

Subjects Available and Entry Requirements 2023 - 2024

Academic (A-level)

	Subject	Entry requirements	Comments	Course	Body
1	Biology	6 6 in Combined Science + Maths 6 OR Biology 6 + another science 6 + Maths 6.		A Level	OCR
2	Business	4 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	AQA
3	Chemistry	6 6 in Combined Science + Maths 6 OR Chemistry 6 + another science 6 + Maths 6.		A Level	OCR
4	Computer Science	6 in Maths and 6 in Computer Science.	If no Computer Science GCSE, student must have good programming skills (to be assessed) or will be required to complete a short online course over the summer before joining.	A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
5	Contemporary Fine Art	4 in Art and Design.	Grade 4 in GCSE Art and Design required. (For exceptions see Head of Art for Portfolio submission).	A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
6	Dance	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	AQA
7	Design and Technology - Product Design	4 in Maths and Eng. Lang. 6 in Maths preferred if no 4 in Product Design.		A Level	AQA
8	Drama and Theatre	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	OCR
9	Economics	5 in Maths and 5 in Eng. Lang.	Applicants should note the emphasis on written assessment in this course.	A Level	AQA
10	Electronics	5 5 in Combined Science + Maths 5 OR 5 5 in two separate sciences + Maths 5.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
11	English Language and Literature	4 in Eng. Lang. and 4 in Eng. Lit.		A Level	AQA
12	English Literature	4 in Eng. Lang. and 4 in Eng. Lit.		A Level	AQA
13	Environmental Science	4 4 in Combined Science + Maths 4 OR 4 4 in two separate sciences + Maths 4.		A Level	AQA
14	Film Studies	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
15	French	6 in French + 4 English Lang.		A Level	AQA
16	Geography	4 in Eng. Lang and 5 in Maths. 4 in Geography (if taken).		A Level	Edexcel
17	Geology	5 5 in Combined Science + Maths 4 OR 5 5 in two separate sciences + Maths 4.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
18	German	6 in German + 4 English Lang.		A Level	AQA
19	Graphic Communication	4 in Art and Design.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
20	History	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	Edexcel
21	Law	5 in Eng. Lang. and 5 in Eng. Lit.		A Level	OCR
22	Mathematics	6 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	Edexcel
23	Mathematics (Further)	7 (ideally 8 or 9) in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.	Students complete the full Maths A-level in Year 1 taught over 2 blocks. Students progress to the Further Maths A level in Year 2 taught over 2 blocks. Students therefore achieve two A level grades.	A Level	Edexcel

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24	Media Studies	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
25	Music	4 in Eng. Lang. plus Grade 5 Instrument and Grade 5 Theory (or equivalent).		A Level	Edexcel
26	Philosophy	5 in Maths and 5 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	AQA
27	Photography	4 in Eng. Lang. and 4 in a creative subject.	A portfolio might cover the Creative GCSE requirement, discussion required at interview.	A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC
28	Physical Education	4 in Eng. Lang. and 5 in at least one out of Science or PE	All students must be able to produce fully competitive video footage from one sport.	A Level	AQA
29	Physics	6 6 in Combined Science + Maths 6 OR Physics 6 + another science 6 + Maths 6.	It is strongly recommended that students additionally take Maths A-level	A Level	AQA
30	Politics	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	Edexcel
31	Psychology	4, 5 in Combined Science + Maths 5 OR 4 5 in two single sciences + Maths 5. 4 in Eng Lang.	Students must have a 5 in Maths and a 5 in one Science at GCSE due to the Maths and Biology content.	A Level	AQA
32	Sociology	4 in Eng. Lang.		A Level	AQA
33	Spanish	6 in Spanish + 4 English Lang.		A Level	AQA
34	Textile Design	4 in Art and Design.		A Level	EDUQAS / WJEC

Vocational (BTEC, Diplomas)

	Subject	Sgl	DbI	Tpl	Entry requirements	Comments	Course	Body
1	Applied Science	✓			4 4 in Combined Science + Maths 4 OR 4 4 in two separate sciences + Maths 4.	Grade 5s for science and maths is a more secure basis for this course.	BTEC National	Pearson
2	Art and Design			✓	4 in Art and Design and 4 in Eng. Lang.	Grade 4 in alternative creative subject (e.g., Photography or Graphic Design) will be considered by Head of Subject at enrolment interview.	BTEC National	Pearson
3	Business	✓	✓		4 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.		BTEC National	Pearson
4	Creative Digital Media Production	✓			4 in Eng. Lang.		BTEC National	Pearson
5	Criminology	✓			4 in Eng. Lang. and 4 in Eng. Lit.		Advanced Diploma	EDUQAS/ WJEC
6	Engineering	✓			4,4 in Combined Science OR 4,4 in two separate sciences + 5 in Maths + 4 in DT (if taken)		BTEC National	Pearson
7	Health and Social Care	✓	✓		4 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.	Applicants should plan to undertake volunteering during the summer before starting.	BTEC National	Pearson
8	Information Technology	✓			4 in Maths and 4 in English Lang.		BTEC National	Pearson
9	Music Practitioners	✓			4 in Eng. Lang.		Subsidiary Diploma	RSL
10	Sport	✓	✓		4 in Eng. Lang. and a 4 in either a science or in Maths.		BTEC National	Pearson
11	Travel and Tourism	✓	✓		4 in Eng. Lang.		BTEC National	Pearson

Technical (T-Level equivalent to 3 A-levels)

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1	Digital Production, Design and Development	4 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.	Triple (3 blocks = 3 A levels) 45-day Industry Placement	T Level	Pearson
2	Early Years Education and Childcare	4 in Maths and 4 in Eng. Lang.	Triple (3 blocks = 3 A levels) 90-day Industry Placement. Students must obtain a full and valid DBS on enrolment.	T Level	NCFE

Transition

- Transition students select 1 Level 2 BTEC/Tech Award (equivalent to 1 GCSE) + 1 block of Studentship and Work Readiness + 1 tutor session + GCSE retakes

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1	Art and Design BTEC	Av. GCSEs of 3.	Students must achieve passes in their GCSE English and GCSE Maths retakes at a grade 4 or higher, and, achieve at least a Merit in their Level 2 BTEC during their Transition year to progress to Level 3 study the following year. Progression would normally be a mixed or full BTEC Level 3 or T-Level programme	BTEC First	Pearson
2	Business BTEC	Av. GCSEs of 3.		BTEC First	Pearson
3	Child development and Care Tech Award	Av. GCSEs of 3.		Technical Award	NCFE
4	Health and Social Care BTEC	Av. GCSEs of 3.		BTEC First	Pearson
5	Information Technology BTEC	Av. GCSEs of 3.		BTEC First	Pearson
6	Sport BTEC	Av. GCSEs of 3.		BTEC First	Pearson
7	Travel and Tourism	Av. GCSEs of 3.		L2 Certificate	NCFE
1	English Language GCSE	3 or below in Eng. Lang.	<p>For all students who do not have a 4 or above in English Language GCSE.</p> <p>Students can achieve all grades: 1-9 when retaking English Language GCSE.</p> <p>Students may sit a November and/or June sitting.</p> <p>Students who have already achieved a grade 4 or above in English Literature, but not in English Language will still need to resit English Language.</p>	GCSE	AQA
2	Mathematics GCSE / L2 Functional Skills	3 or below in Mathematics.	<p>For all students who do not have a 4 or above at GCSE Maths.</p> <p>GCSE Maths: Students who have previously achieved a grade 3 in GCSE Maths must retake GCSE Maths not Functional Skills Maths.</p> <p>Students who have already achieved a grade 4 in Maths do not qualify for this course.</p> <p>Foundation syllabus covered. Students can achieve a grade 1-5.</p> <p>Students may sit a November and/or June sitting.</p> <p>Required for students wishing to progress to BTECs (grade required in brackets): Applied Science (4), Engineering (4); A-levels: Design and Technology (4), Economics (5), Electronics (5), Environmental Science (4), Geography (5), Geology (4), Philosophy (5), Psychology (5).</p> <p>Level 2 Functional Skills: For students holding a grade 1 or 2 in GCSE Maths.</p> <p>Students sit a L1 paper then progress to the L2 paper within the year.</p> <p>A pass at L2 is equivalent to a GCSE grade 4.</p>	GCSE or Functional Skills	Edexcel

Enhancement qualification courses (for 2A students only)

	Subject	Entry requirements	Comments	UCAS Points	Course	Body
1	HSLA (Higher Sports Leader Award)	CSLA preferred	2 lessons per week. This course is only available to 2A students. Students preferably have completed the CSLA (Community Sports Leader Award), however students with relevant skills and experience will also be considered.	Yes: a pass or fail course. Pass = 16 pts	Level 3	Sports Leaders UK
2	Certificate in Introduction to Cabin Crew		2 lessons per week. This course is only available to 2A students.	No	Level 2	NCFE
3	Extended Project Qualification	Preferably on target with 3 x Level 3 courses and good studentship scores during 1A year.	1 lesson per week. This course runs from June during the 1A year to Easter in the 2A year. Primarily EPQ is provided to students in addition to their 3 x A-Level equivalent programme. However students on reduced programmes may also be offered EPQ where they possess sufficient studentship skills for success.	Yes: up to 24 pts	Level 3 (AS-equivalent)	AQA
4	Core Maths (AS equivalent)	5 in GCSE Maths 4 in GCSE English Language	1 full block per week. Limited number of spaces for students selecting this in addition to 3 A-Levels or equivalent.	Yes: up to 20 pts	Level 3 (AS equivalent)	OCR
5	AS Further Maths	"A" in Transfer exam for 1A Maths Single students	This course is only available to 2A students.	Yes: up to 20 pts	AS Level	Edexcel

Substitute qualification courses (for 2A students only)

	Subject	Entry requirements	Comments	UCAS Points	Course	Body
1	AS English Language	4 in GCSE English Language	1 full block per week	Yes: up to 20 pts	AS Level	AQA
2	Core Maths (AS equivalent)	5 in GCSE Maths 4 in GCSE English Language	1 full block per week	Yes: up to 20 pts	Level 3 (AS equivalent)	OCR
3	Work Skills (Level 2 BTEC)	4 in GCSE English Language	2 lessons per week	No	Level 2 BTEC	Pearson
4	Extended Project Qualification	4 in GCSE English Language	1 lesson per week This course runs from June during the 1A year to Easter in the 2A year. Primarily EPQ is provided to students in addition to their 3 x A-Level equivalent programme. However students on reduced programmes may also be offered EPQ where they possess sufficient studentship skills for success. Please refer to ASC.	Yes: up to 24 pts	Level 3 (AS-equivalent)	AQA

UCAS points quick guide

Grade	A-Level	AS-Level	EPQ
A*	56	-	28
A	48	20	24
B	40	16	20
C	32	12	16
D	24	10	12
E	16	6	8

Grade	BTEC Level 3
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Overall Grade (core component grades in brackets)	T-Level
D*	168
D	144
M	120
P (and C or above)	96
P (and D or E)	72