

## **Course Entry Requirements September 2025**

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	Exam Board and Assessment Information (All assessments equally weighted unless otherwise stated)	
Art	A Level	4	4	GCSE Art Grade 4 (if studied)	Exam Board: AQA Component 1 (60%): Portfolio Component 2 (40%): Exam (15h over 2 weeks)	
Biology	A Level	6	5 English Language	66 in Double Science <b>or</b> 6 in Biology	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1: Topic 1-4 (2h) Paper 2: Topics 5-8 (2h) Paper 3: Synoptic (2h) Practical endorsement	
Business	A Level	5	5	GCSE Business Grade 4 BTEC Business L2 Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: <b>EDUQAS</b> Paper 1: Business opportunities and functions (2h15)  Paper 2: Business analysis and strategy (2h15)  Paper 3: Business in a changing world (2h15)	
Business Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* GCSE Business Grade 4 (if studied) BTEC Business L2 Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: <b>PEARSON EDEXCEL</b> Unit 1 (25%): Exploring Business Coursework Unit 2 (25%): Developing a Marketing Campaign Exam (Part A 2h exam, Part B 3h controlled assessment) Unit 3 (33%): Personal and Business Finance Exam (2h) Unit 4 (17%): Recruitment and Selection Coursework	
Chemistry	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science <b>or</b> 6 in Chemistry	Exam Board: OCR (A) Paper 1 (37%): Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry (2h15) Paper 2 (37%): Synthesis and analytical techniques (2h15) Paper 3 (26%): Unified chemistry (1h30) Practical endorsement	
Computer Science	A Level	5	5		Exam Board: EDUQAS  Paper 1 (40%): Programming and System Development (2h45)  Paper 2 (40%): Computer Architecture, Data & Communication (2h45)  Coursework (20%): Programmed Solution to a Problem	
Criminology	L3 Applied	4	5		Exam Board: WJEC  Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime (8h over 1 week Controlled Assessment)  Unit 2: Criminological Theories Exam (1h30)  Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room (8h over 1 week Controlled Assessment)  Unit 4: Crime and Punishment Exam (1h30)	
Dance	A Level	4	4	GCSE Dance Grade 4 (if studied) Dance experience desirable	Exam Board: AQA Component 1: Performance and Choreography Component 2: Critical Engagement Exam (2h30)	
Design & Technology	A Level	5	4	Grade 6 in D&T or Engineering Application Process includes submission of Portfolio	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (30%): Technical Principles (2h30) Paper 2 (20%): Designing and Making Principles (1h30) Coursework (50%): Substantial Design and make project	
Drama and Theatre	A Level	4	4		Exam Board: OCR Paper 1 (20%): Analysing Performance (2h15) Paper 2 (20%): Deconstructing Texts for Performance (1h45) Coursework 1 (40%): Practitioners in Practice Coursework 2 (20%): Exploring and Performing Texts	
Economics	A Level	5	5		Exam Board: OCR Paper 1: Microeconomics (2h) Paper 2: Macroeconomics (2h) Paper 3: Themes in Economics (2h)	
Electronics	A Level	5	4	Grade 44 in Double Science or Grade 444 in Triple Science	Exam Board: EDUQAS  Paper 1 (40%): Principles of Electronics (2h45)  Paper 2 (40%): Applications of Electronics (2h45)  Coursework (20%): Designing, Building and Testing a Complex Circuit	
English Language	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Literature <b>and</b> Language	Exam Board: EDUQAS  Paper 1 (30%): Language Concepts and Issues (2h)  Paper 2 (30%): Language Change Over Time (2h15)  Paper 3 (20%): Creative and Critical Writing (1h45)  Coursework (20%): Language and Identity	
English Lang/Lit	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Literature <b>and</b> Language	Exam Board: OCR Paper 1 (16%): Non-fiction and Spoken Texts (1h) Paper 2 (32%): The Language of Poetry and Plays (2h) Paper 3 (32%): Reading as a Writer, Writing as a Reader (2h) Coursework (20%): Analysing and Producing Texts	
English Literature	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Literature <b>and</b> Language	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (40%): Aspects of Tragedy (2h30) Paper 2 (40%): Elements of Crime Writing (3h) Coursework (20%): Theory and Independence	

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			Grade		Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL
					(100% coursework)
Esports	BTEC	4	5		Unit 1: An Introduction to Esports
					Unit 2: Esports Skills, Strategies and Analysis Unit 3: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in the Esports Industry
					Unit 4: Health, Wellbeing and Fitness for Esports Players
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Ethics, Philosophy and	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion (2h)
Religion	A Level	7	,		Paper 2: Religion and Ethics (2h)
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				Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: EDUQAS Paper 1 (35%): Varieties of film and filmmaking (2h30)
Film Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 III essay based dest	Paper 2 (35%): Global filmmaking perspectives 70% exams (2h30)
					Coursework (30%): Screenplay/Storyboard Production
					Exam Board: EDUQAS
French	A Level	4	5	GCSE French Grade 6	C1 (30%): Speaking (~25 min)
					C2 (50%): Listening, reading, translation (2h30)
					C3 (20%): Writing (2h)  AS in year 12 with option to continue to A Level in Y13
	AS/A				Exam Board: AQA
Further Maths	Level	8	4		Paper 1: Pure (1h30)
					Paper 2: Mechanics and Statistics (1h30)
					Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL
		_	_	GCSE Geography Grade 4	Paper 1 (30%): Physical Geography (2h15)
Geography	A Level	5	5	(if studied)	Paper 2 (30%): Human Geography (2h15)
				, ,	Paper 3 (20%): Synoptic Paper (2h15) Coursework (20%): based around residential field trip
					Exam Board: EDUQAS
_			_		C1 (30%): Speaking (~25 min)
German	A Level	4	5	GCSE German Grade 6	C2 (50%): Listening, reading, translation (2h30)
					C3 (20%): Writing (2h)
					Exam Board: AQA
History	A Level	4	5	GCSE History Grade 5	Paper 1 (40%): Breadth study
					Paper 2 (40%): Depth study Coursework (20%): Historical Investigation
					Exam Board: OCR
Law	A Lovel	5	55		Paper 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law (2h)
Law	A Level	5	55		Paper 2: Law Making and Tort Law (2h)
					Paper 3: The Nature of Law and Contract Law (2h)
					Exam Board: AQA
Maths	A Level	7	4		Paper 1: Pure (2h) Paper 2: Pure and Mechanics (2h)
					Paper 3: Pure and Statistics (2h)
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Media Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* GCSE Media Grade 5 (if studied)	Paper 1 (35%): Media Products, Industries and Audiences (2h15)
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				` ′	Coursework (30%): Cross-Media Production
					Exam Board: <b>PEARSON EDEXCEL</b> Paper 1 (25%): Media Representation Exam (2h)
Creative Digital			_	GCSE Media Grade 5 (if studied)	Paper 2 (33%): Responding to a Commission Exam
<b>Media</b> Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	BTEC L2 Merit (if studied)	(6h controlled assessment over 2 days)
ext Certificate					Coursework 1 (25%): Pre-Production Portfolio
					Coursework 2 (17%): Film Production
				Performance + Theory at Grade 5	Exam Board: AQA  Paper 1 (40%): Appraising Music Exam (2h20)
Music	A Level	4	5	or equivalent GCSE/BTEC Music qualification	Paper 1 (40%): Appraising Music Exam (2h30) Performance (35%): 10-minute Recital
				desirable	Composition (25%): Two original compositions
					Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL
Digital					Unit 1 (17%): Creative Synthesis and Sampling
Music			_		Unit 2 (17%): Remixing and Reworking
Production	BTEC	4	4		Unit 3 (17%): Mixing and Mastering
Ext Certificate					Unit 4 (17%): Music and Sound for Media Unit 5 (33%): DAW Production
					(15h controlled assessment over 1 week)
					Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL
					Unit 1 (25%): Investigating Practitioners' Work Exam (3h)
Performing Arts	BTEC	4	4	Strong performance skills required	Unit 2 (25%): Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
Ext Certificate	SILC		7		Unit 3 (33%): Group Workshop Performance
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Photography	A Level	4	4		Exam Board: AQA 100% Coursework. Component 1 (60%): Individual Project Component 2 (40%): Titles given by exam board Feb Y13
Physical Education	A Level	5	5	55 in science GCSE PE Grade 6 (if studied)	Exam Board: OCR  Paper 1 (30%): Physiological Factors Affecting Performance (2h)  Paper 2 (20%): Psychological Factors Affecting Performance (1h)  Paper 3 (20%): Socio-cultural Issues in Physical Activity & Sport (1h)  Verbal Presentation (15%): EAPI  Practical Sport Performance (15%)
Physics	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science <b>or</b> 6 in Physics	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1: Y12 Topics (2h) Paper 2: Y13 Topics (2h) Paper 3: Practical Skills, Data Analysis and Engineering (2h) Practical endorsement
Politics	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based subject*	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Paper 1: UK Politics (2h) Paper 2: UK Government (2h) Paper 3: Comparative Politics – USA (2h)
Psychology	A Level	5	5	If 4 in maths will accept 55 in Science 373	Exam Board: EDUQAS Paper 1: Past to Present (2h15) Paper 2: Investigating Behaviour (2h15) Paper 3: Implications in the Real World (2h15)
Science (Applied) Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	54 in Double Science or 544 in Triple Science <b>Cannot</b> be taken alongside any other A Level Science	Exam Board: <b>PEARSON EDEXCEL</b> Unit 1 (16.7%): Principles and Applications of Biology Exam (1h) Unit 2 (16.7%): Principles and Applications of Chemistry Exam (1h) Unit 3 (16.7%): Principles and Applications of Physics Exam (1h) Coursework (25%): Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques Coursework: (25%): TBC
Sport Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	GCSE PE or Science Grade 5 BTEC Sport L2 Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: <b>PEARSON EDEXCEL</b> Unit 1 (33%): Anatomy and Physiology Exam (1h30) Unit 2 (33%): Fitness Training & Programming Exam (2h30) Unit 3 (17%): Professional Development in the Sports Industry Coursework Unit 5 (17%): Application of Fitness Testing Coursework
Sociology	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1: Education with Theory & Methods (2h) Paper 2: Topics in Sociology -Families & Households & Beliefs in Society (2hr) Paper 3: Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods (2hr)
Spanish	A Level	4	5	GCSE Spanish Grade 6	Exam Board: EDUQAS C1 (30%): Speaking (~25 min) C2 (50%): Listening, reading, translation (2h30) C3 (20%): Writing (2h)
Statistics	A level	6	4		Exam Board: <b>PEARSON EDEXCEL</b> Paper 1: Data and Probability (2h) Paper 2: Statistical Inference (2h) Paper 3: Statistics in Practice (2h)

## **Additional Qualifications**

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Maths Studies (Core Maths)	Level 3	5	4	This is a <b>one-year</b> course (equivalent to an AS Level) so should be taken alongside 3 other qualifications (not including Maths/Further Maths/Statistics A Level)	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (50%): Maths Studies (1h30) Paper 2A (50%): Statistical Techniques (1h30)

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