# General & Subject Specific Grade Requirements

**To study at Level 3 (A Level and BTEC) students require the following grades:**

**A Level courses** **Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English Language (additional subject specific requirements are shown below). Plus a minimum of grade 4 in Maths.**

**BTEC courses** **Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language (additional subject specific requirements are shown below) GCSE Maths will need to be selected as an option if a grade 4 is not achieved.**

All level 3 courses will run as 2 year courses. 'A' Level subjects will be examined formally at the end of the second year. BTEC courses will be assessed throughout the duration of the course through a combination of external examinations, externally set coursework and internal coursework assignments.
'A' Level students will be assessed through a PPE (pre-public examination) at the end of Year 12. If a student is failing to meet the required standard they may have their programme of study adjusted.

| A Levels | Eng.Lang | Maths | Relevant GCSE Subject grade (In addition to entry grades above) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biology | 5 | 5 | 66 in GCSE Combined Science or 6 in single Biology **and** 6 in Chemistry |
| Business | 5 | 5 | 5 in GCSE Business (if studied) |
| Chemistry | 5 | 5 | 66 in GCSE Combined Science or 6 in single Biology **and** 6 in Chemistry |
| Dance | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Dance (if studied) or evidence of performance outside school |
| Drama | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Drama (if studied) or evidence of performance outside school |
| English Literature | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Literature |
| Fine Art | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Art |
| French | 5 | | 5 in GCSE French |
| Geography | 5 | 5 | 5 in GCSE Geography (or 5 in English Literature or other humanity subject if Geography not studied) |
| History | 5 | | 5 in GCSE History (or 5 in English Literature or other humanity subject if History not studied) |
| Law | 5 | | |
| Maths | 5 | 7 | |
| Media | 5 | | |
| Photography | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Photography |
| Politics | 5 | | |
| Psychology | 5 | 5 | 5 in GCSE Combined Science/Biology |
| RS | 5 | | 5 in GCSE RE (or 5 in English Literature or other humanity subject if RE not studied) |
| Sociology | 5 | | |
| Textiles | 5 | | 5 in GCSE Textiles (if studied) |
| **AS Level** | | | |
| Core Maths | 5 | 5 | |

| BTEC National Extended Certificates | Eng.Lang | Maths | Relevant GCSE Subject (In addition to entry grades above) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Business | 4 | 4 | |
| Health and Social Care | 4 | | Merit or above in Health and Social Care or 4 in GCSE Science |
| ICT | 4 | 4 | Merit or above in ICT Level 2 qualification or 4 in GCSE computer Science |
| Law | 4 | | |
| Media | 4 | | |
| Science | 4 | 4 | 44 in GCSE combined Science |
| Sport | 4 | | Merit or above in BTEC Sport or 4 in GCSE PE or Science. Evidence of practical sports involvement outside school |
| Accounting & Finance *V Level* | 4 | 4 | |