

Entry Guidance 2025

Academic criteria for Pathways 1 and 2: Five GCSEs Grade 5 or above (or equivalent) and Grade 4 GCSE in English and Maths.



Academic criteria for Pathway 3: Five GCSEs Grade 4 or above (or equivalent). Students will study GCSE English or Maths as appropriate where a Grade 4 has not been achieved. Two subjects chosen from identified range*

The entry guidance below states the grades we would typically expect to have been achieved in order to demonstrate suitability for the course. Where a candidate very narrowly misses the guidance grades we will consider additional evidence for suitability on a case-by-case basis.

Subject	Entry Guidance
Art and Design*	Grade 6 in GCSE level Art and Design or related subject
Biology	Grade 7 in GCSE Science (additional or separates) and Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics. <i>This is to ensure that they are able to access the increased mathematical content (10% of the marks)</i>
Business Studies*	Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies and Grade 5 at GCSE Mathematics. If Business Studies has not been studied then a Grade 5 in GCSE English and a Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics.
Chemistry	Grade 7 in GCSE Science (additional or separates) and Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics. <i>This is to ensure that they are able to access the increased mathematical content (10% of the marks)</i>
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computer Science if studied OR Grade 6 in Mathematics
Drama and Theatre Studies*	There are no prior learning or other requirements for this qualification. Students who would benefit most from studying this qualification are likely to have a Level 2 qualification such as a GCSE in Drama.
English Language & Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Grade 6 in GCSE Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Grade 6 in GCSE Literature
EPQ*	Students must manage their own time and meet deadlines. Be an independent learner and work independently to complete the project.
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography, Grade 5 in maths, Grade 5 in English
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History. <i>If GCSE History has not been studied, Grade 6 in GCSE English will be considered on an individual basis</i>
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics. <i>Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics will be considered on an individual basis</i>
Media Studies*	Grade 5 in GCSE Media Studies or Grade 5 in GCSE English
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music equivalent. Practical Music / Trinity or ABRSM instrumental or vocal exam to Grade 5
PE	Grade 6 in GCSE PE and GCSE science, and are competing in their chosen sport at a good standard
Photography*	Grade 6 in GCSE in a creative subject. <i>Other students will be considered on an individual basis.</i>
Physics	Grade 7 in GCSE Science (additional or separates) and Grade 6 at GCSE Mathematics. <i>This is to ensure that they are able to access the increased mathematical content (40% of the marks). Consequently, it would be beneficial for prospective students to be studying A Level Maths</i>
Government and Politics	Grade 6 in GCSE English
Psychology	Grade 6 in GCSE science, English and Mathematics.
Religious Studies*	Grade 5 in Religious Studies or Grade 5 in GCSE English
Sociology*	Grade 5 in GCSE Sociology or Grade 5 in GCSE English.
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
Textiles*	Grade 6 in GCSE Textiles or related subject. <i>Other students will be considered on an individual basis.</i>