

Entry Criteria for Year 12 Courses (September 2026)

All subjects have an average points score (APS) requirement; this is the average GCSE grade achieved in Year 11.

All subjects have an English (Language or Literature) and Maths requirement. Some have a subject specific requirement.

If subjects are oversubscribed (20 places for a practical subject, 25 places for a classroom subject) then pupils with the highest GCSE APS will secure the place. Unsuccessful pupils will need to select an alternative course.

Overall (A Level)					
5 separate subjects passed at grade 5 or above and criteria below met:					
A Level Subjects	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Additional Information / Requirements
Art & Design (Fine Art)	5	4	4.25	Art - 6	Art complements all other subjects well. It demonstrates creativity and attention to detail.
Biology	6	6	5.5	Bio - 6 or Sci - 6,6	Biology should, ideally, be taken with Chemistry and Maths.
Chemistry	5	6	5.5	Chem - 6 or Sci - 6,6	Chemistry should, ideally, be taken with Maths and another Science.
Computer Science	5	6	5.5	Comp Sci - 6	Computer Science can be studied with IT if a student has a specific reason.
Economics	6	6	5.5	No	Complemented well by essay based subjects. If students are considering studying a degree in Economics, Maths should also be taken.
English Literature	6	5	4.8	Lang - 6, Lit -6	Complements all other subjects based subjects well. Can be studied with English Language is a student has a specific reason.
English Language	6	5	4.8	Lang - 6, Lit -6	Complements all other subjects based subjects well. Can be studied with English Literature is a student has a specific reason.
Film Studies	6	4	4.25	No	Should, ideally, be taken with Media. Complements the study of English well.
French	6	5	4.8	French - 7	Student is expected to attend after school lesson.
Geography	6	5	4.8	Geog - 6	Complemented well by the study of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
History	6	5	4.8	His - 6	Complemented by the study of English, Philosophy and Ethics or another essay based subjects.
Mathematics	5	7	5.5	Maths - 7	Complements the study of Biology, Chemistry, Economics and Psychology. Should be studied if a pupil wishes to study Physics.
Mathematics (Further)	5	8	5.5	Maths - 8	Can be studied by pupils who are excellent mathematicians and who want to study Maths / Physics / Engineering at university
Media	5	4	4.25	No	Complemented well by the study of A Level Film.
Philosophy & Ethics	6	5	4.8	No	GCSE grade 6 is required. If not, 6 required in a Humanities subject. Complemented by the study of History, English or another essay based subject.
Photography	5	4	4.25	No	Interview required with Art department to determine suitability if no grade 5 in an Art related GCSE subject.
Physics	5	7	5.5	Phys - 6 or Sci - 6,6	Pupil should also study A Level Maths. Compliments, and complemented by, the study of other sciences.
Psychology	6	5	5.5	No	If studied at GCSE a 6 is required. If not, 6,6 required in Science. Complemented well by the study of Biology and Sociology.
Sociology	6	5	4.8	No	If studied at GCSE a 6 is required. If not, 6 in Humanities subject. Complemented well by the study of Psychology and essay based subjects.
Overall (Vocational)					
4 separate subjects passed at grade 4 or above and GCSE APS of 4.25 of above. Grade 4 or above in English (Language or Literature) AND Maths and criteria below met:					
Vocational Subjects	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Comment
Business	4	4	4.25	No	If studied in Year 11, a Level 2 Pass is required. If not, a Level 2 Pass in another Year 11 vocational subject.
Dance	4	4	4.25	No	A genuine interest in Dance and an aptitude for the subject. Previous Dance experience needed. Very practical subject - not suitable with a long term injury.
Engineering	5	5	4.25	Sci - 5,5	Previous study of GCSE DT considered if no grade 5 in Maths.
Food and Nutrition	4	4	4.25	No	An interest food and catering required.
ICT	4	4	4.25	No	If studied in Year 11, a Level 2 Pass is required. If not, a Level 2 Pass in another Year 11 vocational subject if not grade 4 in English.
Media	4	4	4.25	No	Complemented well by the study of A Level Film.
Music	4	4	4.25	No	Pupils who have not studied music at GCSE will need to undergo an audition and interview to demonstrate music ability and instrument and music knowledge.
Science	5	5	4.25	Sci - 5,5	Previous study considered if no grade 5 in English or Maths. Can be studied with the A Level Sciences.
Sport	4	4	4.25	No	4 in Science preferred. Previous study considered if no grade 4 in English or Maths.
Full Time Vocational Courses					
	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Comment
Beauty (Level 2)	3	3	3	No	Separate interview required with Head of Beauty. 1 year course. Gives access to Level 3 course in Year 13.