

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 or 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: EDUQAS 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	ВТЕС	4	4	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* GCSE Business Grade 4 (if studied) BTEC Business L2 Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Unit 1 (25%): Exploring Business Coursework Unit 2 (25%): Developing a Marketing Campaign Exam Unit 3 (33%): Personal and Business Finance Exam Unit 4 (17%): Recruitment and Selection Coursework
Chemistry	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science or 6 in Chemistry	Exam Board: OCR (A) Paper 1: Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry (2h) Paper 2: Synthesis and analytical techniques (2h) Paper 3: Unified chemistry (2h) 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 & apps (2h45) Unit 3: Coursework (20%)
Criminology	L3 Applied	4	5		Exam Board: WJEC Unit 1 Controlled Assessment in year Unit 2 External Examination May year 12 Unit 3 Controlled Assessment Jan year 13 Unit 4 External Examination June year 13
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 Studies	A Level	4	4		Exam Board: OCR Paper 1 (20%): Analysing Performance Paper 2 (20%): Deconstructing Texts for Performance 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 Lit and Language	Exam Board: EDUQAS Paper 1 (30%): Language Concepts and Issues (2h) Paper 2 (30%): Language Change Over Time (2h15) Coursework 1 (20%): Creative and Critical Writing Coursework 2 (20%): Language and Identity
English Lang/Lit	A Level	4	55	Grade 55 in English Lit and 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 Lit and Language	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (40%): Aspects of Tragedy (2h30) Paper 2 (40%): Elements of Crime Writing (3h) Coursework (20%)

^{*}Essay-based GCSE are English Lang., English Lit, History, Religious Studies, Geography, Media Studies, Sociology, Psychology

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Esports	BTEC	4	5		Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 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 (100% coursework)
Ethics, Philosophy and Religion	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: OCR Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion (2h) Paper 2: Religion and Ethics (2h) Paper 3: Developments in Christian Thought (2h)
Film Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE*	Exam Board: EDUQAS Paper 1 (35%): Varieties of film and filmmaking (2h30) Paper 2 (35%): Global filmmaking perspectives 70% exams (2h30) Coursework (30%)
French	A Level	4	5	GCSE French Grade 6	Exam Board: EDUQAS C1 (30%): Speaking (~25 min) C2 (50%): Listening, reading, translation (2h30) C3 (20%): Writing (2h)
Further Maths	AS/A Level	8	4		AS in year 12 with option to continue to A Level in Y13 Exam Board: AQA Paper 1: Pure (1h30) Paper 2: Mechanics and Statistics (1h30)
Geography	A Level	5	5	GCSE Geography Grade 4 (if studied)	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Paper 1 (30%): Physical Geography (2h15) Paper 2 (30%): Human Geography (2h15) Paper 3 (20%): Synoptic Paper (2h15) Coursework (20%): based around residential field trip
German	A Level	4	5	GCSE German Grade 6	Exam Board: EDUQAS C1 (30%): Speaking (~25 min) C2 (50%): Listening, reading, translation (2h30) C3 (20%): Writing (2h)
History	A Level	4	5	GCSE History Grade 5	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (40%): Breadth study Paper 2 (40%): Depth study Coursework (20%): Historical investigation
Law	A Level	5	55		Exam Board: OCR Paper 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law (2h) Paper 2: Law Making and Tort Law (2h) Paper 3: The Nature of Law and Contract Law (2h)
Maths	A Level	7	4		Exam Board: AQA Paper 1: Pure (2h) Paper 2: Pure and Mechanics (2h) Paper 3: Pure and Statistics (2h)
Media Studies	A Level	4	5	Grade 5 in essay-based GCSE* GCSE Media Grade 5 (if studied) BTEC Media Merit (if studied)	Exam board: EDUQAS Paper 1 (35%): Media Products, Industries and Audiences (2h15) Paper 2 (35%): Media Forms and Products in Depth (2h15) Coursework (30%): Cross-Media Production
Creative Digital Media Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	GCSE Media Grade 5 (if studied) BTEC L2 Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: EDEXCEL/Pearson 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 GCSE/BTEC Music qualification desirable	Exam Board: AQA Performance (35%): 10-minute Recital Composition (25%): Two original compositions Written Exam (40%)
Digital Music Production Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4		Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 4 x Internally 1 x Externally Assessed. Internal: combination or practical and written assignments. External: 15-hour task - mixture of practical and written work. Onsite under exam conditions.
Performing Arts Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Strong performance skills required	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Unit 1 Exam (25%) – Written paper Unit 2 Internal Assessment (25%) Practical and written. Unit 3 Exam (33%) Practical and written. Unit 28 Internal Assessment (17%) – practical and written.

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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 (35%): Paper 2 (35%) Practical (30%): Practical performance plus EAPI
Physics	A Level	6	5	66 in Double Science or 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 an essay-based subject*	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 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	5	5	If 4 in maths will accept 55 in Science	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 Cannot be taken alongside any other A Level Science	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 58% External assessment, 42% internal assessment. 1 exam and 1 coursework unit in each year
Sport Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	GCSE PE or Science Grade 5 BTEC Level 2 Sport Merit (if studied)	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology Exam (1h30) Unit 2: Fitness Training & Programming Exam (2h30) Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry Coursework Unit 5: 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: PEARSON EDEXCEL I 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 (One year)	5	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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