Grade 5 in GCSE Food Preparation (or equivalent).

Cambridge Technical Qualifications (CTECs)

CTEC Business Studies: Grade 4 in GCSE Business Studies (if taken).

CTEC Health and Social Care: Grade 4 in GCSE Health and Social Care (if taken).

CTEC in Digital Media: No additional specific entry requirements.

CTEC Sport and Physical Activity: Grade 4 in GCSE PE or a vocational equivalent (if taken), otherwise grades 54 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 5 in GCSE Biology.

Other qualifications

Mathematical Studies: Taken as an additional qualification. It is available to all students and is compulsory for those studying certain subjects at A Level (see above).