

Subject Overview – Minimum Entry Criteria – 2021-2022 - Students must also have a Total Points Score (TPS) of 32

Subject	Exam Board	Method of Assessment	Minimum Entry Criteria
Art	Edexcel	A practical personal investigation – 60% of total marks. An externally set assignment (practical exam at the end of Year 13) – 40% of total marks	Grade 5 in GCSE Art and Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Biology	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or 6/6 in Double Science and a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature.
Business	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Business Studies and a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English Language. If Business has not been taken as a GCSE then a Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and English Language.
Business BTEC	Pearson	75% coursework and 25% examined element over the two years	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths. GCSE Business Studies is desirable.
Chemistry	OCR	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or 6/6 in Double Science and a 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Maths.
Computer Science BTEC	Edexcel	Internally marked (two units) and externally marked examinations (two units) in Year 12 and 13	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Maths
Criminology Applied A Level	WJEC	50% coursework and 50% written examination	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
D&T: Product Design	AQA	Practical coursework and written examination (50%/50%)	Grade 5 in GCSE Design and Technology (Grade 6 in coursework) and Grade 5 in GCSE Maths. The recommended specialism studied is either Graphic Products or Product Design but students from other areas will be considered.
D&T: Textiles	Eduqas	Personal investigation and externally set assignment (60%/40%)	Grade 4 in GCSE Textile Technology with Grade 5 in coursework (although students from other D&T areas will be considered) and Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature.
Drama and Theatre	Eduqas	Y12, written and practical coursework. Y13, performance exam, written coursework and exam	Grade 6 in GCSE Drama and a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Economics	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.
English Literature	OCR	Written examination at end of two years Coursework element (two pieces)	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
English Language and Literature	OCR	Written examination at end of two years Coursework element (two pieces)	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
Environmental Science	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 5 in any GCSE Science or a 5/5 in Double Science and a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English Language or Literature. Minimum 34 TPS
Film Studies	Eduqas	30% coursework internally assessed and 70% written examination	Grade 5/5 in GCSE English Literature and Language
French	AQA	Written and oral examinations at end of two years	Grade 5 in GCSE French and completion of the higher GCSE paper. Grade 5 in GCSE

			English Language
Further Maths	Edexcel	Written examinations at end of two years	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths. Further Maths should be taken as a fourth subject where Mathematics has already been chosen
Geography	AQA	Written examinations at end of two years and an individual fieldwork investigation	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography and Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Maths
German	AQA	Written and oral examinations at end of two years	Grade 5 in GCSE German and completion of the higher GCSE paper. Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Government and Politics	Edexcel	Written examinations at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE History or GCSE English Language or Literature
History	AQA	Coursework and written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE History, or if a student achieves Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature then a Grade 5 in GCSE History will be accepted.
Mathematics	Edexcel	Written examinations at end of two years	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths and 70%+ on the entrance test
Media Studies *please note this is now an A Level	Eduqas	Written examinations at end of two years with 30% coursework	5 GCSEs Grade 4-9 and 4/ 4 in English Lang/Lit If GCSE Media was taken, must be Grade 4 or higher
Music	Edexcel	Practical and written exam	Grade 6 in GCSE Music and be at Trinity or ABRSM Exam Grade V in one or more instruments. Students should be aspiring to reach Grade 7 by the end of Year 13. A sound basis of Music Theory would be invaluable.
Philosophy and Ethics	Eduqas	Three written examinations at end of two years	Grade 5 in GCSE PRS and GCSE English Literature or Language
Photography	Pearson	A practical personal investigation – 60% of total marks, an externally set assignment (practical exam at the end of Year 13) – 40% of total marks	Art and Design at GCSE is desirable but not essential. Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Physical Education	AQA	Practical (30%) and written examinations (70%) and one piece of coursework.	Grade 5 in the GCSE PE theory paper, Grade 5 in any GCSE Science and 1 sport played competitively. TPS of 38 or above.
Physics	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or Grade 6\6 in Double Science plus a Grade 7 in GCSE Maths. Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.
Psychology	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 6 in any GCSE Science, Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and 5 in English Language or Literature
Sociology	AQA	Written examination at end of two years	Grade 5 in GCSE Sociology or if Sociology not studied, Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Spanish	AQA	Written and oral examinations at end of two years	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish and completion of the higher GCSE paper and a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
Sport BTEC	Edexcel	Coursework (both internally and externally assessed) and an examined unit.	Grade 4 in GCSE PE or Level 2 BTEC at Merit level is desirable. Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Maths.
Travel and Tourism Applied A Level	Eduqas	50% coursework and 50% examination over the two years (25% coursework and 25% examination at the end of year 12)	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language

