

Standard entry requirement of 5 GCSEs grade 9- 4 plus subject entry criteria for all courses

Subject	Qual	Maths Grade	English (Lit or Lang) Grade	Additional Requirements	Further Information (All exams at end of Y13 unless otherwise stated)
Art	A Level	4	4	If GCSE Art studied: Grade 4	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: Component 1: Course work (60%) Component 2: Exam (40%)
Biology	A Level	6	5*	66 in Double Science or 6 in Biology *English must be English Lang	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 3 x 2-hour exams Practical endorsement – does not contribute to grade but pass required by certain unis
Business	A Level	5	5	If GCSE/BTEC Business studied: Grade 4 / Merit	Exam Board: Eduqas Assessment Info: 3 x exams – equally weighted 1- Business opportunities and functions 2 - Business analysis and strategy 3 – Business in a changing world
Business Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* If GCSE/BTEC Business studied: Minimum Grade 4 / Merit	Exam Board: Edexcel Assessment Info: Unit 1 (Coursework): Exploring Business (25%) Unit 2 (Exam) Developing a Marketing Campaign (25%) Unit 3: (Exam) Personal and Business Finance (33%) Unit 4 (Coursework): Recruitment and Selection (17%)
Chemistry	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science or 6 in Chemistry	Exam Board: OCR (A) Assessment Info: 3 x exam papers Practical endorsement – does not contribute to grade but pass required by certain unis
Computer Science	A Level	5	5		Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: Unit 1: Written exam (40%) Programming and system development Unit 2: Written exam (40%) Computer architecture, data, communication, and apps Unit 3: NEA coursework (20%)
Criminology	L3 Applied	4	5		Exam Board: WJEC Assessment Info: Unit 1 Controlled Assessment (25%) Dec year 12 Unit 2 External Examination (25%) May year 12 Unit 3 Controlled Assessment (25%) Jan year 13 Unit 4 External Examination (25%) June year 13
Dance	A Level	4	4	If GCSE Dance studied: Grade 4 Dance experience desirable	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: Component 1: Performance and Choreography (50%) • Solo in the style of a practitioner • Performance in a Quartet • Group Choreography Component 2: Critical Engagement (50%) • Written paper – 2 hours and 30 mins
Design & Technology	A Level	5	4	Applicants will be required to submit a portfolio Plus Grade 6 in D&T based subject or Engineering	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: Exam 1: 30% Technical Principles Exam 2: 20% Designing and Making principles. NEA: 50% Substantial Design and make project
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level	4	4		Exam Board: OCR Assessment Info: Exam: Analysing Performance (20%) Exam: Deconstructing Texts for Performance (20%) Coursework: Practitioners in Practice (40%) Coursework: Exploring and Performing Texts (20%)
Economics	A Level	5	5		Exam Board: OCR Assessment Info: 3 Exams – Equally weighted. 2 hours and 80 marks per paper. Paper 1 – Microeconomics Paper 2 – Macroeconomics Paper 3 – Themes in Economics

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Electronics	A Level	5	4	Grade 44 in Double Science or Grade 444 in Triple Science	Exam Board: Eduqas Assessment Info: Exam 1: Principles of Electronics (40%) Exam 2: Applications of Electronics (40%) NEA / coursework: Learning assembly Language. Designing, building, and testing a complex circuit. (20%)
English Language	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Lit and Language	Exam Board: Eduqas Assessment Info: Component 1 (30%): Language Concepts and Issues Component 2 (30%): Language Change Over Time Component 3 (20%): Creative and Critical Writing Component 4 NEA (20%): Language and Identity
English Lang/Lit	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Lit and Language	New qualification – exam board TBC
English Literature	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Lit and Language	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: Component 1: Written exam (40%) Component 2: Written exam (40%) Component 3: NEA coursework (20%)
Esports	BTEC	4	5		Exam Board: Pearson Assessment Info: 4 mandatory units
Ethics, Philosophy and Religion	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: OCR Assessment Info: 100% exams (3 x 2 hr exams). Students write three essays in each 2 hr exam
Film Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: 70% exams (2 x 2.5 hr exams) 30% Coursework.
French	A Level	4	5	Grade 6 Higher Tier French	Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: C1 (speaking) around 25 minutes. Visiting examiner. 30% C2 (listening, reading, translation into and out of target language). 2.5hr paper. 50% C3 (writing – two essays, one based on film studied, one on text). 2 hr paper. 20%
Further Maths	AS/A Level	8	4		Students complete AS in year 12 then can choose to continue to A Level Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 2x1.5hr exams at end of Y12
Geography	A Level	5	5	If GCSE Geography studied: Grade 4	Exam Board: EDEXCEL/Pearson Assessment Info: 80% Exam (3x2.25 hr exams) and 20% NEA Independent Investigation based around our residential field course.
German	A Level	4	5	Grade 6 Higher Tier German	Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: C1 (speaking) around 25 minutes. Visiting examiner. 30% C2 (listening, reading, translation into and out of target language). 2.5hr paper. 50% C3 (writing – two essays, one based on film studied, one on text). 2 hr paper. 20%
History	A Level	4	5	Also Grade 5 in English Literature or History	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: Exam 1: Breadth study (40%) Exam 2: Depth study (40%) NEA / Coursework: Historical investigation (20%)
Law	A Level	5	55	(updated May 2024)	Exam Board: OCR Assessment Info: Three 2hr papers, equally weighted. Unit 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law Unit 2: Law Making and Tort Law Unit 3: The Nature of Law and Contract Law
Maths	A Level	7	4		Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 3 x 2h exams
Media Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* If GCSE/BTEC Media studied: Grade 5 / Merit	Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: Exam 1 (35%) Language and representation Exam 2 (35%) Forms and Products NEA/Coursework (30%) Cross-media production

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Creative Digital Media Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	If GCSE/BTEC Media studied: Grade 5 / Merit	Exam Board: EDEXCEL/Pearson Assessment Info: Coursework – Pre-Production Portfolio (25%) Coursework – Film Production (17%) Exam - Media Representation (25%) Exam – Responding to a Commission (33%)
Music	A Level	4	5	Performance + Theory at Grade 5 or equivalent levels of experience GCSE/BTEC Music qualification desirable	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 3 Components: Performance 35% – 10-minute Recital Composition 25% – Two original compositions Exam 40%– 2.5 hour written exam
Digital Music Production Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4		Exam Board: Edexcel/Pearson Assessment Info: 4 x Internally 1 x Externally Assessed. Internal: combination of practical and written assignments. External: 15-hour task - mixture of practical and written work. On-site under exam conditions.
Performing Arts Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Strong performance skills required	Exam Board: Edexcel Assessment Info: Year 12: Unit 1 Exam (25%) – Written paper Unit 2 Internal Assessment (25%) Practical and written. Year 13: Unit 3 Exam (33%) Practical and written. Unit 28 Internal Assessment (17%) – practical and written.
Photography	A Level	4	4		Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 100% Coursework. Component 1 – worth 60% of student's overall marks (a continuation of one project from the Y12 continued into the Y13) Component 2 – worth 40% of the student's overall grade. Titles given by exam board Feb Y13.
Physical Education	A Level	5	5	55 in double science or 5 in 2 single Sciences If GCSE PE studied: Grade 6	Team games – time commitment is up to 6hrs. Can be studied alongside BTEC Sport Exam Board: OCR Assessment Info: 70% Theory: 30% Practical
Physics	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science or 6 in Physics	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 3 x 2 hour exams Practical endorsement – does not contribute to grade but pass required by certain unis
Politics	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject*	Exam Board: Edexcel/Pearson Assessment Info: 100% Exams (3 x 2hr exams). Students write 3 essays in Papers 1 & 2 and 2 essays and 2 shorter answers in Paper 3.
Psychology	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in science Grade 4 in Science IF grade 5 in Maths	Exam Board: Eduqas Assessment Info: 3 exams, all 2 hrs 15 minutes and all equally weighted
Science (Applied) Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	54 in Double Science or 544 in Triple Science Cannot be taken alongside any other Level 3 Science course	Exam Board: Pearson Assessment Info: 58% External assessment, 42% internal assessment. 1 exam and 1 coursework unit in each year.
Sport Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Either 5 in PE or science Merit minimum if studied BTEC Level 2 Sport	Can be studied alongside A Level PE Exam Board: Pearson Assessment Info: 50% coursework Units 50% examined Units
Sociology	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 3 x written exams equally weighted
Spanish	A Level	4	5	Grade 6 Higher Tier Spanish	Exam Board: EDUQAS Assessment Info: C1 (speaking) around 25 minutes. Visiting examiner. 30% C2 (listening, reading, translation into and out of target language). 2.5hr paper. 50% C3 (writing – two essays, one based on film studied, one on text). 2 hr paper. 20%
Statistics	A level	6	4		Exam Board: Edexcel Assessment Info: 3 x 2h exams

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Additional Qualifications

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Maths Studies (Core Maths)	Level 3 (One year)	4	4		This is a one-year course (equivalent to an AS Level) so should be taken alongside 3 other qualifications Exam Board: AQA Assessment Info: 2 x 1.5hr exams

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