

Course Entry Requirements September 2026

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	BTEC	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 (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 or 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 <i>Application Process includes submission of Portfolio</i>	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 and 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 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 Literature and 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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Esports	BTEC	4	5		Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL (100% coursework) 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
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%): Screenplay/Storyboard Production
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: PEARSON EDEXCEL Paper 1 (25%): Media Representation Exam (2h) Paper 2 (33%): Responding to a Commission Exam (6h controlled assessment over 2 days) Coursework 1 (25%): Pre-Production Portfolio Coursework 2 (17%): Film Production
Music	A Level	4	5	Performance + Theory at Grade 5 or equivalent GCSE/BTEC Music qualification desirable	Exam Board: AQA Paper 1 (40%): Appraising Music Exam (2h30) Performance (35%): 10-minute Recital Composition (25%): Two original compositions
Digital Music Production Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4		Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Unit 1 (17%): Creative Synthesis and Sampling Unit 2 (17%): Remixing and Reworking Unit 3 (17%): Mixing and Mastering Unit 4 (17%): Music and Sound for Media Unit 5 (33%): DAW Production (15h controlled assessment over 1 week)

Performing Arts Ext Certificate	BTEC	4	4	Strong performance skills required	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Unit 1 (25%): Investigating Practitioners' Work Exam (3h) Unit 2 (25%): Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance Unit 3 (33%): Group Workshop Performance Unit 28 (17%): Variety 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	7	5	66 in Double Science or 6 in Physics	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL Paper 1: Y12/Y13 Topics (2h) Paper 2: Y13 /Y13 Topics (2h) Paper 3: Principles in Physics (2h30) 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 Cannot be taken alongside any other A Level Science	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 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: PEARSON EDEXCEL 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	Average GCSE grade of 5.5 or higher	Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL 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 one-year 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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