

Subject list and entry requirements 2026

A Levels (2 year course)

To study A Level courses, students **must** achieve a minimum of **5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths**. They must also meet the individual subject entry criteria as outlined below. Where there are two criteria listed the student must achieve **both** to pursue the course. *Please be aware that if courses are oversubscribed additional subject specific entry criteria might be applied.*

Subject	Criteria 1:	Criteria 2:
Art	Art 5	
Biology	Biology 6 or Double Science 66	Maths 6
Chemistry	Chemistry 6 or Double Science 66	Maths 6
Economics	English 5	Maths 5
English Literature	English Literature 5	English Language 5
French	French 5 (higher tier only)	
Geography	Geography 5 or, if you did not study GCSE Geography , any humanities subject 5	English 5
German	German 5 (higher tier only)	
History	History 5 or, if you did not study GCSE History , any humanities subject 5	English 5
Japanese	Japanese 5 (higher tier only)	
Maths	Maths 6	
Photography	Art, Photography or DT 5	English 5
Physics	Physics 6 or Double Science 66	Maths 6
Politics	English 5	Any humanities subject 5
Psychology	English 5	Science 55
Religious Studies	RE 5 or, if you did not study GCSE RE , any humanities subject 5	English 5
Sociology	English 5	Sociology 5 or, if you did not study GCSE Sociology , any humanities subject 5
Spanish	Spanish 5 (higher tier only)	

Vocational Level 3 (2 year course)

To study vocational level 3 courses students **must** achieve a minimum of **4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or maths**. They must also meet the individual subject entry criteria as outlined below. *Please be aware that if courses are oversubscribed additional subject specific entry criteria might be applied.*

Subject	Criteria:
BTEC Art and Design	4 GCSEs including Art or DT at grade 4
Cambridge Technical Business	4 GCSEs at grade 4
BTEC Health and Social Care	4 GCSEs including Core and Additional Science at grade 4
Cambridge Technical ICT	4 GCSEs at grade 4
BTEC Performing Arts	4 GCSEs at grade 4
BTEC Sport	4 GCSEs at grade 4
BTEC Travel and Tourism	4 GCSEs at grade 4

HS6 Transition (1 year course)

For students who do not reach the criteria to progress straight onto our level 3 courses, we offer a transition option. To access these courses students **must** have **5 GCSEs or equivalents at grade 2 or above**. Students will resit their English and/or maths GCSE, as required, and study up to three level 2 courses. The exact course options will be confirmed next year but they will be similar to those listed below. The courses run for one school year, after which point students will be able to apply for level 3 courses, provided they have achieved the entry criteria.

Business Studies	ICT
Travel and Tourism	Health and Social Care