

PROPOSED SIXTH FORM QUALIFICATIONS – 2026 ENTRY

It is important to select the correct qualification route for the start of Year 12.
We want everyone to be able to follow the university, apprenticeship or employment path of their choice.

Note - Information subject to alteration. Courses run subject to numbers

A LEVEL PATHWAY

GCSE grades mainly 6-9
Exams after 2 years

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre Studies
Economics
Engineering
English Language
English Literature
French
Geography
German
History
Maths
Further Maths
Media Studies
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Textiles

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL PATHWAY

GCSE grades mainly 4-5
Mix of coursework/exams

Applied Science
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Business
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Business
BTEC National Diploma
equivalent to 2 A Levels

Criminology
WJEC Applied Diploma
equivalent to 1 A Level

Dance
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Health & Social Care
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Health & Social Care
BTEC National Diploma
equivalent to 2 A Levels

**I.T: Computing - Applications
Development**
Cambridge Advanced Nationals (AAQ)
equivalent to 1 A Level

Music (Performing)
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Sport
BTEC National Extended Certificate
equivalent to 1 A Level

Sport
BTEC National Diploma
equivalent to 2 A Levels

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION SIGN UP OPENS SEPTEMBER 2026

Extended Project
Qualification (EPQ)

You have a desire to extend an area of study /
interest through a research-based project
Equivalent to an AS Level

SUBJECT SPECIFIC MINIMUM ENTRY GRADES

A LEVEL

Art

Art 6

Biology

Biology 6 OR Combined Science 6-6 + Maths 6

Chemistry

Chemistry 6 OR Combined Science 6-6 + Maths 6

Computer Science

Computer Science 6 + Maths 5

Drama & Theatre Studies

Drama 5 OR BTEC L2 Performing Arts Merit

Economics

English Language 6 + Maths 6

Engineering

Engineering 6 OR Design Technology 6 + Maths 6

English Language

English Language 6 OR English Literature 5

English Literature

English Literature 6 OR English Language 5

French

French 6 + English Language 6

Geography

Geography 6 + English Language 6

German

German 6 + English Language 6

History

History 5 OR English Language 5

Maths

Maths 6

Further Maths

Maths 7 (taken alongside A Level Maths)

Media Studies

Media 6 or English Language 6 (must be I.T. literate)

Photography

English Language 4 + English Literature 4 (with a positive mindset)

Physics

Physics 6 OR Combined Science 6-6 + Maths 6

Psychology

English Language 6 + Maths 6 + Biology 6 or Combined Science 5-5

Religious Studies

Religious Studies or Humanities subject 6 OR English Language or Literature 6

Sociology

English Language 6 + Literature 6 OR a humanities subject 6

Spanish

Spanish 6 + English Language 6

Textiles

BTEC L2 Tech Award Art & Design Practice (Textiles) Merit OR equivalent in art/design subject

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL

Applied Science

Combined Science 5-5
OR Separate Sciences 5

Business

Business 5
OR BTEC L2 Business/OCR Cambridge Nationals L2 Enterprise & Marketing Merit
OR Maths 4 + English Language 4

Criminology

English Language 5 + Maths 5

Dance

BTEC L2 Dance Merit
Relevant experience from outside school will be considered

Health & Social Care

BTEC L2 Health & Social Care Merit
OR English Language 5

I.T.

OCR Cambridge Nationals L2 I.T. Merit
OR Computer Science 5
OR English Language 5 + Maths 5

Music Performance

Music 5
OR BTEC L2 Music Practice Merit

Sport

BTEC L2 Sport Merit
OR PE 5
OR English Language 4
OR Science 4 / Combined Science 4-4

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT

5 x *GCSEs at grade 4 or 5
To include English Language & Maths
*or vocational equivalent

IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES
SUBJECT LEADERS MAY ACCEPT A
PUPIL WHO HAS NARROWLY MISSED
OUT ON THE SPECIFIC ENTRY GRADE

