

APPENDIX B



Entry Criteria for the Sixth Form

Entry Criteria for Year 12

To gain a place in Year 12, students must achieve the following:

- 5 x 9-4 GCSE grades including a 4 in English Language or Literature.
- Entry criteria for their chosen courses (see subject entry criteria).

Entry criteria for Year 13

To gain a place in Year 13, students must achieve the following:

- A minimum of a D grade in the Year 12 Exam in June to continue a course into Year 13. If a pupil does not achieve at least a D grade, but would like to continue, they have the opportunity to complete a re-sit during the Summer holidays in August. If they achieve a D grade or above in the re-sit, they may continue with the course on a trial basis. They must sustain at least D grade performance in frequent assessments throughout the remainder of the year to continue. *In the event that a student has a minimum target grade of a D, an E grade will be accepted for progression into Year 13.*
- In BTEC, OCR or similar vocational courses, students must be completely up-to-date with all units to a standard of Pass level with at least one unit at a Merit level by the end of Year 12.

Where students do not meet the criteria above, different course options will be discussed with them.

No student will be removed from the school roll as a result of not meeting an academic requirement.

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Sixth Form Entry Criteria – Entry In September 2026. The minimum entry requirement for all courses is 5 subjects, grades 9-4 including English Grade 4

A LEVEL SUBJECT	GCSE	GRADE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Biology	Combined Science Biology Maths / English	8-8 7 6	
Business Studies	English Maths	5 6	6 in Business Studies, if taken
Chemistry	Combined Science Chemistry Maths	8-8 7 6	
Computer Science	Maths English	6 5	6 in Computer Science, if taken
AS Core Mathematics	Maths	6	
Dance	Dance English	6 5	Or audition if no GCSE Dance
Drama & Theatre Studies	Drama English	6 5	Or audition if no GCSE Drama
Economics	English Humanities Subject Maths	6 6 6	6 in Business Studies, if taken
English Literature	English Language English Literature	6 6	
Film Studies	English	5	6 in Media, if taken
Fine Art	Art	6	Or a substantial portfolio of Artwork if no GCSE Art
French	French English	7 5	
Further Mathematics	Maths	8	7 in Physics
Geography	Geography English Maths	6 5 5	
Government & Politics	Humanities Subject English	6 5	
History	History English	6 5	
Mathematics	Maths	7	
Media Studies	English	5	6 in Media, if taken
Music	Music	6	
Philosophy & Ethics (RS)	Humanities Subject English	6 5	

A LEVEL SUBJECT	GCSE	GRADE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Photography	Art or Photography	6	Or a substantial portfolio of Photography work if no GCSE Art or Photography
Physics	Combined Science Physics Maths	8-8 7 7	
Physical Education	PE Science English	6 6 5	Students need to provide evidence or attend a practical trial to show they can excel in two sports. It is highly recommended that students play sport at club level.
Product Design	Product Design or Fine Art Maths	6 6	
Psychology	English Science	7 7	
Sociology	Humanities Subject English	6 5	
Spanish	Spanish English	7 5	
Textiles	Textiles or Art	6	Or a substantial portfolio of Artwork if no GCSE Art or Textiles
OTHER LEVEL 3 COURSES			
Applied Business	5 x 9-4 including English Language and Maths grade 4 and Business, if taken		
Applied Health & Social Care	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and Health & Social Care, if taken		
Applied ICT	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and GCSE ICT or L2 OCR National, if taken		
Applied Media	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and GCSE Media, if taken		
Applied Musical Theatre	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and either Dance, Drama or Music and audition		
Applied Sport	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and Science and PE or BTEC L2 Sport		
ACADEMY PROGRAMMES			
Drama Academy Programme with BTEC L3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting)	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and GCSE Dance or Drama, if taken and audition		
Music Academy Programme with BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music (Rock and Pop)	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and GCSE Music, if taken and audition		Working at grade 3 and above on their instrument (or equivalent)
Dance Academy Programme with BTEC L3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance)	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and GCSE Dance, if taken and audition		
Football Academy Programme	5 x 9-4 including English Language grade 4 and football trial		