

2021-23

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To do an academic 'A' level subject, you will need 5 GCSEs Grade 9-5

Subject	GCSE required in subject	Required GCSE grade in subject	Other relevant info
Art – Fine Art	Art English	Grade 5 or above Min of Grade 5	A sufficient understanding and skill before embarking on this course.
Biology	Combined Science Biology Higher Maths Paper English	Grade 6-6 Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	You need to be a strong scientist with a passion for understanding how things work Comfortable carrying out calculations and drawing and interpreting graphs.
Business	English Maths	Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	Strong interest in business and a good set of other GCSE grades.
Chemistry	Combined Science Chemistry Higher Maths Paper English	Grade 6-6 Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	You need to be a strong scientist with a passion for understanding how things work. Comfortable with aspects of GCSE mathematics, like rearranging equations and to be able to write accurately.
Computer Science	Maths other GCSE subjects	Grade 6 or above Grade 5 or above	Enthusiastic about computing.
Economics	English Maths	Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	An interest in current affairs and a good set of other GCSEs.
English Language & Literature	English Literature English Language	Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	You will need to be an enthusiastic reader and writer and have good time management and the ability to work independently, especially on coursework.
Further Mathematics	Mathematics	Grade 8-9	This subject must be taken alongside A level Mathematics and cannot be taken on its own.
Geography	Geography English	Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	If subject was not studied at GCSE then a 6 grade in another Humanities subject along with a Grade 6 in English would be desirable.
History	History English	Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	If subject was not studied at GCSE then a 6 grade in another Humanities subject along with a Grade 6 in English would be desirable.
Mathematics	Mathematics	Grade 7 or above	Enjoy solving mathematical problems and applying mathematical skills to solve real life problems.
Media Studies	English	Grade 5 or above	It is vital you have enthusiasm to explore and research media texts and a willingness to work within groups for practical work.
MFL – French & Spanish	French Spanish English	Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above Grade 5 or above	Good understanding of the grammatical concepts covered in the GCSE course.
Philosophy & Ethics	English	Grade 5 or above	GCSE Religious Studies/Philosophy & Ethics is not a prerequisite for this course but you do need to have achieved a level 5 in English.
Photography	Art BTEC Creative Media Media English	Grade 5 or above or Merit Grade 5 or above	If you have not already studied Media or Art at KS4, you will need to produce a photography portfolio to show the Head of Domain.

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Physical Education	English Core Science	Grade 6 or above Grade 5	Adept in an activity on the approved list, preferably also taking part in this activity outside of school.
Physics	Combined Science Physics English Maths	Grade 7-7 Grade 7 or above Grade 6 or above Grade 7 or above	GCSE Combined Science and achieved grade 7. GCSE Physics and achieved grade 7. You will also need grade 7 in GCSE maths and be taking A level maths.
Product Design	Product Design English Maths	Grade 6 or above Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	A reasonable level of competence, flair for design, a passion for learning and experimenting, an ability to work in groups and individually. An interest in design and manufacture is important.
Psychology	English Maths Science	Grade 6 or above Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	No previous psychology study is expected. Psychology is a science subject, an interest in applying scientific research methods to questions about the mind and human behaviour is essential.
Sociology	English	Grade 5 or above	You do not need to have any prior sociological knowledge before starting this course. Good essay writing skills.

LEVEL 3 BTEC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Subject	GCSE required in subject	Required GCSE grade in subject	Other info
Level 3 BTEC Subjects			
Applied Science	Science (Core & Additional) Combined Science English Maths	Two Grade 5s Two Grade 5s or above Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	Other routes may be considered, but the course will require literacy and numeracy skills.
Children's Play, Learning & Development	Maths English	Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	You must have a desire to work with children. Students must complete 50 hours of work experience during the course. Ability to work independently and within a team.
Enterprise & Entrepreneurship	Maths English	Grade 3 or above Grade 3 or above	
Health & Social Care	Maths English	Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	A wish to move onto a related career or higher education course. Study a subject that is relevant to your own lives and experience.
Media – Creative Digital Production	English	Grade 5 or above	An interest in Media modes and technologies.
Performing Arts	English Drama or BTEC equivalent	Grade 5 or above Grade 5 or above	High degree of personal motivation and creativity is required.
Travel & Tourism	5 GCSE subjects	Grade 5 or above	Geography and/or business would be a distinct advantage as would a good grade in english language.

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Level 3 Technicals			
Information Technology	English Maths	Grade 6 or above Grade 6 or above	Interested and enthusiastic about computing and ICT.

Level 3 Certificate			
Level 3 Mathematical Studies	Mathematics	Grade 4 or above	Looking to take this subject further and build confidence and competence in the subject.
Criminology	English Maths Science	Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 4	No previous criminology study is required. Criminology is a science subject. A good standard of english is compulsory and an interest in research and construction of formal argument is vital.
EPQ - Year 13 only			EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Benefits of an EPQ for your CV, personal statement or university application.

Level 2 LIBF			
Finance	Maths English	Grade 3 or above Grade 3 or above	This course is run in conjunction with Btec L2 Work Skills Btec L3 Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

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