

Sixth Form Subjects and Entry Requirements Overview 2026

Subject	2026-2027 Requirements
A Level Art and Design	Grade 6 in Art
A Level Biology	A 7-6 in Combined Science OR 7 in GCSE Biology and Grade 6 in Maths
A Level Business	Grade 6 in GCSE Business or a grade 6 in a Humanities/English subject
A Level Chemistry	A 7-6 in Combined Science OR 7 in GCSE Chemistry and Grade 6 in Maths
A level DT	Grade 6 in DT and Grades 5-5 in Combined Science
A Level Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and a grade 7 in a Humanities/English subject
A Level English Literature	Grade 6 in English Literature and English Language
A Level French	Grade 7 in French
A Level Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography and a grade 6 in a second Humanities/English subject
A Level History	Grade 6 in GCSE History and a grade 6 in a second Humanities/English subject
A Level Mathematics	Grade 7 in Mathematics and pass the Maths entry exam
A Level Maths and Further Maths	Grade 8 in Mathematics (please note with Maths and Further Maths, you must be on Pathway 0 and choose two other A level subjects as well)
A Level Physics	A 7-6 in Combined Science OR 7 in GCSE Physics and Grade 7 in Maths
A Level Politics	Two Grade 6s in Humanities/English subjects
A Level Psychology	5-5 in Science and a grade 6 in a Humanities/English subject
A Level Philosophy and Ethics	Grade 6 in Religious Studies and a grade 6 in a second Humanities/English subject
A Level Sociology	Two Grade 6s in Humanities/English subjects
A Level Spanish	Grade 7 in Spanish
BTEC L3 App Science Extended Diploma	5 grades at 9 – 4 including English and Maths and a grade 4-4 in Science
BTEC L3 Business Extended Diploma	5 grades at 9 – 4 including English and Maths

Pathway	Course	Entry Requirements
Pathway 0	4 A-levels	Entry requirement 8 grades at 9 – 8
Pathway 1	3 A-levels	Entry requirement 5 grades at 9 – 6 (and meet the individual subject requirements)
Pathway 2	Extended Diploma BTEC and 1 A-level	Entry requirement 3 grades at 9 -6 (including Eng and Maths)
Pathway 3	Extended Diploma BTEC	Entry requirement 5 grades at 9 – 4 (including Eng and Maths)

Please note these subject requirements are a draft and are therefore subject to change.

Here are some ideas for how to choose your subjects based on what is required for some of the most popular degree subjects that our students go on to study.

How do you choose facilitating subjects?

Degree choice	Essential	Highly useful	Useful
Business management		BTEC Business or A-level Business.	A-level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths • Economics • Politics • Psychology
Pharmacy	A-level Chemistry	A-level Biology A-level Maths A-level Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English literature • Psychology • Economics
Economics	A-level Maths	A-level Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Maths • Essay based subjects (English Literature/History/Politics)
Medicine	A-level Chemistry A-level Biology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths • Physics • Psychology • English Literature/History

You can find out much more information about which subjects to study in sixth form for a huge range of degrees on the UCAS website here:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/subject-guides>