

Sixth Form Course Entry Requirements 2026

All of our level 3 courses require students to have a minimum of 5 x grade 4 GCSE/Level 2 Pass. Each subject then has its own additional requirements.

A level Subject	GCSE Entry requirements
<i>Art, Craft & Design</i>	<i>5 in Art and Design</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>6 in Triple Science Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science and 5 in Maths.</i>
<i>Business</i>	<i>Either 6 in Business (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language/English Literature. In both cases a Grade 5 in Maths is expected.</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>6 in Triple Science Chemistry or 6-6 in Combined Science and 5 in Maths.</i>
<i>Computer Science</i>	<i>Grade 6 in Maths. (GCSE Computer Science is not essential but, if taken, then a grade 6 is required) Please note that you cannot opt for both Computer Science and IT.</i>
<i>Design & Technology: Product Design</i>	<i>Grade 6 in Design & Technology or a Level 2 Merit in Engineering. In both cases a grade 4 in Maths is required</i>
<i>Drama & Theatre</i>	<i>Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature and 6 in GCSE Drama, if taken.</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<i>6 in Business Studies (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language/English Literature, in both cases a Grade 6 in Maths is required.</i>
<i>English Language</i>	<i>6 in English Language and 5 in English Literature.</i>
<i>English Literature</i>	<i>6 in English Literature and 5 in English Language, or vice versa</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>6 in French</i>
<i>Further Mathematics</i>	<i>9 in Maths, or high 8 with teacher recommendation</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>6 in Geography (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature (if not).</i>
<i>History</i>	<i>6 in History (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature (if not).</i>
<i>Law</i>	<i>6 in English Language or English Literature</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>6 in Maths. Please note that you cannot opt for both Maths and Core Maths.</i>
<i>Media Studies</i>	<i>6 in Media Studies (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature.</i>

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<i>Photography</i>	<i>Art and Design Grade 5 or Photography grade 5</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>6 in PE, plus 6 in Triple Science Biology or 6-5 in Combined Science</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<i>6 in Triple Science Physics or 6-6 in Combined Science and 5 in Maths.</i>
<i>Politics</i>	<i>Grade 6 in either History, English Language or English Literature.</i>
<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature and a 5 in Maths.</i>
<i>Sociology</i>	<i>6 in Sociology (if taken at GCSE) or Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature (if not).</i>
<i>Spanish</i>	<i>6 in Spanish</i>
AAQ Level 3 Subjects	GCSE Entry requirements Subject to change following the planned post-16 reforms
<i>Applied Business</i>	<i>Business is not essential, but if taken, then minimum grade 4/level 2 pass is expected. Please note that you cannot opt for either Economics or Business Studies with Applied Business.</i>
<i>Core Maths (Taken along with 2 other subjects)</i>	<i>A minimum of grade 5 in Maths GCSE. Please note this is a 1 year course and students will need to choose another applied course in Year 13. You cannot opt for both Maths and Core Maths.</i>
<i>Core Maths (Taken as a 4th subject)</i>	<i>A minimum of grade 6 in Maths GCSE and 5 x grade 6 or above. Please note that you cannot opt for both Maths and Core Maths.</i>
<i>Food Science & Nutrition</i>	<i>GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition is not essential but, if taken, then a grade 4 is expected</i>
<i>Health & Social Care</i>	<i>No additional requirements</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>Minimum grade 4/ Level 2 Pass in ICT if taken or grade 4 in Computer Science if taken. Please note that you cannot opt for both Information Technology and Computer Science.</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Grade 5 in any instrument or the ability to perform at the equivalent of grade 5 in any instrument</i>
<i>Travel & Tourism</i>	<i>Travel and Tourism is not essential but, if taken, then a Level 2 Pass is required</i>
Level 2 Package	
Biology GCSE, Citizenship GCSE, Health & Social Care Cambridge National Certificate with English Language GCSE and/or Maths GCSE as required. Work experience one day a week.	
2x GCSE grade 4/Level 2 pass and 2 x GCSE grade 3	